

*"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire*

# Tundra Times



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## TT editorial staff to change

October will mark the beginning of a new editorial staff at the Tundra Times. I have submitted my resignation of the position of acting editor and will be continuing my education at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. I don't feel that I would be able to edit and manage the Tundra Times in the same capacity as in the past and continue as a full time student at the University.

Chris Anderson as Executive Vice-President of the Tundra Times Board of Directors will be making the new appointment for the position of editor along with the advice and consent of the other Board members. I trust that they will act in the best interest of the future of the paper and choose someone who seeks a long term employment with the Tundra Times.

This paper, as in the past plays an important part in the life of Alaskans and should continue to be the voice of the Native people of Alaska. Through its circulation it communicates the needs and desires of a vast amount of people. In the past the Tundra Times has had the reputation of shaking the halls of the White House and letting the government back in Washington D.C. know that Alaska Native population's concerns should be taken seriously.

My deepest concern for the future stems from the problem of proper management of the paper. I have high hopes that the Tundra Times will continue to operate as the voice of the Native people with the best interest of all Alaska's Native people in mind.

I leave with many mixed feelings about what is happening in Alaska through land claims efforts and big business. It seems to me that instead of fighting for a common goal the corporations have started fighting amongst themselves. There is presently a dispute between Arctic Slope and the other corporations over section 7(i) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act because Arctic Slope has not shared profits with the other corporations. If the Native population can not trust its own people who can they trust?

I have little respect for most of our Native leaders. It seems to me that they have learned the ways of the politicians and other government agents well, and have followed close in the footsteps of the corruption and blundering of their white predecessors. They should not be so greedy in their quest for power, and not be so quick to shout discrimination whenever it is convenient to do so. Think of your people and their future and build a life for them that you can be proud of.

-SG

## MS Society seeks donations

May 1976

Tundra Times,  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Gentlemen:

It's really all a matter of hope—hope that someday the disease will be destroyed rather than the people it strikes.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a crippler of young adults, those strong and vital idealists who are our only gift to tomorrow. We who have never been touched by this mysterious disease cannot fully understand the urgency of

cure; but those victims whose physical impairment leaves them virtually helpless know the need for such discovery. Where we have health, they have only hope.

The Alaska Chapter provides services for patients and their families throughout the State. The need for services in the past year has increased by 200%. The Alaska Chapter now serves over 240 patients and families with information and referral, equipment loan, transportation, recreational and therapeutic programs, counseling and other services determined by individual need.

Research can find the cure, but that requires time, and our financial support. We would urge you to fight this crippler with your contributions. BE GENEROUS. There are many who depend on your gifts. And

for them, it is all a matter of hope.

Sincerely,  
Don Divens  
Chairman  
Alaska Chapter, National  
Multiple Sclerosis Society

## Nels Anderson write-in campaign

September 10, 1976

Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Editor:

We learned with dismay, that your legislator Nels Anderson, did not win a place on the ballot in the up-coming general election.

We feel that he performed very well in Juneau and as Chairman of the powerful Resources Committee, listened fairly to the people regarding our views against a Marine Sanctuary being established in this area (Kachemak Bay).

We really need this type of man down there—even though we each elect our own representatives, when they are in Juneau, their actions and the laws they make govern us all.

We can't vote for Nels Anderson, but we hope when you go to vote, you'll write in his name, and do us all a favor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Crawford  
Darlene Crawford  
Box 207  
Seldovia, Alaska 99663

## Self-determination discussed

Hooper Bay, Alaska  
September 13, 1976

Honorable Mike Gravel  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Gravel:

Self-Determination Act recognizes "Alaskan Villages" listed with Alaska Native Settlement Act as tribes. AVCP is an association organized primarily to deal with Alaska Native Land Claims Act and listed under the code of Federal regulations (85 Stat. 688-716). I understand Bethel agency of BIA and Juneau Area Director have testified otherwise.

If this becomes another Federal merry-go-round with the bureaucratic riders flashing deus ex-machina definitions and downright opposing the Act itself, how do you expect Self-Determination Act to be a success?

Actual contracting with BIA have been a horrifying experience even the best of CPAs and computers doing their thing.

I request that JOM cost-reimbursable system not be used in the future BIA contracts. Most of the regional organizations have gone under due to they system.

Closing this letter with the hope all those responsible to implement the Act reassure themselves upon the intend of the Act.

Sincerely,

RJ Murrin, Chairman  
YUPIKTAK BISTA, INC.

## Eben Hopson supporter voices concern

9-16-76

Dear Editor,

I'm writing you this letter regarding the up coming election, between Eben Hopson and Don Young.

I can't understand why Don Young say, he's fighting for Alaska, when he's all for opening

the haul road to the public. Look at all these organizations opposing it, they just want to push it through before half of the people have a say so on the issue.

I believe that we should listen to both sides and then come up with a solution that will satisfy everyone. I know that Eben Hopson will be a better and more sufficient fighter for Alaska not just because he's a native, but because he's been born and raised in this state, he knows and understand the peoples needs much better than his incumbent.

Isn't it about time we got a real Alaskan up there fighting for the betterment of the state and it's people living here.

I sure hope the people of the state of Alaska would give this upcoming election, between Eben Hopson and Don Young, some time and thought, and pick the REAL ALASKAN.

G. R.  
5-Mile Camp/H.C. Price  
Alyeska Pipeline

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