

# Roger Wright, Jr. recuperates in Seattle hospital

Roger Wright, Jr., a good-natured and talented young Eskimo from Kotzebue, has been serving as staff photographer for the Tundra Times while attending college at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, this past semester.

He was looking forward to going home to Kotzebue late last month to hunt caribou and spend the summer fishing in the Kotzebue Sound area. A dedicated photographer, he has worked diligently to complete his assigned tasks at the newspaper.

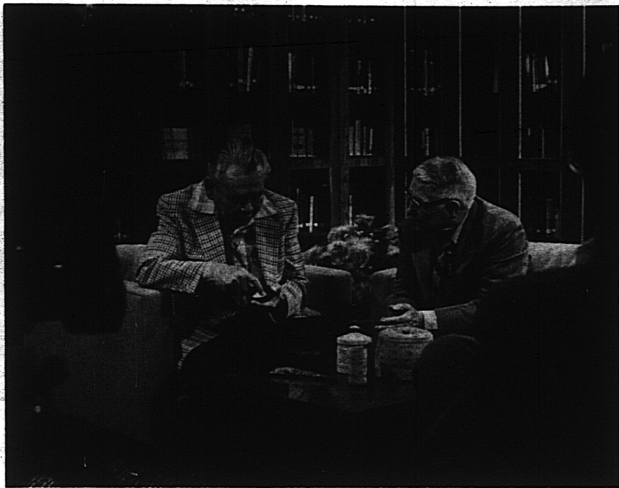
Within a few days of the time Roger was to complete his school work and Tundra Times service, an unforeseen and unfortunate accident happened. A car, in which he was a passenger, hit a guard rail and Roger wound up in the intensive care unit at the Alaska Na-

tive Medical Center.

For some time, he had no sensation nor capacity for movement below his neck. He is a determined young man, however, and has worked to bring about improvement in his condition.

Last week, Roger was transferred to the Public Health Service in Seattle for treatment, and has improved sufficiently to begin exercising his arms and wrists.

"I've been sitting in my wheelchair, enjoying sites of volcano dust," he told the Tundra Times staff yesterday. Roger will be in Seattle for another six to eight weeks of treatment. His friends and fans may send their cards and letters to him at this address: Roger Wright, Jr., c/o Public Health Service Hospital, 1131, 14th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98114.



**RECORDING HISTORY** — Simeon Oliver, left, and Dr. P. Gordon Gould recalled experiences of their boyhood in the Jesse Lee home in Unalaska and shared observations about Native culture for the record before video recording cameras at the Heritage Library of the National Bank of Alaska in Anchorage this month. Mr. Oliver, 77, author, musician and lecturer, and Dr. Gould, 80, founder of Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University) were in Alaska for the 90th birthday reunion of alumni of the Jesse Lee Home celebrated on May 17 by many former residents of the home.

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