



Kotlik High School dedication

On Wednesday evening, September 10, Kotlik School in the Lower Yukon School District, held an open house for their newly completed high school. The new school has five classrooms, a kitchen, restrooms and shower facilities. The new school was constructed by A.C.E. Construction Company out of Fairbanks.

The evening began with a spaghetti and chocolate cake dinner prepared by the teaching staff. During dinner, Principal Pete Harter welcomed the public and invited them to tour the building and visit with the teachers. The

school staff was introduced, and it includes returning teachers; Stan and Cyndi Lujan, Michael Wilson, Richard Nathan, and Candace Harter. The new teachers are Lou and Gloria Brandon, Brian Rise, Kris Pier-son, and Susan Evans. The teacher aides were also present, and they were introduced. They include Ignatius Andrews, Angela Kameroff, Janie Teeluk, Agnes Okitkun, and Louise Okitkin. The kitchen staff, Nora Okitkun, Lillian and Clara A. Andrews, received recognition as well. Also, there was the introduction of the maintenance staff, and they are Willie Kame-roff, Patrick Kameroff Sr., Ambrose Yunak, and Cyril Hunt. Maggie Wasuli rounds out the staff, and she is the school secretary.

Following the introductions, there was a movie shown to everyone entitled, "Subsistence-A Way of Life." This movie had been purchased and donated to the school by the Kotlik Village Council. Also, a video program had been put together by the high school communications class. This tape showed all the classes in school and explained what each class was about. The tape was shown to everyone, and the students greatly enjoyed seeing themselves on "TV".

The highlight of the evening was a time of Eskimo dancing presented by the Kotlik Eskimo Dancers. Three dances were performed and were led by Ignatius Akaran, Joe Sinka, and Willie Kameroff. The communications class taped the dancing and played it back afterward much to the delight of everyone.

The new school houses 44 students, grades 7-12. The elementary grades occupy the old BIA school which was turned over to the Lower Yukon School District REAA in 1979. Kotlik school has a total of 91 students and is off to a very good start this 1980-81 school year.