

Coaches Men Basketballers—

Indian Lady Basketball Coach Loves Winning

The manager of one of Southeast Alaska's toughest men's basketball teams is a woman, Mrs. Diann L. Nelson of Juneau.

Mrs. Nelson heads the two year old Alaskan Native Sisterhood team, making her the only woman manager of a men's team in the state.

The men compete against an Alaskan Native Brotherhood team in Juneau as well as teams from Barrow, Hoonah, Angoon, Haines, Petersburg, Skagway and Wrangell. They will compete with Sitka and Kotzebue at the Fur Rendezvous in Anchorage this week.

Diann Nelson headed the Alaska Native Sisterhood fund drive in 1969 which made the team possible. Shortly after, the Sisterhood team won the Southeast Alaska Gold Medal Tournament in the B bracket their first year out, beating teams who had been together as long as 20 years.

The players sometimes are called "sisties" or "sissies" due to their sponsorship by the sisterhood and woman manager, but Mrs. Nelson thinks this may make them more aggressive. She herself says some of her male counterparts find her "overbear-

ing" and "too aggressive" for a woman.

Mrs. Nelson, who is half-Haida, claims she has Southeast Alaska's three fastest guards as the core of her team. Willie Peiatai, Kenny Ceasar and Gordon "Judo" Jackson have all played college ball.

Outside basketball, Mrs. Nelson is an administrative assistant to Rep. Gene Miller, D-Fairbanks, majority leader of the State House of Representatives. She is the wife of Carl Nelson,

president of the Juneau camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Her husband is a data processor for the State Department of Administration. Chairman of the local Tlingit-Haida Community Council and was one of the first two natives elected to the Juneau City Council in 1969.

Mrs. Nelson graduated from Mt. Edgumbe High School and attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas.

Specking: Polish Ecological Image

"If Alaska is to move forward with any of its various plans for industrial and economic development without continuing to be stopped cold in its economic endeavors by the varied national conservation organizations it is necessary that steps be taken to polish our ecological image," according to State Representative Keith Specking of Hope, Alaska.

In a policy statement to Governor Egan, distributed to legislators and news media, Specking calls for a concern for the "esthetics" of Alaskan Fish and Game policies.

"The Department of Fish and Game as well as the Board (Alaska Board of Fish and Game) have used cold biological criteria in their management programs with little or no regard or sensitivity to the public at large."

It is this area, he says, which should be Alaska's "show window" to the outside that Alaskans are capable of sound ecological management.

"Above all they (outsiders) see no Alaskan policy of concern about the aesthetics involved in the extremely permissive and liberal Alaska game and guiding regulations." Outside conservationists, he says, look in horror at authorized use of aircraft, snow machines and swamp buggies in chase and pursuit of animals.

"Alaskans often express contempt for 'outside interference'" he said. This interference has effectively blocked the pipeline project and the Berner's Bay pulp mill project.

If, he says, Alaskans convince

the public of their aesthetic management of game resources, "perhaps in this manner we can expect the public to place more confidence in our ability to manage other resources."

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she considers a gift from God. She has channeled them into the various humanitarian activities she has been involved in. Today, her primary work is with the children's foundation she founded.

In 1969, a new book entitled, "My Life and Prophecies," by Jeane Dixon and Rene Noorbergen appeared on the market, to join her biography in popularity and readership.

The Alaska Federation of Natives is expected to hold its annual convention in Fairbanks around the October 9 banquet date. Many AFN leaders will attend the feast.

Governor William A. Egan will be invited as well as the Alaska Congressional delegation, state legislators and many other prominent people of Alaska—and many ordinary folks as well, according to Tundra Times editor Howard Rock.

Tickets for this year's banquet are expected to be the same as last year—\$25 per couple and \$15 single. A final decision on this will be made at the March 5 board meeting.

Reindeer meat, about 250 pounds of it, has already been lined up with Thomas Johnson of the Northwest Reindeer Processing Company of Nome. The

board will work to get Alaska salmon and Alaska King crab for the rest of the banquet menu.

