

# Tundra Times Interview

By Marilyn Richards

For an Athabaskan fluent in French, Italy is not that far off. Emily Pitka, a 17 year old high school senior, is a member of the American Field Service. She recently returned from Potenzia Picena, an Italian village of 500, south of Venice to Fairbanks, "sin city of Central Alaska."

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS of the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

As required by AS 44.62.250, notice is hereby given that the State Board of Education has adopted emergency regulations in Title IV of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with the Alaska School Activities Association. The regulations, which took effect on October 28, 1976, are summarized as follows:

1. 4AAC 06.110 is repealed.
2. A new section, 4AAC 06.120 is adopted which provides for the adoption by reference of the constitution and bylaws of the Alaska School Activities Association as the applicable rules for the administration and control of interscholastic activities in Alaska and for eligibility for participation in those activities.

Notice is also given that the State Board of Education proposes to adopt these regulations as permanent regulations pursuant to the procedures set out in AS 44.62, the Administrative Procedure Act. Copies of the proposed regulations and the constitution and by laws of the Alaska School Activities Association may be obtained by writing to:

Alaska School Activities Association  
Department of Education  
650 International Airport Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

or:

Commissioner's Office  
Department of Education  
Pouch F  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Comments on the proposed regulations and constitution and by-laws may be submitted, in writing, to either of the above addresses. Comments may also be submitted, orally or in writing, at the following scheduled hearings on the regulations:

1. November 15, 1976  
Ryan Junior High School  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Time: 7:30 p.m.
2. November 16, 1976  
Kotzebue High School  
Kotzebue, Alaska  
Time: 7:30 p.m.
3. November 18, 1976  
Anchorage School District Offices  
3600 DeBarr Road  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Time: 7:30 p.m.
4. November 22, 1976  
Alaska Department of Education  
Offices  
6th Floor, New State Office  
Building  
Juneau, Alaska  
Time: 2:30 p.m.

The State Board of Education, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested person, may, at its December 3, 1976, meeting in Ketchikan, Alaska or thereafter, adopt the proposals substantially as described above without further notice or may decide to take no action on them.

For the State Board of Education,  
Juneau, Alaska

Date: October 28, 1976

Marshall L. Lind  
Commissioner of Education

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The daughter of Eliza Pitka, and Sam Pitka, Sr., is the third youngest of ten children. She left her family for the Meriggi's. The AFS host Italian family included four children: Paola, 15; Stefano, 14; Oriana, 12; and Luisa, 4 and an overbearing stereotyped Italian grandmother.

The differences between the Native Alaskan and the authentic Roman Catholics were quite unique and an experience for both.

"If you were interested in basketball they (the New York AFS headquarters) wouldn't put you in a sports oriented family. They wanted you to experience another life" explains Emily.

Meriggi is the proprietor of a tobacco store, and also owns a store, like Co-Op where they sell everything. A general store with perfumes, magazines and that stuff," adds Emily. "I wanted to work in one of them, but he would not let me. I didn't know the lire (Italian currency) and I couldn't understand the language."

The Meriggi family could not understand English, either, though Paola did a little. Emily has a special friend she still corresponds with named Anna Paola, who went to a language school and could understand Emily and share their mutual problems with.

### LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work on Project F-RF-031(13), Seward Highway, Mile Post 54.5 described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, December 9, 1976 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project will consist of grading, drainage and surfacing on 0.44 mile of roadway.

Principal items of work consist of the following: Maintenance and construction of traffic detour, lump sum, all required; clearing and grubbing, 4 acres; unclassified excavation, 85,700 cubic yards; borrow, 10,300 cubic yards; crushed aggregate base

"D", 2,100 cubic yards; CRS-2 emulsified asphalt, 49 tons; cover coat material, grading "B" and "E", 324 tons; class W concrete, 6 cubic yards; 96" structural plate pipe, 222 linear feet; 24" pipe conduit, 244 linear feet; beam type guardrail, 1,125 linear feet; riprap, Class II, 40 tons; and 26 square feet of standard signs.

