

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Beware of Rumors . . .

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been substantiated by any authorized agency PUBLICLY. Anything heard concerning the land claims, or any important situation, should be taken with a grain of salt until it has been properly, and authoritatively, publicly released by responsible sources.

It is a well known fact that rumors, taken seriously, can create dissensions. They can be used for character assassinations against people who honestly work for gains in any well meant effort. They can create distrust of the very people who are working effectively or who have accomplished concrete achievements for the people for whom they have worked and labored.

Rumors, very seldom, start by accident. Some rumors can be considered as good but some can be considered as bordering on maliciousness and allowed to circulate as a means to an end. If they come under the latter category, they can be subtle veiling some harmful intent. Rumors have to be watched because they don't usually originate from ordinary people. Sources from which they emanate may be important and established entities that for some reason or another wish to create certain feelings for or against an important situation, or to create a certain level of confusion.

The native leaders and their people at the present time are in the midst of facing perhaps the greatest problem in their history—the native land claims. They have been instrumental in bringing the matter to a head so that it is about to be tackled by Congress. This was no small achievement because it was done under some of the most difficult circumstances. It was not uncommon to encounter hostile atmosphere in the struggle for recognition of the native land claims matter. It was painfully achieved in bringing it to its present level—the doorsteps of Congress—and from which the native people are hopefully anticipating a fair and just settlement.

The native people have made great strides within the last few years as far as the land matter was concerned. This achievement should not be allowed to be marred by rumors that might be adverse to causes we seek. All of our people should be on the lookout for them and should only listen to utterings substantiated by nothing less than official public releases from official sources. Let us not tend to base our judgments from strictly unofficial rumors that might influence our course toward aims beneficial for our people and all of Alaska.

NEH Awards \$10,000 to U of A For Native Language Research

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the University of Alaska in support of a research program in Alaskan Native languages.

Dr. Michael E. Krauss is project director.
Doctor Krauss is doing pio-

neer work which includes the collection and analysis of Indian, Eskimo and Aleut languages indigenous to Alaska.

His work includes the writing of a comprehensive grammar for the nearly-lost Eyak language which now is spoken only by three persons who live in the Cordova area.

For the First Time—

St. Mary's Senior Class Makes Trek for Legislative Study

The senior class of 23 Eskimo young people of St. Mary's will be making a trip to Juneau and way points this week.

"The young people will make the trip as their main purpose to get the first hand insight into the legislative process and to learn something about the vocation of public service," said Paul Dickson of Anchorage.

The trip is being sponsored by St. Mary's City Board of Trustees. Arrangements were prepared by Billy Beans, trustees president, who will accompany the young people as a drummer and teacher of the Eskimo dance.

Billy Beans has been busy for the last three months teaching and training the young people on the intricacies of the southern Eskimo dance.

The young performers are scheduled to appear on KTVA in Anchorage on March 16. In Juneau, they hope to stage a program at the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall. They will pay a call on Gov. Keith Miller on March 19 and then visit the House and Senate of the state legislature.

They hope to spend time watching the legislators at work and also study how different committees work in the legislative process.

The group, on its way back,

will stop here in Fairbanks on March 22 and then attend the

Fairbanks Native Association potlatch that evening.

AFN Form Letter For Enrollment

(Editor's Note: The following form letter will be mailed to villagers throughout Alaska for the purpose of enrolling the people for the native land claims. The Officials of the Alaska Federation of Natives feel that response to the letter is definitely needed.)

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES
1689 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear _____:

Please be advised that your enrollments have been received and that you have been placed on an overall native roll. All due consideration will be placed with this enrollment.

Because of the number of enrollees for the land claims, we are, unfortunately, unable to give adequate time to each person. We would, however, advise you to subscribe to the TUNDRA TIMES for more information on native affairs. Please see the blank below.

Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts.

