

Greenland Eskimo Studies Musk Ox Management

Also Attends University of Alaska and Is a Fine Skier

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Cross country skiing and herding musk ox don't have much in common unless you happen to be 17-year-old Larserak Niels Skifte at the University of Alaska Musk Ox Project.

Skiing happens to be one of this Greenland Eskimo student's favorite sports and he is also interested in learning the techniques of musk ox management. Skifte is on a one-year study project at the musk ox farm through arrangements made by the Greenland's Department of Education and the governor of Greenland and the Institute of Northern Agricultural Research.

Skifte is a former cross country skiing champion of Greenland. Occasionally he skis with the university ski team for fun. Musk Ox Project Director John Teal Jr. recalls that recently Skifte took a pair of borrowed skis to ski with the team.

He arrived at the starting point after the other skiers had started their run. Teal said Skifte decided to make the run even though he was late and ended up

passing four of the skiers.

Skifte arrived at the University last Fall to study musk ox husbandry and management and techniques of introducing the musk ox industry to native villagers. He lives at the farm on Yankovich Road but also attends classes in English and photography on campus.

During his stay at the musk ox farm, Skifte is learning the routine of care for the animals including breeding, winter care, calving, and collection of wool known as "qiviut." Skifte said when he returns to Greenland this summer he hopes to continue his studies in education and animal husbandry. He said he also hopes to be able to work in a musk ox project in Greenland which may be established by the institute.

Skifte was selected to make the year-long study in Alaska after he was graduated from high school in 1968. His high school principal discussed the plan of coming to Alaska and helped with arranging his trip here.

Dartmouth College Native Students Form Organization

A new youth organization of Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts was formed on the Dartmouth College campus in Hanover, New Hampshire, on November 30. The organization is to be called the ORGANIZATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS (ONAS).

It's main goals are to improve the standards of education of Native Americans and to encourage them to become actively involved in solving the problems of their people.

The organization was founded by American Indian and Eskimo college and high school students who attend schools on the east coast. There were over fifteen tribes represented at this annual gathering sponsored by the United Scholarship Service of Denver, Colorado.

A few of the tribes represent-

ed were the Navajo from the Southwest, Sioux from the Dakotas, Passamaquoddy from Maine, and the Seneca from New York.

Michael Benson, a Navajo from Shiprock, New Mexico, was elected president of the seven-member ONAS board of directors.

The other six board members are: David Redhorse, Navajo from Farmington, New Mexico; Tim Love, Passamaquoddy from Maine; Duane Bird Bear, Mandan-Hidatsa from Mandaree, N. Dakota; Bruce Glenn, Sioux from Denver, Colorado; Roberta Harvey, Navajo from Santa Fe, New Mexico; Travis Kinsley, Papago from Tucson, Arizona.

Keith Miller, a Sioux from Rapid City, South Dakota, was elected executive director.



GREENLAND ESKIMO—Larserak Niels Skifte, an Eskimo from Greenland, is a student at the University of Alaska. He is also studying the techniques of musk ox management at the Musk Ox Project. Skifte is seen petting a grown musk ox at the Institute of Northern Agricultural

Research experimental musk ox farm near the University of Alaska. Skifte's trip to the university was arranged by the Greenland's Department of Education and Greenland's Governor N.O. Christensen and the INAR. Skifte is 17 years old.

Enoch Tooyak Stars in Athletics, Above Average Student in H. S.

Hartford High School, in Hartford, Connecticut, has among its credits this year a star athlete and scholar.

The young student is 16-year old Enoch Tooyak from Point Hope, Alaska. Enoch, a sophomore at the school, is among five Alaskan Native students attending the high school under the A Better Chance Program (ABC).

At Hartford High, the young Eskimo is somewhat of a celebrity. Enoch, a star football player and hockey player, also is an above average student. He is looking forward to spending his Junior and Senior years at the school and then graduating.

Enoch's classmates are perhaps learning as much from Enoch as he is from Hartford. According to the VALLEY NEWS of Hartford, the young Alaskan has exploded several misconceptions which they had of Eskimo life.

The residents were surprised to learn that Enoch did not live in an igloo, but in a house.

Back in Point Hope, he has one proud set of parents. Enoch is the son of Andrew and Irene Tooyak. He is the grandson of Chester and Helen Sevik. Point Hope is one of six whaling villages.

The others are Barrow, Gambell, Kivalina, Savoonga, and

Wainwright. In Kivalina and Wainwright, the break is further out on the ice, so whaling is not as good as at the other villages.

Young Tooyak returned to Point Hope for Christmas vacation and was one week late in getting back to school because the weather was so cold and windy that airplane service was suspended over much of Northwestern Alaska.

Enoch is attending school through the A Better Chance Program, sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and various communities and colleges across the country.

Boys and girls who apply are screened by the BIA, using recommendations from the schools where they attended.

When they arrive in the state-side community, program enrollees are assigned to a host family which will help them to become part of the community. There, they will attend the local schools until graduation.

Hartford, with Dartmouth University, is the first community to sponsor the ABC students. Dartmouth University has been instrumental in the program.

Before entering the Hartford High School, the students took seven weeks of intensive instruction in English, Mathematics, and Reading at Dartmouth. Courses were designed to prepare the

students for the high school, which has a very high academic rating.

The University has also figured greatly in securing funding for the program. Dartmouth pledged to fund two-thirds of the cost. The University is also providing tutorial services for the ABC enrollees.

Besides Enoch Tooyak, there are four other native Alaskan students at Hartford High School. Five more ABC students are American Indians from tribes ranging from North Dakota to New Mexico.

Home Has Support

Hillcrest Home for Boys has gained some new benefactors, seventy-five of them in fact.

The residents of Nerland Hall at the University of Alaska recently voted unanimously to contribute \$75 to Hillcrest, a Fairbanks social agency housing 11 Alaskan youths ranging in age from 13 to 18.

The college students formerly contributed to an international orphan program, but voted to increase their contribution this year and donate the money to an Alaskan social agency.

Hillcrest Home was established in 1966 to care for Alaskan youths from broken homes. The boys in the home all attend Fairbanks schools.

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