

BALLOT WOES AT POINT LAY



ONE OF THREE PROGRAM SERIES TO PREMIER ON KUAC-TV

A health program called "Right On!" is scheduled to premier in October on KUAC-TV as one of three shows produced by the University of Alaska-based ATS-6 satellite project. The show stars are Rex the Moose, Charlie the Beaver, and the only "live" talent on the program, Doris Azmyd, an Athabascan Indian woman who was raised in Tolovana and now lives in Fairbanks. (See story on Page 8)

(UA photo)

Bad Communications Stymies Village Vote, Both Sides Admit

By MARGIE BAUMAN

It was probably, both sides agree, just a bad communications problem, but residents of Point Lay had to vote absentee in the primary election and at least a dozen residents who qualified never got to vote.

"Point Lay should have had at least 25 to 30 absentee ballots," said village election registrar Nancy Gray Akpik.

"The people were very disappointed," she said. "I'd been promising they'd be having the first election in Point Lay."

"Maybe it was just a misunderstanding, but we were very disappointed."

The state elections official for the area, Joann Harhut of Nome, said it was "probably purely a communications problem," but that once weekly mail service to the area, depending on the weather, didn't help either.

The North Slope village of Nuiqsut, holding its first state election as a precinct, got its ballots in plenty of time and

everything went smoothly, Harhut said.

Point Lay, however, was a different matter.

Harhut said she began writing in June and was doing the necessary work from Nome to set up Point Lay as a precinct, but she received no mail at all from Point Lay, an Arctic coast village with no phone system.

"I really didn't know what to think. I kept bugging Juneau; asking if they had heard anything from Point Lay," she said. The answer was no.

Akpik, meanwhile, said that the communications problem could have been resolved, had the Nome office had perhaps been aware that the only mail plane to Point Lay comes every Wednesday.

"I registered our voters and gave an estimate on how many votes we had," she said.

"The request form for absentee ballots came in less than a week before the election. We would have had to send for the ballots one day after the election," she said.

North Slope Borough Mayor
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Laura Bergt and Mary Jane Fate To Co-chair Annual Banquet

FAIRBANKS — Two charming Native women, Mrs. Laura Bergt and Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, have been picked to co-chair the banquet committee of the Tundra Times annual banquet.

The annual feast will again be held at the ballroom of the Captain Cook Hotel in the City of Anchorage. The entrance fee for each person has now been set at \$15 (fifteen dollars) across the line.

Governor William A. Egan will be asked to address the banquet audience should he consent to attend the banquet. Congressman Lloyd Meeds of the State of Washington has consented to speak on the occasion.

There is an effort at the moment to invite an additional speaker but it is not known at press time that the person will be available. As soon as any positive information is available, it will be released to the public.

The congressional delegation in Washington, D. C. is again invited and each member will be asked to address the crowd.

The banquet is being held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. and that statewide organization is holding its sessions on October 24-25-26.

Since the social event of the Tundra Times is to be held immediately before the general election, on November 5, many of the state legislature members are expected to attend as well as the candidates for public offices.

Laura Bergt and Mary Jane Fate are in the process of organizing a \$100 per plate social event to be held within the Captain Cook Hotel complex.

Some 1,100 persons attended last year's Tundra Times banquet which included the cross-section of the population of the State of Alaska. The banquet itself has always been planned in a light-hearted manner where everyone has enjoyed himself.

As soon as they're printed, tickets will be available for purchase in the office of the Tundra Times at the Chena Building, 510 Second Avenue, Fairbanks, and the offices of the AFN, Inc., 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

If any other locations are picked for the sale of the tickets, the information will be published as soon as possible.

UA SOS Not for Natives Only

By AGNES PETE

Many people think that Student Orientation Services (SOS) of the University of Alaska, formed to help the rural student adjust to college life, is just for Natives.

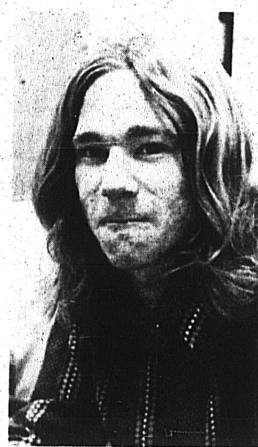
Since rural areas largely consist of Natives, the majority of SOS advisees are Indian and Eskimo. One student is not.

Blaine Henry, 18, is a freshman this semester, under SOS advisement.

Blaine says, "After living in the bush for 11 years, I am accustomed to mostly being with Eskimos. People talk of Natives having a cultural transition problem. I am in the middle of a cultural transition problem myself, but the other way around."

Blaine is originally from Yakima, Wash. His father is a full-time principal for BIA and his mother is a teacher.

His parents' first BIA assignment in Alaska was at Emmonak



where they stayed three years. They were transferred to Mt. Village near St. Mary's next.

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Working for a Native Corporation—

To Jean, "It's a Whole New World"

By JEAN DEMENTI
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It's a whole new world. Certainly corporation law, land-use planning, map reading, investments, even secretarial duties are not a part of my background. They may not be a part of your training and experience either, but perhaps a few things I have learned may be

helpful to you.

It is true that most of us do not make enough use of the talents and skills we already have. Often we are not aware of our own abilities. Last year I was very fortunate in being able to spend considerable time in a personal career-assessment program which is part of the Center for Continuing Education at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Those of us enrolled spent many long hours concentrating on our interests, abilities, past successes, and current career situations.

We did this so that we could make some concrete plans for our own futures, and also so that we could know ourselves and our capabilities, better.

The group of professional

people who guided us have found that few people really realize how capable they are. It is easy to make long lists of our failures. It's tougher to outline our strong points, as strange as that may seem.

At any rate, it was a strengthening and positive experience. I did not learn any new skills, but I was able to view my own

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