

# UIC ship to protect Arctic

## WEIO

The 1984 Summer Olympics, to be held in Los Angeles, will also include Alaskan Olympians. The 43 members of "Heartbeats of Alaska: Native Games and Dance" are featured during the July 17-25 tour of the 1984 Summer Olympics. World Eskimo Indian Olympics, the organization sponsoring "Heartbeats" commissioned Alaska artists Cecelia Jorgenson to design the logo which includes a royal blue seal skin drum with a white map of Alaska and an athlete's "one-foot high kick" movement. "Heartbeats of Alaska" will perform athletic skills traditional to this state. Sponsors are Atlantic Richfield Company, Alaska Airlines and Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the Alaska Bank of the North. \$75,000 is still needed to meet all expenses according to WEIO President Mike Irwin.

## UIC

Barrow's village corporation, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, and Canadian naval architect Derick Core of British Columbia have designed a 200-foot vessel that can stay locked in ice and drift with the icepack for up to three years. While the ship exists only on paper Core said companies are seeking bids on production. The ship is designed to be used for oilfield supply, seismic testing, coring and drilling or research and it is expected to cost approximately \$28 million to build. UIC General Manager Dale Stotts says the ship is designed to protect the arctic marine environment.

## SEALASKA

Sealaska Corporation President Byron Mallott announced that the Native corporation has purchased Fairbanks Sand and Gravel. Mallott said the gravel company has sales of \$10 million last year and it complemented Sealaska Alaska Brick Company and Aggregate Corporation in Anchorage. "We purchased Fairbanks Sand and Gravel because it is a successful company," Mallott said.

## ANGOON

Twice a week, starting June 24, tourists traveling on the yacht MV Sheltered Seas, will get a glimpse of Tlingit life as the ship makes a stopover at Angoon. Cy Peck, Jr. who was born in Angoon said a traditional Tlingit welcome will greet each visitor. He said the tourists wouldn't overwhelm the community and it would broaden the economy without taking away from the subsistence economy.

## FISH

The National Marine Fisheries Service and the Department of Agriculture have agreed to purchase up to \$10 million worth of excess fish from Alaskans. In Alaska there has been a surplus of

canned salmon and the purchase agreement should assure a market for the fish.

## PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD

Governor Bill Sheffield has announced the adoption of a state position on a possible international agreement for conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The state would have management authority and responsibility for the herd in Alaska. The governor said it addressed the need to protect habitat, maintain the state's management role and to provide for participation by Alaskans in international discussions.

## FEDERAL OIL LEASES

President Ronald Reagan has overruled an effort by Interior William Clark to develop a plan to share offshore oil and gas revenues with coastal states. Governor Sheffield has been a supporter of shared oil and gas revenues. It could result in approximately 30 million for the state of Alaska. The Reagan administration has opposed sharing federal oil revenues with coastal states.

## BRISTOL BAY

The U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee voted to bar oil and gas leasing in the Bristol Bay area which is considered the "fishing capital of the world." Alaska's commercial fishermen and subsistence users praised the 5-3 vote but Governor Bill Sheffield and the entire state delegation were pushing for its approval.

## NATIVE RIGHTS

The Alaska Court of Appeals refused to overturn the attempted sexual assault conviction of an Alaska Native who argued his right to equal protection had been violated because he was indicted by grand jury at Fairbanks rather than his hometown.

## SALMON

Senator Frank Murkowski said he has received assurances from Taiwanese officials that they have recommended their government take action to prevent the illegal Taiwanese salmon fishery on high seas. Murkowski has received reports that Japan will enact a prohibition against the importation of salmon caught illegally by Taiwanese fishermen.

## OUTSIDE

### LANDS

Congress passed a bill recognizing an 1819 Spanish colonial court decree which declares that a New Mexico Indian tribe was swindled out of its sacred lands. The bill goes to the president. It would return the land to the Pueblo de Cochiti for the first time since 1805, when the tribe began its struggle to regain the land.