Dress for the banquet will be semi-formal.

The 1970 Tundra Times banquet, at which Washington columnist Jack Anderson spoke, raised over \$3,000 for the continued operation of the Tundra Times. Mr. Anderson is a friend of Jeane Dixon and helped persuade her to appear this year.

Mrs. Dixon, who was born Jeane Pinckert in Medford, Wisconsin, is the wife of James Dixon, a former automobile dealer from her home town who volunteered his services to the U.S. government during World War II. They moved to Washington during the war to operate an extensive real estate business, which is still in operation.

Jeane Dixon first came into public view in the fall of 1944 when several of her articles containing predictions found their way into the Washington newspapers. In 1952, her predictions became prominent in a syndicated column by Mrs. Ruth Montgomery, who published a biography of her in 1965.

She is perhaps best known for her prediction of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 as well as her other predictions of political events.

Mrs. Dixon plans to travel to Fairbanks accompanied by her secretary for the banquet.

AFN Attorney ...

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firm with which Clark is associated (Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkin, Wharton, and Garrison) expressed amazement that such an allegation had been advanced.

A number of the principals involved in the effort to resolve the Alaska Native land claims feared that the former Attorney General had been unjustly accused.

Tlingit and Haida attorney I.S. Weissbrodt, a well respected lawyer noted for his experience in Indian claims, expressed concern that Clark's professional ethics had been wrongly questioned.

"Mr. Clark has observed the canons of ethics. I have never seen any sign that he has acted against the wishes of his clients. He is a decided asset to the Alaska Natives," stated Weissbrodt.

The originators of the charge against Clark, contacted this week by the Tundra Times, admitted that perhaps there was little foundation for the allegation.

They indicated that, while they feel Clark may have private feelings about seeking 10 million acres as opposed to the 60 million acre figure, the former Attorney General has not actively lobbied against the wishes of his clients.

people whose land and subsistence was being damaged.

The ASNA will suggest to the Interior Department at its hearings on environmental influences that the oil companies be required, in cases of oil spills, to pay an indemnity of \$15 per gallon to the Native people.

Land is, of course, the crux of the issue. Upicksoun has harsh words for AFN leaders who could only obtain surface rights to 500,000 acres of land in a Senate bill last year.

"Getting us that land in that form was a fraud," he explained. "The AFN didn't get us ownership."

Ramsey Clark, he thought, was too busy as a lawyer to have much time to work for the AFN.

"He has other commitments," Upicksoun said. He himself went to Washington last spring to press for a land claims settlement which would preserve their land for his people.

"I was one angry Eskimo," he described himself cornering Senators and Representatives in all places looking for support on the land claims issue.

One proposal which will give the Arctic Slope greater power over its own affairs is their petition to form a First Class Borough—a plan which could become a reality within six months.

"The petition should be complete," Upicksoun told the Tundra Times when he stopped in Fairbanks. Twenty-five per cent of the voters in the area, which covers the entire North Slope, must sign a petition for a first class borough.

It now goes to the Local Affairs Agency which must start the process of hearings, investigations and report to the Local Boundary Commission. If all goes on schedule, the North Slope Borough could be a reality by summer.

Robert Dupere and Associates, the government consulting firm ASNA employed to prepare the incorporation proposal, is now working on a charter for the new borough.

Upicksoun expects his main opposition to a North Slope Borough to come from the city of Fairbanks. Legislative action could ease the way for the new Borough, or could block it.

"I'm prepared to buck them hard," Upicksoun said forcefully. "We'll use their own laws. Fairbanks has their eyes on the North Slope area too."

He expects to give strong testimony at any legislative or state hearings.

In past months, Upicksoun has made innumerable trips away from Barrow—to Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Seattle and Washington D.C.

"I'm getting homesick," he said as he stopped in Fairbanks for a day on his way to Barrow after two weeks in Washington D.C. and Seattle. He postponed his return home to obtain a copy of the land claims bill

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Congressman Wayne Aspinall introduced in the House last week.

