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CIRI endorses no asbestos abatement programs

To the editor:

In the article about Toliver, Inc. and asbestos abatement training which appeared in the *Tundra Times* (February 24, 1986, page 11) it is stated: "According to Elaine Lott, a representative of Toliver, the company has already received confirmation that at least three regional corporations — Bristol Bay, Sealaska and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. — will assist their shareholders with the cost of certification in the asbestos abatement field."

This statement is incorrect and misleading. Cook Inlet Region, Inc. has not confirmed with Toliver that it will assist its shareholders in the certification costs. Further, CIRI does not endorse any asbestos abatement program nor Toliver, Inc. which is implied by specifically naming CIRI in the article.

The CIRI Foundation, authorized by CIRI and established in 1982, offers educational funding opportunities for eligible Foundation Beneficiaries to attend authorized educational institutions and programs. Such programs in Alaska must be authorized by the Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission (comparable authorizing agencies in other states) and other ap-

propriate certification agencies.

Until mid-March of 1986 there has been no asbestos abatement training program available in Alaska that is authorized by the postsecondary Education Commission. Now the Anchorage Community College authorized by the Postsecondary Commission, offers such a training program. Foundation beneficiaries may apply for funding assistance for an authorized vocational training program (up to \$500 per calendar year), subject to the application guidelines of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

CIRI Foundation Beneficiaries include Alaska Native enrollees to Cook Inlet Region, their lineal descendants and spouses. Inquiries may be directed to The CIRI Foundation, P.O. Box 4N, Anchorage, Alaska 99509, telephone 274-8638.

Sincerely,
COOK INLET REGION, INC.
Lydia L. HAYS
Vice President, Corporate Relations

Ooops! We checked with BBNC and Sealaska, and found that they also have no plans to assist shareholders with such training. We regret the error.
—Ed.

Attitudes about sexual assault must change

To the editor:

Sexual Assault is one of the major social problems we have in our society, and has been since the beginning of mankind. Sexual abuse has no racial, economic or age barriers. It can happen to any one of us, whether we are women, men or children.

But as an Alaskan Native person and Education Specialist for S.T.A.R. (Standing Together Against Rape), I have a real concern for the Native women that are living here or come to Anchorage for personal or business reasons.

According to the statistics at S.T.A.R., the number of reported rapes show the majority of victims are non-Native. However, it is alarming that 43 percent occur against Native women that live in the city and from the rural areas.

This high percentage has been a pro-

blem for a long time, and S.T.A.R. in its best ability has been trying to address it with other agencies in the city with little success.

Sexual assault will not be solved with just one agency trying to educate the public. It is going to take each of us, taking responsibility in changing our attitude about sexual assault and the harmful myths/stereotypes about Native victims, and also learning to take precautions wherever we are.

If any Native organizations or any agency that employs Native people wish to have presentations on sexual assault, and learn some safety tips, please call me at 276-7279 or write to me at P.O. Box 10-33565, Anchorage. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alice M. Abraham
Education Specialist

SOHIO donates \$10,000 to alcohol addiction

To the editor:

The SOHIO Alaska Petroleum Company has donated \$10,000 to the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. The Center will use this donation to bring rural substance abuse volunteers into Anchorage to attend the 12th Annual School on Addiction Studies May 5-9, 1986. The criteria that will be used in selecting these individuals include:

1. The applicant must be a volunteer working in the area of drug and/or alcohol problems.
2. The applicant may not be paid employee of an alcohol and/or drug program.

3. The applicant must come from a rural Alaskan community of fewer than 1,000 people.

4. The applicant must be responsible for his/her housing and per diem expenses while in Anchorage. The SOHIO donation will allow the Center to provide airfare and conference registration.

5. The applicant can choose to attend one of three options:

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ference and the entire Annual School.

6. The applicant must complete and return an application by March 28, 1986.
7. The application must be verified and signed by a person who is familiar with the volunteer work of the applicant. These individuals should be such people as a Village Alcohol Counselor, Village Council President, Program Director, or Regional Corporation Supervisor.

The travel scholarship recipients will be chosen by a committee that will be using the above criteria as well as looking at statewide geographical representation.

If you are interested in applying for this travel scholarship please send for an application.

Center for Alcohol and Addiction
Studies

University of Alaska, Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

We hope interested parties will be able to take advantage of this generous donation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Ken Duff or Cheryl Mann at (907) 786-1801.

Sincerely,
James Kenneth Duff
Training Coordinator

Cheryl Mann
Training Assistant