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## Editorial Comment—

### A Unique Trip For the Senator

Great many people enjoy multiple kinds of diversions away from their everyday duties. Some like to go out to the country to visit relatives and enjoy every minute of it. Some like nights out over the weekend and take delight in visiting nightspots. Some like to camp and some like to hunt. Others like dangerous pastimes that threaten their very lives. And Senator James Buckley of New York likes unusual events and activities tinged with adventure with some touches of danger like participating and observing an honest to goodness whale hunt at the remote village of Point Hope, Alaska.

Senator Buckley had just recently returned from Point Hope in what must have been one of his most unusual experiences in the type of diversion he likes. He observed a real whale hunt — an activity that just about fulfills every meaning of subsistence in the far reaches of the Arctic.

Whaling Captain Seymour Tuzroyluke of Point Hope had consented to take on the Senator with his crew, a favor that was in the planning for two years. Seymour had a very young crew this year, among them a 13-year-old young man. Two weeks ago, that crew caught a whale that measured 50 feet. Which meant that the whale was roughly some 50 tons — a ton to the foot. It was an exciting event to Buckley but perhaps more exciting to Captain Tuzroyluke and his crew and the whole village itself. It meant food for the whole community for months and months ahead and muktuk for other villages such as Kotzebue, Nome, Noatak and other villages in the Northwest Alaska area.

The diversion for the New Yorker and his companions, Laura Bergt of Fairbanks and Mike Kaufman of The New York Times came out as if someone had planned it. The weather was very pleasant. Whaling camp pleasures prevailed among the crew members and their visitors. Camp food was enjoyed by everyone even to the eating of muktuk by the New Yorkers. The visitors ate and slept in their clothes for five days with the crew out on the rough ice of the Chukchi Sea. They learned a good deal about the Eskimo whaling tradition. They enjoyed every moment along with ever-present hospitality of their hosts.

The eye-witness observation by Senator James L. Buckley of New York can be a most valuable asset to the traditional whale hunters at the village of Point Hope. Buckley saw the human approach to the subsistence way of living in one of its truest forms. The influential New Yorker can, perhaps, be an ally to the hunters throughout the subsistence hunting areas of Alaska especially those of the deep Arctic. Mutual trust between the Senator and Captain Tuzroyluke and his crew, who may have ably represented their fellow whale hunters in the superb demonstration of the annual event, can serve as a bastion or a buffer against those who would do away with the taking of the bowhead whale in the subsistence hunting communities of the remote Arctic Alaska.

— H.R.

## Letters from Here and There

### Mt. Edgecumbe Coach Thanks School's Alumni

Thank You!  
Mt. Edgecumbe Alumni!

My very dear friends:

I wish to take this means, through the Tundra Times, to express my heartfelt appreciation for your recent naming our fieldhouse in my name. Please know that I have never been so highly honored anywhere, before and it came from my Alaska Native friends, that to me is what makes the event so warm, gratifying and pleasing. You certainly make me feel that I have been truly appreciated and that in itself is tremendously rewarding to me. I remember when I came here to Mt. Edgecumbe 18 years ago, to many of you that might sound ancient but to me those 18 years were very short years as I enjoyed every year working and also laughing many times with you, they have been the most happy years of my entire life. You have made it very hard for me to think of retirement due to your honoring me and due to my falling in love with Alaska and you good people many years ago. I have never before ever worked with such co-operating students and appreciative people as yourselves, and I am now comparing you with 19 years of teaching other students down in the lower 48 states. If I ever and when I do retire or leave Mt. Edgecumbe, it will be strictly due to my poor health. Thank you, thank you, dear friends.

As ever, your old coach and friend,  
Coach "Mac" McGillis

### Navy Moves to Up Gas Cost

CITY OF BARROW  
Box 507  
Barrow, Alaska 99723  
Phone 852-5211  
May 24, 1974

To: All concerned people

Re: Proposal by the Department of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves to increase the cost for natural gas at Barrow, Alaska.

Barrow Utilities, Inc. and Senator Ted Stevens have provided the City Council with correspondence and data concerning a proposed rate increase for natural gas by the Department of the Navy for Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves. The council is deeply concerned about the proposed rate increase.

It appears that the Office of Management and Budget in May, 1973 advised the Navy that all off-takers of natural gas at Barrow should pay at a rate which reflected actual production costs to the government. Both civilian and governmental agencies in Barrow have increased their yearly demand necessitating additional drilling and deliverability by the government. To amortize the added costs to the government for additional drilling and delivery, the Navy has proposed to establish a minimum acceptable bid of \$0.77/MCF for the coming contract year (Sept. 30, '74-'75).

