

Message from the Publisher —

Word has been on the street, so to speak, for some time that I am anxious to reduce my responsibilities at the Tundra Times. While some problems continue to plague the statewide Native newspaper, I am pleased at the profit and debt reduction accomplished by our small, dedicated staff over the past year. Our operating capital is non-existent, and credit resources limited. But we have accomplished the advertising and circulation goals set by us when I began my most recent stint as editor.

This allows me the luxury of considering other projects. We are currently in serious discussions with a journalist of the highest caliber to assume editorial responsibilities on March 1. At the request of the Tundra Times directors, I am to remain president and publisher after that date, offering guidance to editorial and business staff. In relinquishing the day-to-day responsibilities, I wish to give more thoughtful attention to the newspaper's direction, and to attend to other projects which interest me.

I am grateful to the Native community for support given during my editorship, to the Tundra Times board for its strong leadership, and especially to the staff of the paper, with whom I have studied so long and hard the art of survival.

—Thomas Richards, Jr.