

## Village Notebook

The University of Alaska Fairbanks awarded four tuition waivers to Alaska Native students participating in the Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students, including: **Patrick Snow**, *McGrath*; **Kevin Seville**, *Nanwalek*; **Julie Luke**, *Delta Junction*; and **Harley Huntington**, *Koyukuk*.

The RAPS program gives rural high school students summer employment in natural resource management. They work side-by-side with professional resource specialists, learning skills that will benefit their future careers.

Snow worked in a RAPS position for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service's Innoko National Wildlife Refuge for two summers. He worked most of that time with biologists on wildlife projects in the field. Now in his second year at the UAF, this is the second time Snow, a wildlife biology major, has received a UAF-RAPS tuition waiver.

Huntington worked for the Bureau of Land Management for three summers. One was spent with the BLM survey team, and two with the Kobuk District. A graduate of Mount Edgecumbe High School, Huntington is presently working as a teacher aide and bookkeeper in Koyukuk. He will

enter UAF in January.

Seville was a RAPS apprentice with BLM in 1991, and with the National Park Service in the Kenai Fjords in 1992 and 1993. Seville excelled in wildlife surveys, interpretation of natural resources, archaeology and back-country hiking. He will enter UAF in January.

Luke was a RAPS worker with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Alaska State Parks in Delta Junction last summer. She worked in the office and assisted the recreation staff. A first-year student at UAF, Luke is pursuing a degree in education.

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Several rural schools have received the Department of Environmental Conservation's 1993 Commissioner's Annual Pollution Prevention Award.

*Eek School* won an award by implementing an energy conservation program two years ago which has helped it achieve significant reductions of electrical consumption. David Wigglesworth, chief of the pollution prevention office, said the program said the program appears highly effective, educational and transferable to other communities.

The *Elfin Cove Community Association* has eliminated the need for a sanitary landfill by implementing a community-wide recycling program. The community generates revenues from recycling, reusing and selling reusable waste, and has reduced the liability associated with dumps.

King Street Recycling, sponsored by the *Unalaska High School*, has had great success

through cooperative involvement of students, school program leaders, local volunteers and businesses. More than 100 tons of recyclable material has been collected and sent to facilities in Seattle. The money received from these firms has paid for school activities.

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**Cynthia Johnson** of *Tanana* and **Susan (Mandi) Demientieff** of *Barrow*, both freshmen at Sheldon Jackson College, have been accepted to participate in the Alaska Academy for Developing Leaders.

The two students will be joined by other select candidates chosen from high school seniors or college freshmen age 17-21 from Southeast Alaska, based on their potential in academics, service and leadership.

The Academy will first meet in Juneau November 13-16. The chosen students will attend workshops at the University of Alaska Juneau campus on topics of technology and leadership in today's world, led by Dr. Joe Thomas of the Covey Leadership Institute.