"They're still stuck on that 160 acres," he complained after reading the bill. Upicksoun believes surface or subsistence rights to land are actually, if not totally, worthless.

He left further comment till after he had studied the bill more closely. In a few days, he must leave Barrow again for Fairbanks, the jet age schedule belying comments made by drafters of the Senate bill about "unsophisticated people."

In Washington, meetings of agency and Alaska representatives last week began to pave the way for Federal funding for the planned Barrow Air Terminal.

Joe Upicksoun represented Barrow at these meetings, discussing proposals with Alaskan Senators Stevens and Gravel, Congressman Begich, BIA officials of the Economic Development Administration and Small Business Administration.

Barrow seeks a grant for the air terminal from the EDA Indian Desk. To obtain one, it must first be classified as an "Indian reservation" for grant purposes.

There are only seven recognized reservations in Alaska, but many officials propose designating all of rural Alaska as a reservation for eligibility purposes.

A series of planning and pre-proposal meetings must precede any decision on the possible \$2½ million Barrow could get in grant and loan monies.

Upicksoun also commented on prospective staff changes in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, changes which will greatly affect the development of his area.

"ASNA believes the Alaska Area Director should have had at least two years experience in the Arctic Slope region. That's where the activities are going to be and it's hard to communicate with someone without that experience."

"We feel any problems that come up south of the Arctic Slope region are common, routine."

Barrow, he believes, is now large enough to have its own BIA subagency. In the meantime, present Fairbanks Field Administrator Wallace Craig expects an imminent transfer, leaving the Fairbanks agency job open.

"Wally Craig as Field Administrator has rare qualifications," Upicksoun commented on Craig's close knowledge of the doings in the Northern part of his huge territory.

The Fairbanks Agency Native Board will make recommendations on any replacement, to be endorsed by the ASNA and Tanana Chiefs.

A few tentative suggestions have been heard, Upicksoun said, that the local Native groups might seek to contract the Fairbanks agency job. If any decision is to be made, it must be made soon.

Harris-Kennedy Bill ...

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it is being handled is an affront to Senator Jackson (Senator Henry Jackson of Washington) who is a friend of ours and is working to get the most generous land claims bill possible through the Senate."

Senator Jackson is chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Stevens suspected the way this bill was introduced, without consultation with Senator Jackson or the Alaskan Senators, was prompted by presidential politics, with both Harris and McGovern potential 1972 nominees.

Senator McGovern has already announced his candidacy and Senator Harris, he noted, is not a member of the Senate Interior Committee and thus not in a position to obtain what AFN seeks to accomplish.

"Since I've been in Alaska, I've had calls from AFN leaders urging me to join with Senator Harris." He was not approached, however, he said, while he was in Washington and had not seen any Harris bill prior to his departure for Alaska last week.

Stevens thought the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Wayne Aspinall, chairman of the House Interior Committee, was a "clear total proposal" for a fair settlement.

"I think differences between the House and Senate bills can be settled," he told the press. "It is certainly within the realm

of reasonable settlements."

Stevens said that the provision of subsistence use permits for land was similar to what the Senate started with in its first land claims bill two years ago.

From there, it progressed to fee title to 10 million acres of land, a bill which will return for hearings before the Senate Interior Committee on Feb. 17.

The Alaskan Senator said he would not support anything which would jeopardize his position on the important House-Senate Conference Committee which would be set up to reconcile differences between House and Senate bills on land claims.

"It is possible for a member (of the reporting committee) not to be assigned to the Conference committee if they feel he does not represent the consensus."

Probably, he said, there will be three Alaskans out of the ten members on the Conference Committee, composed of two senior members from the House and Senate Interior committees and two majority and one minority representative of the consensus opinion.

Stevens came to Alaska Thursday to accompany Governor John Love of Colorado who was the featured speaker at dinners in Anchorage and Fairbanks honoring the birth of President Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president.