

Towarak mushing for alma mater

Musher Clarence Towarak has more spurring him on than satisfaction of finishing the Iditarod Trail Sled Race.

He's racing to Nome to raise \$10,000 for his alma mater, Covenant High School of Unalakleet.

Shortly before he left Unalakleet to begin the Iditarod, Towarak discovered that Covenant needed at least \$10,000 to cover administrative expenses for the rest of the school year. According to Covenant Principal Alfred White, Towarak immediately set out to raise the money by asking the citizens and business people of Unalakleet to pledge funds based on his ability to finish the race. He found enough people to pledge the full \$10,000 sum.

When Towarak reaches his home town, one of the checkpoints on the Iditarod, the Covenant students will greet him with a large banner urging him on to Nome.

Towarak, who graduated from Covenant in 1961, has more to motivate him than fond memories of the old school spirit. His wife, Linda, is also a Covenant grad, and Towarak, when not pursuing commercial fishing and commercial flying, sits on the Covenant High School Board.