

IANA holds first writers conference

The first Alaska Native Writers Conference provided for the conception of the Institute of Alaska Native Arts' Literary Arts Program. Sitka, Alaska was the site of the conference which was held March 29-April 1, 1983. Simon Ortiz and Inez Talamantez were guest writers-in-residence.

Luci Abeita, Literary Arts Coordinator, serves as Editor

of "Native Writers Ink," a literary newsletter. "Native Writers Ink" was recently circulated and will be a monthly publication focusing on Alaska Native and American Indian writers, new publications, creative writing and opportunities for writers. Also featured is visual art of the Eskimo, Aleut and Indian.

The IANA Literary Arts Co-

ordinator is assisting writers, planning for a Native Writer's residency, establishing a library and researching a writer's curriculum as part of the program.