

Letters to the Editor

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Bethel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The idea that the native people have no control over liquor seems like another myth.

A short dark man and a tall blond man are walking down the street. When they come near a bar, is there a reason why the short man goes in and the tall man stays out? While they were walking they both walked around a mud hole.

I just can't believe they can both walk around a mud hole, but only one walk past

a bar. I can't believe the native people were born with an unusual weakness for liquor. That's just an attitude that has grown and grown. How??

Blaming the non-natives for the liquor problems is admitting weakness. Surely if the native people can cope with the big responsibility of raising a family in the cold country, they can beat the liquor problems.

Let's change our attitudes! After all it's only sour grapes, rotten grain, spoiled sugar cane, etc. that you're passing up.

-Name withheld