



ESKIMO HIGH KICK—Louis Nelson, of Kotzebue, exhibits winning form during the one-legged high kick at Kotzebue's Fourth of July celebration. Other events included two-legged high kick, blanket toss, tug of war, muktuk eating, Eskimo dance, seal hooking, and Eskimo beauty competitions. Winners from several of the events will travel to Fairbanks for the 1969 World Eskimo Olympics to be held August 8 and 9.

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Kotzebue Model School Symposium July 21

A Symposium to examine a working model school at Kotzebue will be held July 21 through 25, it was announced last week by John L. Turner, special project director.

The symposium, "Operation Mobile," is being held in conjunction with the model program coordinated by the University of Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which operated the Kotzebue school. Charles E. Perry is BIA liaison officer for the program.

Turner was contracted through the university by the BIA to aid in the formation of a model by the local school board which would emphasize individual learning instead of structured learning, he said.

The symposium will include about five papers delivered by specialists in education from around the nation and will include about 60 participants.

Turner, assistant professor of education, who recently visited such a model is to allow students to learn according to their age and not the grade they should be in.

The local school board at Kotzebue will carry out the model project with Turner serving as consultant and coordinator.

He said the model is planned to cover the life span of a child from infancy to adult education. Divisions of the program would include infancy, early childhood, nursery, kindergarten, primary elementary, middle school, three years of high school, and a fourth year of high school outside the state.

The model would include integrating all existing educational services into a learning environment which would be controlled by the local school board, Turner said.

In the past the elected school board has acted in an advisory capacity to the BIA. The BIA said the school board is being asked to assume control of the program to help the school meet the needs of the community.

"We're hoping the model will provide mobility to all people going through school," Turner said. "The people in Kotzebue recognize that their young people want this mobility and they're planning for it."

Plans are to begin implementing the model this fall. Board members are William Jones, chairman, Esther Tiepelman, secretary, and Sam Barr, Jack Jones and June Nelson.

Turner said the model may be adaptable to other communities in the state if it is needed.