Sincerely,
ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES
Emil Notti
President

Sheldon Jackson College President Denies Institution Closure Rumors

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEGISLATORS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

It is always an interesting experience for the head of any organization to be informed by concerned but unrelated individuals that the organization he has responsibility for is "closing its doors." I have heard rumors to the effect that Sheldon Jackson College is closing. The rumor has even spread among the legislators currently in session in Juneau.

LET ME EMPHATICALLY STATE THAT THIS RUMOR HAS NO FOUNDATION IN FACT. I would like to enumerate some factors that will substantiate the fact the Sheldon Jackson College intends to remain in the important business of higher education in Alaska as free, innovative and creative institution.

1. A Task Force has been appointed for review and development by the Board of National Missions for twenty-five or more institutions throughout the United States. A Task Force Group for Sheldon Jackson College was on the campus March 4-7 to begin their work of evaluation. A false assumption has evidently been made by some that the purpose of the Task Force Group was to close S.J.C. Contrary to this false assumption the preliminary discussions of the Task Force Group have not even considered closure, but have been focused upon the future work and mission of S.J.C. in higher education in Alaska. The testimony by natives before the group, have highlighted again the crucial importance of education for the rural native Alaskan and particularly his future need in post-high school education. The emerging goals include: an emphasis in this area of native education; an integrated, multi-cultural institution that meets the higher educational needs of all the rural and urban Alaskan youth; and an opportunity for the community of Sitka to pursue higher educational interests and needs.

2. In a recent meeting in New

York, Dr. Kenneth Neigh, Executive Director of the Board of National Missions, stated that no National Missions Institution would be closed because of financial limitations.

3. New Programs and services to the State and community will continue to be explored and developed. Recent examples are: affiliation with the State Troopers Academy and New Careers Program, Development of curricula in Forestry, Fisheries, and Logging Management, F.A.A. Certified Flight Training, and affiliation with Alaska Methodist University in curricular offerings in upper division and graduate courses in night and summer school. This summer in cooperation with A.M.U. graduate work leading to an M.A. in teaching will be offered in Summer School.

We are grateful for our collegiate accreditation by the Northwest Association for Secondary and Higher Schools. We are grateful for our excellent staff, increased student enrollment, outstanding library and other physical facilities. We intend, to the best of our ability, to use these assets to serve the community of Sitka and all of Alaska.

I am writing this open letter to you because I would not want you to make legislative decisions or projections regarding higher education in Alaska under the false assumption that S.J.C., one of the accredited higher educational institution is closing.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Orin R. Stratton
President

WANTED: Chilkat Blankets; totem poles; ivory pipes and carvings; argillite carvings; potlatch bowls; fish hooks; spoons and all N.W. items 50 years of age or older. Send photo or sketch and prices to: Albert T. Miller, 2235 West Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles, California 90028.

Letters to the Editor

March 9, 1969

Dear Editor:

The weather is pretty fair. Today was warm and sunny. Most of the snow has melted.

Our class is making reports on the U.S. Each person chose the State they wanted to write about. I chose Kentucky because I like Abe Lincoln. My sister Margaret chose Minnesota because that's where our Gram and Gramp Riach and our Gram and Gramp White live. We visited them in 1967. It was fun.

We listened to the Lions Gold Medal Tournaments on Juneau radio. Boy, that Mr. Billy Bean from Kake is good!!! I sure wish I could see him play sometime. This is the second year that he was chosen most valuable player.

Enclosed is a check for the 60 newspapers.

Sincerely,
Ernie Riach

Poem— DICK and JANE

Long, long time ago, I use to read DICK AND JANE.
Now I keep wonder'in 'bout them kids.
I am wonder'in if ye old now.
Guess my brothers'll keep on a'readin'em.

I went to school at home an' I luv 'em kids.
But that wuz before modern times.
I use to read, aloud, "See, see, see."
See Sally. Oh! oh! oh! Funny, funny Dick."

Look ye, why don't my brothers read somethin' new,
Cause times are a changin.
My brothers should be readin' somethin' new,
Cause they are way behind.
—JOHN ANGAIK