

Kaktovik dedicates school

On November 8, Harold Kaveolook was honored at the dedication program for the new additions to the Kaveolook School in Kaktovik. The new high school addition and the vocational building were the two phases of the school which were formally dedicated at this time. Phase I, which includes the school gym, kitchen and library complex were previously dedicated in November of 1978.

A large, appreciative crowd was on hand for the dedication program in the school gym, which was followed by an open house and potluck dinner. The district school board held its regular monthly meeting in the school library following the dinner.

Attending the big day of activities were Kaktovik students and school staff members, community members and visiting special guests. The large group of special guests included Harold Kaveolook; school supt. Don Renfroe and members of the district administrative staff

-- Jess Holloway, Dick Hedderman and Gary Christenson; district school board members -- David Bodfish, Jana Harcharek, Rosabelle Rexford, Philip Masuleak, Joe Kaleak and Archie Brower; North Slope Borough Mayor Eugene Brower and wife; and assembly member, Nelson Ahvakana.

The dedication program was highlighted by a special address by Harold Kaveolook on the "History of Kaktovik Schools." Kent Sims, Kaveolook Student Council president, made a special presentation of awards to all the visiting guests. These awards were attractively inscribed "baleen whales" made for the occasion by members of the school vocational classes. Special "plaques-of-appreciation" were also presented to Harold Kaveolook, Joe Kaleak, Archie Brower, and Daniel Akootchook in recognition of their contributions to the Kaveolook School. The program was completed with a lively performance by the Kaveolook School Drill Team.