

Emily Ivanoff Brown and Elmer Ballot

Foxfire interviews senior Native

FAIRBANKS--A group of Alaskan students have contributed to a book recently edited and published by Eliot Wigginton, editor of the famous Foxfire books.

The volume, released this fall by Anchor Press/Doubleday, is titled "I Wish I Could Give My Son a Wild Raccoon."

It is a collection of narrative interviews. Many of the interviews were conducted by students who talked with colorful "characters" throughout the country.

One such interview is with Emily Ivanoff Brown, a 71-year old Eskimo teacher and student at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The other interview is with Elmer Ballot, a 63-year old life-long resident of the village of Selawik and member of the Selawik City Council.

Brown's is the first of 39 chapters in the book.

The interview from which the chapter was taken was conducted by students from Ketchikan, Craig, Bethel, and Anchorage. It was part of their course work under Wigginton while he was in Fairbanks.

The chapter is titled "And His Name Is Silam Inua." In it she recounts Eskimo legends from her childhood.

Part of the narrative deals with Eskimo taboos and how they governed and ordered the lives of her people.

She also talks about the destruction of parts of the Eskimo culture.

"And it all happened because the U. S. Government gave an order back in 1912 to establish schools and here and tell teachers in Alaska that the native language should not be spoken by native people. They wanted us to become civilized as fast as they could go with us. They didn't realize the mistake that they were making."

Brown taught in bush schools when she was younger, returned to the university at Fairbanks where she earned first her bachelor's degree in 1964 and then her Master's in 1973.

She says in the interview it took "bulldog tenacity. When the bulldog bites, he doesn't let go. And so when you bite education, don't let go."

The second to the last story in the book is entitled "He Started to Stab the Pland with His Knife."

The interview was conducted by students at the Sealik High School. In a brief introduction they write, "Elmer (Ballot) came to school and talked to us in Eskimo about the Eskimos' first contact with white men in Selawik. We translated it into

English for this book."

Ballot tells of his early childhood and the first time anyone in his village got drunk. He recounts the story of himself and a group of other youngsters and how they stole a quantity of home brew from a local resident.

He says, "When a person drinks or steals, his life is short. He dies early or feels ashamed of himself. When you are young and steal, it may not bother you but when old age comes it will bother you a lot."

He also told of the first plane that ever landed in the village of Kotzebue: "One of the Kotzebue men took out his knife, and before anyone could stop him, he started to stab the plane with his knife...because he wanted to see how thick the wings were."

Construction to begin on Sitka hotel

The name of the new \$4 million, 100-room luxury food and lodging facility to be built in Sitka, Alaska, will be "Shee Atika Lodge", it was jointly announced today by Shee Atika Hotels, Inc. of Sitka and the Village Green Corp. of Cottage Grove, Oregon, who will manage the property.

Ground breaking for the lodge has been set for mid-January, with tentative opening in April of 1978. Lovegren-Loveland & Associates, architects of Seattle, have designed a split-level structure using wood building materials to the maximum.

The lodge will rise two stories on Lincoln Street, and four on Seward. The location is opposite the Crescent Harbor marina.

Plans also call for rustic woods to set the motif of the interior, whose design and furnishings will be executed by Terry, Egan & Associates, Seattle.

"Shee Atika" was the original Tlingit name from which Sitka was anglicized. Its meaning was "settlement on the outside (of the islands) next to the White Volcano Woman (Mt. Edgecumbe)."

The Village Green Corp. also manages the Village Green resort motor hotel in Cottage Grove, The Valley River Inn at Eugene, and the Embarcadero at Newport, Oregon's only coastal marina-resort.

Kit Jensen appointed KUAC manager

FAIRBANKS--Fairbanks' public radio station, KUAC-FM, has a new manager and program director.

Kathryn Jensen was recently appointed to the position by Don Upham, general manager of KUAC radio and television. She replaced David Geesin who is becoming the program director at the television station.

Jensen, the second woman manager of the station, began working for KUAC in 1972 while a student at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. "I wrote continuity and promotion for both radio and television," she explained.

Still a student, she moved into a production assistant position. Jensen provided much of the research for the historical documentary television series "Fairbanks: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Upon graduation from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Jensen became traffic and operations assistant. That job entailed preparing all the daily material for broadcast as well as overseeing statewide distribution of some of KUAC's taped programs.

With a degree in anthropology, Jensen obviously wasn't planning on a career in broadcasting. She said she took the first KUAC job because it was relatively well-paid for a student job. She stayed because "The station has a really good attitude toward students. They want to involve as many students as possible and give them training and as much responsibility as they can handle."

As the radio station manager, Jensen plans to continue that tradition as well as the

tradition of providing alternative programming to the Fairbanks area.

