

What others say...

Praise for Medical Center

To the editor:

Hello! I just completed a summer Indian Health Service extern program at the Alaska Native Medical Center. It proved to be a very fantastic experience.

I would like to say thanks to the supportive staff on 4-East — especially the

nurses.

ANMC is a great place to work, and I urge all nursing students and nurse educators to push for more on-the-job training at ANMC.

Barbara McMullen
Port Graham

Selling ice to Eskimos

To *Business View* magazine:

Being a freelance business writer, I read quite a few business journals, including *Business View*, headquartered in Naples, Fla.

While I enjoyed your article, "How to Sell Ice to the Eskimos," I thought the title was poorly considered. I thought Floridians were sensitive about insinuations of other parts of the country, particularly in light of the battle right now between New York papers — who say that Miami is the drug capital of America — and Miami magazines who say that New York is the vice capital of America. As an Alaskan business writer, I would have thought your article might have been better titled, "How to Sell Drugs to a Miami Businessman."

Incidentally, Eskimos do buy ice. They also buy refrigerators, air conditioners, fans and other cooling equipment. Contrary to popular belief, they do not live in a world that has six months of pitch black darkness follow-

ed by six months of unbroken sunshine.

As part of the the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Natives in Alaska were given about \$1 billion in cash from the United States government. The money went to village and regional corporations. They are now among the largest businesses in Alaska.

Many of the Natives who run these corporations have been educated at such "second-rate" institutions as Princeton, Harvard, Stanford, the University of Southern California, Wharton, the University of Chicago, Yale and UCLA.

If you want to sell ice to Eskimos today, you had better have a detailed business plan, spread sheet and profit-loss statement outline of short-, medium- and long-term gains.

I just thought you'd like to know.

Sincerely
Steven C. Levi
Anchorage

Saving the Dall River

To the editor:

Dinyee Corporation of Stevens Village announces a campaign to save the Dall River. The Dall River is located within the boundaries of the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge. It drains the western end of the Yukon Flats.

For decades the Dall River was a subsistence stream used and taken care of by the people of Stevens Village. Then in the mid-'70s the peace and quiet of the river was shattered by the access created by the haul road.

All of a sudden a virgin area was cast open to the hordes of invaders from Alaska's boom-promoted urban areas. People in this new user group have acted more like invaders than guests in rural Alaska. There has been much overfishing, littering, waste, vandalism, and trespass on private property.

Dinyee is extremely concerned that this will all lead to the demise of the river ecosystem. The local people, who know the river, say that it has already been overfished. Dall River has always been well taken care of and deserves to continue to be well taken care of.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game refuses to take any con-

crete steps to correct the deteriorating situation. In a Catch 22 manner they state that they do not know what is going on there and thus can't take any emergency actions; yet they do claim to know that the situation is not a "major biological concern."

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