The Barrow City Council has several concerns. First, it is the city's understanding that no governmental agency in Barrow pays for natural gas. These include

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Public Health Service, Federal Aviation Administration, and the Navy. Since the OMB asked that all off-takers pay for natural gas at a rate which reflected actual production, and since the governmental agencies in Barrow do not pay anything for gas, then it appears that the civilians of Barrow are being asked to amortize the costs of gas production by themselves.

Secondly, the Department of Transportation has recently informed Barrow Utilities, Inc. that they must upgrade the existing gas system in Barrow. It appears that to avoid loss by government sanction because of a poor gas delivery system in Barrow, and out of concern for the safety of civilians in Barrow, that Barrow Utilities, Inc. must borrow money to upgrade the existing system. When Barrow Utilities, Inc. borrows the money, the users will have to repay the principal and interest on such a loan through increased utility rates.

Thirdly, the Department of the Navy has set the minimum bid for the coming contract year at \$0.77/MCF. This represents a 54% increase in gas costs per MCF. This increase must also be passed on to the users of utilities in Barrow. Considering the costs involved in a loan and interest to Barrow Utilities, Inc., and the increased costs for gas, monthly utility rates for civilians may well double next contract year. The average citizen of Barrow cannot sustain such an increase.

It is out of concern for the welfare of the People of Barrow that the council asks that every step be taken to keep the costs of gas to civilians in Barrow at a reasonable rate. A 54% increase is not reasonable or feasible. Further, we also ask that governmental agencies should also bear costs of amortizing costs to the government.

Sincerely,  
CITY OF BARROW  
David A. Jensen  
City Manager

(At request of Barrow City Council)

cc: BUI, Board of Directors  
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North Slope Borough/Barrow  
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Senator Mike Gravel  
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Office of the Secretary of the Navy

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### Institute Athletes Up to Form

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Wrangell Institute  
May 28, 1974

Mr. Howard Rock  
Editor, Tundra Times  
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Sir:

School has finished for yet another year, but this has been

an unusual year in more ways than one. Since we deal with exceptional native students, we often accept the exceptional things that happen around here as usual.

In athletics this year there have been some outstanding performances by students from Wrangell Institute. The girls have gotten involved as well as the boys and have done their part to uphold the tradition of sportsmanship and victory. Since the students last year put Wrangell Institute up as number one in the Physical Fitness competition, it only served as a challenge for the students for this year and they accepted it with almost reckless abandon. Last year there were 13 of the students who passed the Presidential test in Physical Fitness and this year a total of 34 students or 30% of the student body passed the same qualifications. Twenty five of these were girls. We feel that the school should easily win the State Championship for the second year in a row. This will not be finalized until after June 15.

The cross-country team ran very well this year against Jr. High and High School teams from around the SE. They ran against Ketchikan, Wrangell, Craig and also the two Jr. High teams from Juneau. The girls also ran well in practice, but couldn't find competition close around Wrangell.

Basketball was the big name for most the winter and started off with a second place in the Lions Tournament at Wrangell. The boys went on to round off an 18 win-11 loss record for the year against high school, Junior highs and also defeated the faculty team for the first time in seven years. They finished the year by winning the SE Alaska Junior High Championship Tournament at Kake in March. They were the only team to emerge undefeated. They were awarded the first place trophy, team sportsmanship trophy, Guard Harvey Demantle won the free throw contests, Center Dick Charles was selected as an All-Star and Guard Joe King, Jr. was the MVP and also an All-Star.

The girls compiled a total of seven wins and one loss during the season against high school teams, Junior High teams, Faculty team and one boy's team. Guard Elizabeth Albert from Northway led all scorers with an 18 point per game average. She was ably assisted by Guard Linda Takumjenak of Lower Kalskag, Elena Wise — Center from Lower Kalskag, Forward Mollie Williams, Lower Kalskag; Forward Bonnie Aloysious of Kalskag and Clara Sam from Northway.

Elizabeth Albert was named Outstanding Girl Athlete for 1974 and Harvey Demantle of Akiak was Outstanding Boy Athlete for 1974. This was based on points earned for the participation in all phases of athletics both intramural and interscholastic. Some boys who stood out well in cross-country were Dick Charlie of Northway, Peter Napoka of Tuluksak, Noah Alexie of Tuluksak and Patrick Kameroff of Kalskag. Boys who stood out during the long basketball season were Joe King, Jr. of Klukwan who was the winner of two MVP awards from two different tournaments; Noah Alexie of Tuluksak; Dick Charlie of Northway; Leonty Lupie of Tuntutuliak; Lee Bartels of Tyonek; Ronnie Joe of Tetlin; Marvin Albert of Northway and

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