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New Miss Eskimo Olympics To Enter Miss Universe Contest

The World Eskimo Olympics mathematics and come back to will be represented by Sarah day at 8 p.m.

The event will be held in Herring Auditorium at Lathrop High School where contestants will be judged on poise and personality.

An 18-year old senior at La- excited. throp, Sarah said that she has applied for admission to Stanford University in California, her first choice, and the University of Alaska.

ship in the National Honor So- first runner-up in the 1969 conciety, she wants to major in test.

Alaska to teach-probably in Seeburger in the Miss Fairbanks, Kotzebue, her home. In Fair-Alaska Universe Contest Satur- banks, she is living with her brother Al Adams and his family.

> Practice for the contest Saturday night, began about a month and a half ago, she noted while admitting a week before the big night that she was already quite

Sarah became the 1969 World Eskimo Olympics Queen when Miss Marie Irwin of Nenana, who was selected queen during last summer's Eskimo Olympics, re-Recently selected for member- cently got married. Sarah was



Miss World Eskimo Olympics to enter Miss Universe contest.

D.C. BLM Rewiewing Tanacross Problem

The Bureau of Land Management in Washington has advised Sen. Mike Gravel that it is reviewing the entire Tanacross situation including what was brought out in a December field meeting.

"We will inform you as soon as possible concerning the problems involved with Chief Isaac and the Tanacross Village," the BLM wrote in a letter to Gravel.

Apparently Gravel had written the bureau regarding the selection of lands for the village site of Tanacross and had enclosed correspondence from Chief Andrew Isaac. Isaac is Chief of the United Crow Bands living in Tanacrossa village roughly 150 miles southeast of Fairbanks.

The "problems" referred to

6 Native Men

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Officer Trainees

Six young Alaska National

Guardsmen will leave the state

this week to attend the U.S.

Army's Infantry Officer Candi-

date School at Ft. Benning,

uous eight week course, the men

will return to their homes, and

will assume duties as commis-

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in the letter center on conflicts over past and future leasing of land in the Tanacross area. The Indians thought that their

land was protected by a blanket claim filed in 1950. But when some of their land was later turned over to the state they found that their claim had been

Since the land freeze, the villagers have been told by the Bureau of Land Management to file applications for claims to the land, because, even though the applications are rejected, they will be noted on the file and taken into consideration when a final land settlement is made.

However, since the rejected applications are returned and only a file copy of the rejection kept, the Indians fear that when the settlement comes there will be no description of their land on file.

In December, the Indians met with representatives of the BLM (Continued on page 6)

UYDC Requests Seat in Alaska Legal Services

The Upper Yukon Development Corporation voted last month to request a seat on the Alaska Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors.

In the resolution, the development corporation stated that the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation has the responsibility of providing direction for the program and conveying to the staff of Legal Services the needs of the various areas of

There is currently no one on the board from any of the Interior villages, the board noted.

And as the spokesman for the people of the Interior, the Upper Yukon Development Corporation would like a representative on the board who could speak for

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Public Relations Chief Jim Thomas Asked to Resign by October 15

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By SUSAN TAYLOR Staff Writer

The public relations effort of the Alaska Federation of Natives stands to take on a different tone after March 15.

By that date, the department of public relations will be terminated and the office in the Kaloa Building in

Anchorage once occupied by Public Relations Director Jim Thomas will bear some other label.

Thomas told the Tundra Times that he was notified of the decision the first week of March and shortly thereafter submitted his resignation as director of public relations effective March

According to Al Ketzler, executive director of AFN, "The whole department was abolished because of money problems."

There was nothing personal in the action, Ketzler added, "We are running way behind on our payroll and just had to make a

decision." "We've been leaping from crises to crises, and I'm just determined to stop it. We've got to have our house in shape financially or we are going to col-

lapse." Other AFN leaders agreed with Ketzler in saying that they had to close due to financial reasons.

However, they all noted that the public relations effort will continue, though, in what form they were not certain.

AFN, said that there has been some talk about using consultants for certain concentrated efforts.

Similarly, Ketzler suggested that the organization might contract the service. Such an arrangement will cost a lot less, than a full-time department, he explain-

"We are now regrouping so



JIM THOMAS

we can pursue the Senate bill when it is reported to the floor and the house bill."

Thomas and his staff have spent most of thier time trying to raise support for the AFN (Continued on page 6)

Cracks Down Emil Notti, president of the On Fraudulent **Job Promoters**

The State of Alaska is cracking down on "unscrupulous promoters" offering to sell information on job opportunities in the 49th state, Gov. Keith Miller announced last week.

He emphasized that Alaska already has a sufficient work force to handle all of the jobs that are expected to open in the near future.

He warned workers outside the State that promoters offering to sell job information are dispensing "misleading and sometimes outright fraudulent" material.

"This type of promoter deserves no sympathy. Too many times his victims are those who can least afford a fruitless journey to Alaska in search of nonexisting jobs."

The governor added that the State Labor Department received 3,000 inquiries in January alone with two-thirds of them related to employment opportunities on the North Slope.

The inquiries are from every state in the union and from Germany, England, and the Balkan countries.

T-H Central Council Receives \$80,000 for Fund Planning

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians has received \$80,000 to plan how it will use \$7 million awarded to the Indians by the U.S. Court of Claims as compensation for lands taken from them.

Granted by the Economic Development Administration in Washington, an agency of the Department of Commerce, the money will be used to determine how the judgement funds can be employed "to secure maximum economic and social benefits for the Central Council constituency," according to John Borbridge, president of the council.

The Council serves about 14, 000 constituents in 18 member communities that extend from Oakland, California to Anchorage. It was organized under an act of Congress and is granted congressional authority to develop plans for the use and disposition of the judgment funds.

With the EDA grant, the council will hire a project director, two Tlingit and Haida planning and programming officers and supporting staff.

Among other things, they will undertake a study and analysis of each member community in order to formulate programs for

industrial, commercial, and social development.

Out of the project, Borbridge said, the Central Council also hopes to obtain a structured and staffed planning and programs office which will continue to serve the Tlingit and Haida people.

There will be a continuing need not only to identify and meet changing requirements and opportunities for the institution of such things as new on-the-job and other training programs, but also to train natives as planners, the president said.

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sioned officers in one of the two Scout Battalions of the 197th Two of the men, Vincent T. Beans and Mike Moses are from

Mountain Village. Also attending the officer candidate school are Nicholas V. Long of St. Mary's, Luke a Smith of Bethel; Elmer B. Williams of Mekoryuk; and Tommy A. Obruk of Shismaref.

All the men are assigned to the 2nd Scout Battalion except Obruk, who is a member of the 1st Scout Battalion.