All work shall be completed in 120 Calendar days.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the "Federal Highway Administration", the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

"Bidders must submit certifications stating whether or not they intend to subcontract a portion of the work and, if so, that they have taken affirmative action to seek out and consider minority business enterprises as potential subcontractors. Each bidder intending to sublet part of the contract work shall make contact with potential minority business enterprise subcontractors to affirmatively solicit their interest, capability, and prices, and shall document the results of such contacts. A bidder's failure to submit this certification or submission of a false certification shall render his bid non-responsive."

Certification form (14-60) and a Directory of Minority Business Enterprises will be included with the bidding documents.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Road Design Engineer, P. O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99802 at a charge of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each assembly. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: State of Alaska, Department of Highways. Plans may be examined at Department of Highway Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

H. D. Scougal  
Commissioner of Highways

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"How are you going to keep her down on the farm, after she's seen Paris?" Emily Pitka, a Fairbanks high school senior, is a member of the American Field Service. She was an exchange student and lived in and toured Europe and Italy this summer.

—Nelson's Studio

"They don't eat breakfasts. We had tea and bread in the morning. I once boiled an egg and the grandmother got hysterical because I cooked. She usually did everything. I was hungry because lunch was at 2 or 3. They thought I was strange," says Emily.

"I liked the food though. I gained twenty pounds! I asked them about pizzas and they tried to teach me. I like pasta but it's too starchy. We ate it everyday and I'd get sick. It is good but not for everyday," says Emily. Italian food is quite a contrast from her favorite Native foods: salmon strips and moose.

Emily and friends on terrace in Italy. Emily is the second from left.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Alaska State Professional teaching practices commission, pursuant to the Alaska State Administrative Procedure Act, is submitting to public hearing, written and oral testimony, the content of the P.T.P.C.'s proposed code of professional teaching standards as intended for formal adoption by the P.T.P.C.

The proposed code of standards consists of the introductory paragraph from each of the four principles of the P.T.P.C.'s current code of ethics and an additional fifth standard which professional performance of educators.

Copies of the proposed P.T.P.C. code of professional teaching standards can be acquired by requesting such from the office of the P.T.P.C., 650 International Airport Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.

Written public testimony will be received by the P.T.P.C. until January 7, 1977. Such testimony should be sent to the P.T.P.C. at the address mentioned above.

Public hearings on the proposed code of standards will be held as follows:

JUNEAU—Monday, December 6, 1976, Juneau/Douglas High School Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

ANCHORAGE—Tuesday, December 7, 1976, Anchorage School District School Board Room, 4600 DeBarr Road, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

FAIRBANKS—Wednesday, December 8, 1976, Lathrop High School Choral Room, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

American High School Students." She is on the girls' basketball team, the "Female-mutes," a name incidentally coined by this writer who was then sports editor of the high school paper. Charlotte Adams, of Beaver, is her grandmother. "She is 74 years old and still runs around like she's 25," says Emily's aunt Virginia Sweetser.

Emily Pitka Wants to be a pediatrician but still has a lot of time to decide her future. She is considering on attending Chapman College in Orange County, CA or the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Right now, besides her part time job at a local bank, she is interested in "having fun, enjoying herself and learning."

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This project will consist of grading, drainage, hot asphalt pavement, and construction of two (2) composite steel and concrete bridges across the Lowe River, near Valdez, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 2.8 acres of clearing and grubbing; 208,000 cubic yards of unclassified excavation; 12,400 square yards of pre-splitting and 5,140 square yards of cushion blasting; 3,800 tons of aggregate base; 2,000 cubic yards of subbase and 1,000 tons of hot asphalt pavement; 66 tons of AC-5 asphalt cement; 1,560 linear feet of beam type guard rail; 7,000 cubic yards of class III riprap; 690 cubic yards of class I excavation, approximately 630 cubic yards of class A concrete, 564 cubic yards of class AA concrete; 273,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, 411,000 pounds of A572 structural steel, and 209,000 pounds of structural steel, except A572, lump sum, all required; 178 cubic yards of class 5 concrete; 170 linear feet of HP 10x57 and 720 linear feet of HP 12x74 structural steel piles, furnished; 47 structural steel piles, driven; 1,533 linear feet of metal bridge railing; 360 linear feet of pre-stressed rock bolts; and miscellaneous items of work.

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