

# Gravel's Claims Files for History Gravel Wants Health Services for Region H.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Mike Gravel has offered to make his complete files on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which passed Congress in December, available to historians.

The Alaska Democrat said, "For me this is an important part of the theme I have been pursuing — the public's business should be conducted in a public manner."

Senator Gravel extended his offer in a letter to William Wood,

president of the University of Alaska.

The Senator said there is a chance that important historical elements of the struggle to pass the Claims bill will be lost unless steps are taken to preserve that history.

He said, "It would be a shame for Alaska's posterity to be denied the fullest history possible of so momentous a piece of legislation just because the files of the key participants were destroyed or misplaced and memories became blurred."

Senator Gravel added, "Accordingly, I am prepared to make available to a competent historian or historical society of your choosing, my complete files on the issue—memoranda, letters,

internal analyses and position papers—as one public official who played a role in shaping and gaining passage of the legislation."

The Senator said the Claims bill is generally regarded as the most important legislation for Alaska since the Statehood Act.

Senator Gravel said, "From my vantage point the story has been fascinating and exciting, and I believe all would benefit from as complete a compilation of events leading to passage of the Land Claims bill as a good researcher can record."

"It may be that other public officials and former office holders would want to follow suit in making all of their files available."

## Gravel Wants Health Services for Region H.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Mike Gravel has asked the Indian Health Service to make certain that adequate health facilities and services are available wherever regional high schools are established in Alaska.

The Alaska Democrat said the need for more medical services at Fort Yukon, because of the planned regional high school with boarding facilities there, is the immediate reason for his request.

But he added that the amount of services and facilities at other regional high school sites should be checked too.

In a letter to IHS Director Dr. Emery Johnson, Senator Gravel said, "Fort Yukon has forecast a drastic increase in the demand for medical facilities and

services. It is undeniable that present facilities and services at Fort Yukon will be inadequate to deal with the demands imposed by the regional high school.

"I am reasonably sure this will exist to one degree or another in the other communities in which regional high schools are presently located or scheduled to be constructed."

Senator Gravel said, "I therefore request you to look into the situation at Fort Yukon as soon as possible and to appraise and coordinate the other communities in which regional high schools will be located so that the proper medical facilities and services may be provided to meet this increased demand."

## SHRIMPS

JUNEAU, ALASKA — The Alaska shrimp catch in 1971 exceeded 94 million pounds, following a steady upward trend that started in 1964.

Almost all of the increase over the 1970 catch of 74 million pounds was due to the growth of the Kodiak Island pink shrimp fishery. The number of shrimp processors in Kodiak increased from 4 in 1970 to 8 in 1971.

The 1971 Alaska shrimp catch was valued at \$3.8 million at the dock, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service, a component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Commerce Department.

Most of the increase came from the Marmot Bay region, which is not subject to the 58 million pound annual quota established in April 1971 for the historic inshore shrimp producing areas.

## Mt. Edgecumbe Picks 10 Greatest Basketballers

Two members of the first Mt. Edgecumbe High School basketball in 1948, Archie Cavanaugh and Dundee Atkinson, headed the list billed as Edgecumbe's 10 Greatest Players in the 25 year history of the school.

The announcement came during the 25th Anniversary of the school at a special Founder's Day Program honoring the Class of 1948 which held their reunion at the same time recently.

Cavanaugh, Kake, was the finest long-range shooter in Southeast for many years while Atkinson, Metlakatla, was the best big man the Island campus has had. He had range, size and ruggedness and was an outstanding shooter from anywhere on the floor but his reputation was established as an outstanding boardman.

Joining the two 1948 classmates were Allen Boskofsky, Class of 1967, Ouzinkie, one of the great long-shot specialists; Mel Brown, Class of 1960, Unalakleet, one of the fine hustlers and an outstanding rebounder; Paul White, Class of 1959, Hoonah, perhaps the most polished performer and finest floor man in the 25 year history of the Japonski Island institution.

Brown and White played on

the 1959 championship team and both later starred at the University of Alaska.

Charlie Moses, Class of 1957, Fairbanks, another outstanding long-shot specialist and one of the schools finest ball-handling whiz; Jeff Trenton, Class of 1956, Tyonek, a tremendous scorer from any distance; Milton Willoya, Class of 1955; probably the most consistent of that vintage; Frank White, Class of 1954, Hoonah, one of the fine hustlers with lightning reflexes.

Frank is the brother of Paul White.

The 10th selection was Homer Mills, Class of 1954, Deering. Homer is best remembered as an excellent rebounder with great spring.

Cavanaugh was the only player named on all ballots submitted to the Founder's Day Committee by the board of experts.

The board of experts were oldtimers of the Sitka area which included former players, managers and coaches. Two were radio basketball announcers. None were in anyway associated with Mt. Edgecumbe School.

Cavanaugh, Atkinson, Willoya and Boskofsky were the only ones out of the 10 who did not play with the Sitka ANB at one time or another after high school graduation.

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We sincerely request an additional hearing before your Subcommittee to allow village people who utilize these animals to state their reasons for objecting to the present bills that are pending. I am sure that you would not want to create a severe hardship for these people for whom hunting and fishing is a way of life.

I feel that the Eskimo people should not suffer hardship because economic interests were left unbridled in the past and were allowed to decimate sea mammals without regard for the future. The Native people of Alaska have utilized these mammals for subsistence purposes for generations and passage of the bills would be a severe blow to our culture and economy.

I would appreciate knowing the time of your next hearing on this measure which would adversely affect the people I represent.

Sincerely,

William L. Hensley

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