

"WEIRD STYLE... BUT HE'S GOOD!"



## Nipi ponders new world

Weyahok's Spirit  
c/o Tundra Times

Dear Weyahok:

A few years ago, a great uncle of mine wrote a series of letters to you when you were the Editor of the Tundra Times. He wrote about some of his concerns about ANCSA and the problems the ACT would bring to his people I would like to share with you some of my problems as I work with the implementation of ANCSA at the village level.

I am the President and Chairman of the Board of Nuna, Inc. There are approximately 300 shareholders, with about 100 of those enrolled outside the village. We have seven board members - three old timers and three with

some college education with more modern ideas.

I'm in the middle. Sometimes, it is very difficult to make a decision when there is so much difference in thinking. I respect the old timers and feel very strongly about the need to keep our culture and to not think about making a profit all the time.

On the other hand, I have to think about the shareholders and the future of the corporation which the more modern board members usually argue for. Then, at times, the college educated will argue about keeping our being Native and making sure the non-Natives keep out of our business, and the old timers are very cautious about not hur-

ting anyone's feelings.

As President and Chairman, the board members and the shareholders look to me for guidance and for making the right decision. I'm glad that I was able to go to college on my BIA scholarship and finish my business degree. The degree has helped me understand the workings of the business world, and growing up in the village has helped me see the beauty of our Native culture. I will let you know how we're doing, and share with you some of the many problems we have dealt with such as 14(c) and BLM and such.

So until next time.

Sincerely,  
Nipi Natignaq

## Covenant High thanks doners

Dear Alumnia and Friends of  
Covenant High School:

Thank you for all of your generous gifts of prayer and financial support; some of you for many years, others more recently.

The Board of Directors of Covenant High School would be providing a progress report to Dr. Robert C. Larson, Executive Secretary, Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, at their November 30 - December 1 meeting at Anchorage.

Covenant High School opened its doors in 1954. The class of 1985 will be the last graduating group. Money was not the only issue for recommending the closure of an institution which prepared many young Eskimo men and women academically and spiritually to cope with the challenges of life.

Many factors had to be evaluated in light of changing times. In addition to insufficient

funding for several years, the matter of available students from which to recruit has become a very serious issue.

With state high schools in almost every village, and local school officials putting pressure on local families to keep their children home, recruiting has become very competitive.

Students recruited by Covenant High school must pay for their own education, while if they remained at home their education would be at no cost to their parents.

There is also the matter of increasing cost of operations, tuition, food and other supplies, oil and other utilities, and the need for major repairs and upgrading of facilities within the near future.

The combination of all of these factors led board members to make a very traumatic decision; to recommend to the Board of the Evangelical Churches of Alaska (ECCAK) that Covenant High School be closed as of June 30, 1985. ECCAK concurred with

this recommendation at their meeting on December 3 at Anchorage.

This school year will be completed, with graduation exercises and all. Covenant High School would like to end this year, (and this portion of history of an institution that has provided so much to the spiritual and academic preparation to so many), without incurring additional indebtedness.

At least \$13,000 per month will be needed through June 30, 1985. We look forward in faith to your continued generosity of prayer and financial contributions.

ECCAK has appointed a committee to explore the possibilities of an alternate location to establish another school offering high academic standards in a Christian atmosphere. We need to uphold this group in prayer as they seek God's will in their endeavors.

In His Service,  
Peter P. Three Stars  
Director of Development

## Mother of five gets support

To the Editor:

I have just got through reading about (Civil Service must pay up.) And I for one agree with mother of five. She had worked hard for 31 years, just because she is Eskimo does not mean she has not earned her retirement pay. After all she have five kids to feed and bills to pay.

How can a woman who had worked 31 hard years not get her benefits? If the Civil Service and unemployment are not doing anything like they're supposed to, then what the hell are they doing?

I don't think it's right for this so called you have to pay taxes so when you are out of work you get benefits and not given to a per-

son or persons's who had work so long, and hard, 31 years is a long time for a retirement and a lot of work just to get benefits, and not only that.

Even if there's a unemployment for retirement for people of Alaska Natives or Civil Service, then what good is it for this benefits?

Andrew Kagak