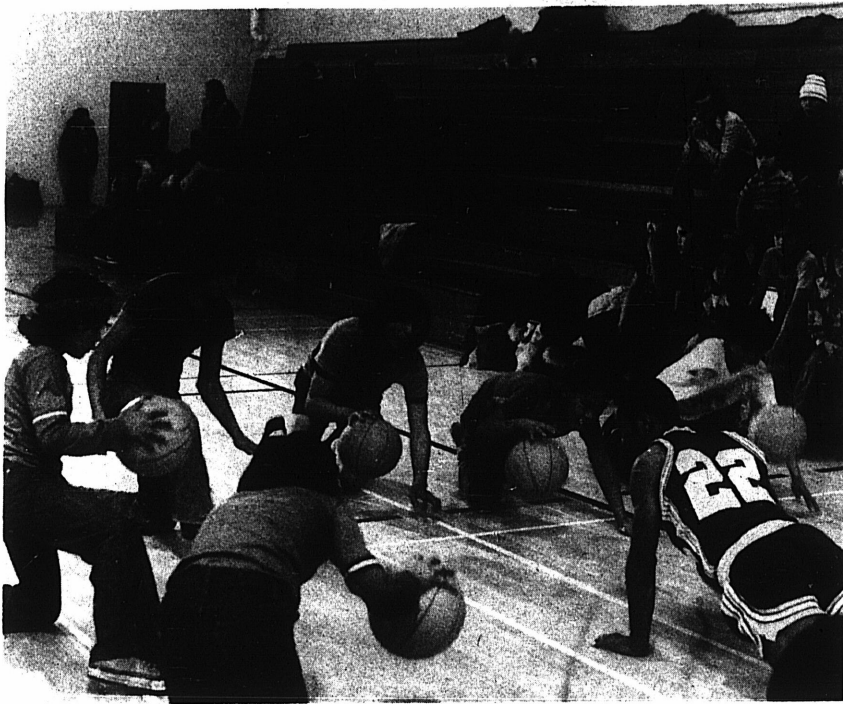




BARROW BASKETBALL CLINIC — More than 120 children at Barrow attended a basketball clinic conducted by the Anchorage Northern Knights professional basketball team and sponsored by Sohio-BP Alaska. The school, or clinic, was taught by the head coach and four members of the Anchorage team on November 25 and 26. In this photograph, Northern Knight forward Jeff Tyson explains the technique of form shooting to young Eskimo students. In most villages, basketball is the most popular winter-time sport. The Tundra Times this week begins to feature news coverage of rural basketball activities in its new sports section (see pages 4,5, and 6.) For more photos and a story on the Northern Knights clinic, see page 6.

A different kind of school —



Harlem Globetrotter Recruits?

Bernard "Ducky" Vaughn, right, a member of the Anchorage Northern Knights professional basketball team, drills Point Barrow students in the skills of ball handling and dribbling from various positions.

Professional team conducts classes

More than 120 children at Pt. Barrow attended school during the weekend after Thanksgiving, but they didn't bring books, pencils or tablets, and they didn't sit at desks. This special school was held in the gymnasium. The teachers were tall basketball players. . .taller men than most of the children had ever seen. The courses? Passing, shooting, dribbling, defense, ball handling, and all the other basic skills of basketball.

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According to Steve Mello, athletic director for the North Slope Borough School District at Barrow, the children benefited tremendously from the clinic series.

"Basketball is THE sport at Barrow and most other Alaskan communities," Mello said. "Kids here start playing basketball at a very early age and often develop bad habits. Bad habits are hard to break. Seeing professional players demonstrating various basketball skills was a tremendous boost for them."

Northern Knights players di-

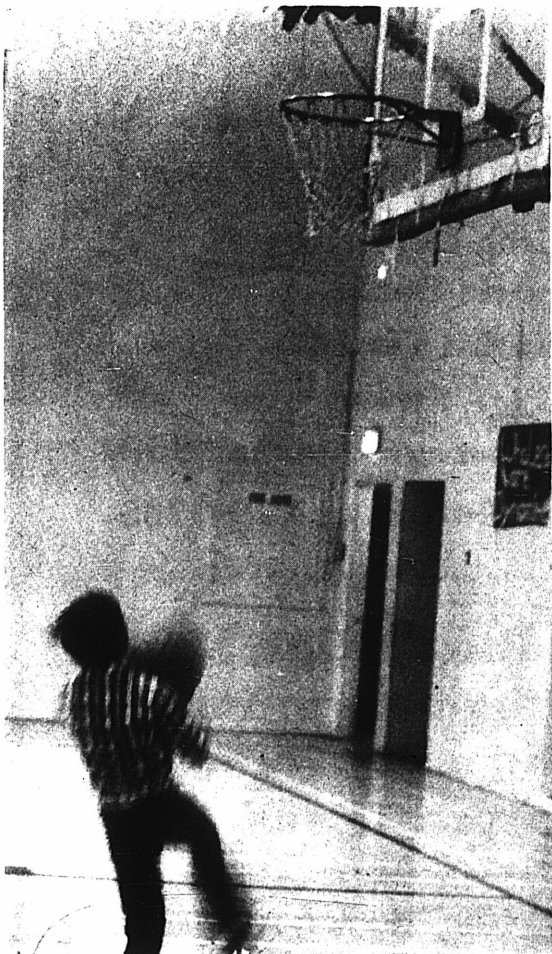
vided the children into several groups, assigning them to separate stations where they received detailed instruction, demonstrations and practice in particular skills. Children then rotated to other stations throughout the clinic.

One of the children's favorite exercises was a ball handling skill taught by Bernard "Ducky" Vaughn, Northern Knights guard. This skill involved throwing the basketball high into the air and clapping as many times as possible before catching it. Vaughn mentioned that the exercise is designed to improve reflexes and hand-to-eye coordination.

Knights coach George Milby commented that in more than 20 years of coaching basketball, he had never seen more attentive, interested and motivated children.

"The Barrow coach has done a good job with those kids," he said. "And they're really quick to learn. I hope we left them with some good solid fundamentals which they can use as they grow and develop."

Next year, Sohio-BP Alaska and the Anchorage Northern Knights plan to conduct several basketball clinics in other Alaskan communities.



'Lay It Up There'

A Barrow student zeros in on the basket, in hopes of completing a successful lay-up shot. The students were instructed in the basic skills of the game of basketball in a clinic sponsored by Sohio-BP Alaska recently. The head coach and four members of the Anchorage Northern Knights professional basketball team conducted the clinic.



'Watch the Ball'

Bernard "Ducky" Vaughn, far right, of the Anchorage Northern Knights, shows the students the importance of eye contact with the ball. Four team members of Anchorage's professional basketball team journeyed to Point Barrow to conduct a clinic for students in the North Slope Borough School District.