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New Miss Eskimo Olympics To Enter Miss Universe Contest
will be represented by Sarah Seeburger in the Miss Fairbanks, Alaska Universe Contest Satur-
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 will be judged on poise and
personality. personality.
An 18 -year old senior at La-
throp, Sarah said that she has applied for admission to Stanford University in California, her first
choice, and the University of choice, and the University of
Alaska.
Recently selected for member Recently selected for member-
ship in the National Honor So-
mathematics and come back to Alaska to teach-probably in
Kotzebue, her home. In Fairbanks, she is living with her brother Al Adams and his family Practice for the contest Satur day night, began about a month and a half ago, she noted while admitting a week before the big admitting a week before the big night that she was already quite
Sarah
Sarah became the 1969 World Eskimo Olympics Queen when Miss Marie Irwin of Nenana, who was selected queen during last
summer's Eskimo Olympics, resummer's Eskimo Olympics, re-
cently got married. Sarah was cently got married. Sarah was
first runner-up in the 1969 con-

## D.C. BLM Rewiewing

## Tanacross Problem

The Bureau of Land Manage ment 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 Tsaac and the Tanacross Village, the 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 southThe "problems"

## 6Native Men <br> Picked As ANG <br> Officer Trainees

Guardsmen will leave the state this week to attend the U.S Army's Infantry Officer Candi
date School Georgia.
Upon completion of the strenuous eight week course, the men will return to their homes, and will assume duties as commissioned officers in one of the two Scout Battalions of the 197th Infantry.
Two of the men, Vincent $T$ Beans and Mike Moses are from
Mountain Village 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 ist Scout Battalion.
in the letter center on conflicts land in the Tanacross area

The Indians thought that their land was protected by a blanke claim filed in 1950. But when
some of their land was later turned over to the state they found that their claim had been lost.
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 me with representatives of the BLM


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## UYDC Requests

 Seat in Alaska Legal ServicesThe Upper Yukon Develop: ment Corporation voted las 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 re sponsibility of providing direc tion for the program and convey ing to the staff of Legal Services the needs of the various areas of the State.

There is currently no one on the board from any of the Intervillages, the board noted. and as the spokesman for the people of the Interior, the Upper Yukon Development Corporation the board who could speak for

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 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, exec utive 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 collapse.
Other AFN leaders agreed with Ketzler in saying that they had to close due to financial

However, they all noted that the public relations effort will continue, though, in what form they were not certain
Emil Notti, president of the AFN, said that there has been some talk about using consultants
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 explained.
"We are now regrouping so

## 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 constituen cy," 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 Anchor age. It was organized under an act of Congress and is granted congressional authority to de velop plans for the use and dis position of the judgment funds position of the judgment funds. With the EDA grant, the coun cil 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, com
velopment. $\quad$, aid the Central Council also hopes to obtain a structured and staffed planning and prograns office which will programs serve the Tlingit and Haida peo ple.

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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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

## Cracks Down On Fraudulent Job Promoters

ing Sate "unscrupulous pro ing down on unscrupulous promoters" offering to sell information on job opportunities in the 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 warn

the State that promoters offering to sell job information are dispensing "misleading and sometimes outright fraudulent" ma terial.
"This type of promoter deserves no sympathy. Too many times his victims are those who can least afford a fruitless jour ean to Alaska in search of existing 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.