She said about 50 per cent of KUAC's music programming is classical music.

Historic sites law changed

Russell W. Cahill, State Historic Preservation Officer, reported today that a 1976 amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act extends protection from adverse federal action to historic sites regardless of their status. In the past, properties important in local, state or national history have been given this protection only when entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Register is the nation's catalog of culturally significant districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects. Locations and things, when entered in the National Register, become basically eligible for federal matching grants for preservation and restoration, and, before passage of the new law, have been the only places considered as historically valuable when new federal projects are planned. As a result of the amendment which became effective in September of this year, review of the impact of federal action will be extended to places eligible for the National Register, whether or not they have been nominated to the list or entered into it.

Natives eligible for masters in health

The Master of Public Health Program for Native Americans is a graduate school program for Indian students who are interested in pursuing a career in public health. The program was started in 1971 and, to date, some 83 students representing 38 tribal groups and 23 states have been enrolled in the program. Of these students, 52 have graduated and almost all are employed in some aspect of Indian health. Three of the graduates have entered medical school. Twenty-five students are still enrolled and working towards their degrees.

The program offers training in such areas of specialization as hospital administration, health administration and planning, laboratory sciences and health education. In addition, a new masters degree program has been developed to train Native American graduate students in the area of alcohol and substance abuse.

The MPH program is offered at the University of California, Berkeley, although students are sponsored at other Schools of Public Health around the country. Nineteen of the 83 students have received their training in the Schools of Public Health at the Universities of Minnesota, Texas, North Carolina, Michigan, Washington, U. C. Los Angeles,

Loma Linda and Tulane.

The training program lasts from 12 to 24 months, depending upon the specialization chosen by the students. From three to six months of the program are spent in a field placement, the remainder in the school environment.

Students are provided with tuition, travel, and a stipend to cover living expenses. A Bachelor's degree and a sincere interest in working with Native Americans are major requirements, although some experience or knowledge of the health field is preferred.

The program is presently recruiting students for the 1977/78 school year for the Master of Public Health or Doctoral program, and would welcome any questions or concerns regarding the program or application procedure. Applications should be received by February 1, 1977 to be considered for the fall quarter.

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Hammond makes board appointments

Governor Jay Hammond has appointed the following ten Alaskans to positions on State occupational control and licensing boards:

—ALASKA KING CRAB MARKETING AND CONTROL BOARD:

Tom Libby of Kodiak

—BRISTOL BAY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:

Moses Kritz of Togiak
Dan O'Hara of Naknek

—ALASKA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION:

Helen Berine of Anchorage
Frank Austin of Anchorage

—POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION:

Blanche Walters of Nome

—CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS COMMISSION:

Barbara Bowns of Juneau

—BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY:

Dr. Timothy McLaughlin of Sitka

—BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS:

Dr. Berton A. Gore, DVM of Palmer

—ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL:

Herbert W. Leffeldt of Valdez

—ALASKA STATE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY BOARD:

Myrna McDougal of Juneau
Margaret Baker of Nome

Wien Air has Eski-Bair

Meet Eski-Bair. This friendly bear, designed and drawn by Cynthia Pendleton of Anchorage, will soon be a familiar figure throughout Alaska. He's the featured character in a new coloring book developed by Wien Air Alaska for their younger passengers.

Mrs. Pendleton worked closely with Wien's Fleet Service Supervisor, Carol Denton, and with the airline's flight attendants to develop a book that was informative, easy to read and easy to handle on board the aircraft. The size of the book (7" X 8 1/2") was chosen in order for the book to fit easily on the tray tables of Wien Air Alaska's 737's.

Included in the coloring book are drawings about safety features and airline operations. Also included are a word game and a puzzle page.

The book will be available for Wien's young passengers from the flight attendants on any Wien Air Alaska flight.

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Wien plane.

The bright sunny alpine meadows, set among blue icy peaks of the Brooks Range, framed by an azure blue sky, represents Arc mankind's last pristine primitive uncontaminated area on the Earth. The tangy Arctic air is refreshing to breathe, and the pure ice water delicious to drink. The silence of the bush is broken only by the wind, the crack of ice, bubbling water, and the swish of a zooming flock of Ptarmigan.

Governor Hammond, shall you and I allow the commercialization and destruction of the last clean, pure, uncontaminated and beautiful wilderness on the Earth? Does a guide need two million acres private EGA? In the Arctic Wildlife Refuge Area? Were the Natives in Kaktovik, Barrow and Kotzebue consulted and offered private EGA? Or were they ignored like Art Fields?

Big honcho ADFG should get off his chair in Juneau, ascertain the facts, and that the feds again need to evaluate our failures and assist us in Alaska.

With my best wishes to you, all Alaskans, and all Americans.

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