

## Nice to See an Old Friend

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**BARROW**—It's nice to see Mr. Frank Degnan from Unalakleet, Alaska again. Frank was one of the delegates in 1958 when 23 or more people from different villages came in to Barrow to place a native conference, all sponsored by the Association on American Indian Affairs of New York.

These men who worked so hard, men who made a fine decision over on their own village problem. Men who are well educated.

We are also thanked the Association on American Indian Affairs in New York, who earnestly shows the big help to all Alaskans.

### MYSTERIOUS JUICY MEAT

Groups from Anchorage, about 75 people, who came in on 4th of July to Barrow said

they have eaten what they have not eat before, so juicy and delicious, they wish they could stay another day so they could eat more of that juicy meat what Brower's Cafe has for dinner.

Why not visit Barrow and find out for yourself about this juicy meat what Brower's Cafe cooks, cook for the customers.

### GREAT OOGRUK HUNTER

One man here in Barrow is top on oogruks again. His name is Thomas Napageak who recently caught 14 oogruks up to-day. Now he is employed by the construction near Prudhoe Bay.

### CLEANING BARROW

Cleaned up around houses are still going, still they have so much to haul out yet.

### WATER TRUCKS

Two of BUI water trucks are now hauling water to the village.

Each of these trucks were operated by two Eskimos, Billy Solomon and Kuklak Kaleak.

They charge them 6 cents a gallon whenever people get water.

### ESKIMOS WIN

Tunniks (Whites) from camp lost to the Eskimos in play softball game. Not only that, they also way behind when they have foot race lap race, around village through the roads.

George Solomon, Eli Solomon's son, won this lap race. Which is good to hear.

### ICE BREAKER VISIT'S

Ice breaker is in now this afternoon she fought ice coming in to lead close to shore and she anchored below camp which is 3 miles off village, right outside of inshore ice.

### GOOD LUCK

Good luck all of you readers, and God bless you all.

## Letters from Here and There

July 18, 1971

Dear Howard:

I do not think it would be appropriate for a letter "To the Editor" from me to appear in relation to a misunderstanding that has developed in relation to the stories about the University of Alaska and the Imuruk Basin Project. Nevertheless, I do think it fair that somehow a correction appear so those following this incident get a pretty accurate picture of what is happening.

Alaska Methodist University never was going to, nor intended to, sponsor the SPECIAL HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INVENTORY OF IMURUK BASIN. As a member of the faculty, AMU provided special consideration and support for me for initiating the project by aiding (through members of the staff and faculty) me and the Arctic Native Brotherhood to bring together the people to advise us on the ways and means to fund the project and to review our design and methods of operation prior to us submitting a proposal for public funds. This meeting included representatives of AMU, U of A, BLM, State Div. of Lands, Alaska Historical Society, Alaska Dept. of Ed., and others. The decision then (Dec. 17, 1970) was that this project merited public funds, and additionally, its urgent circumstances demanded special attention from the Legislature. AFN later added its endorsement.

Subsequently, with the able assistance of Gene Guess, Speaker of the House, Willy Hensley, Chuck Degnan, Willard Bowman, Genie Chance, and a number of other legislators, including Bill Ray and George Hohman,

\$40,000 was included for the project by the Senate Finance Committee in the University of Alaska budget. Unfortunately, through an oversight by a paid employee of the Legislature, the Letter of Intent to cover this special attention to the University budget was never forwarded to the floor of the house. As a result, the University has not received such specific direction related to the disbursement of a minute portion of its approximately 22 1/2 million dollar appropriation, and it therefore maintains that it cannot release the funds to the project.

I hope that you can review the correspondence (which I thought had been forwarded to you as part of keeping you posted, but in case it was not, I am including now) and perhaps come up with a followup article that will clarify the issue for people, and perhaps even place the whole set of circumstances in a more favorable light for the project.

I look forward to visiting with you again before too long. My best to you, as always.

Regards,  
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