

Educational decisions

By MARILYN RICHARDS

Today's young people have many decisions to make about their education.

Is college and the old sheepskin really that important as compared to experience? Should students remain in Alaska and pursue careers, retain their inherited lifestyles, or go Outside for a "quality" education?

What about the advantages and disadvantages of vocational or technological educations?

Matthew Nicholi has one helluva decision to make.

Nicholi, a 22 year old from Kwethluk, has attended the University of Alaska/Fairbanks the last three years majoring in political science and economics.

In his senior year in high school he attended a special program enabling him to enroll in courses at the University of Oregon at Eugene. In his junior year in college he was an exchange student at Westfield college in Massachusetts.

Presently the young Native is head of the communications department of Calista, Corp. in Anchorage. He is also enrolled in a correspondence study program with George Washington University, Willie Hensley's alma mater. Nicholi expects to graduate June 1 from George Washington.

The talented and articulate young man has several difficult choices to make. He has been accepted at Harvard, Yale and George Washington Schools of Law. He has also been offered a Shell Oil scholarship to study petroleum engineering at Stanford.

"My uncle is a lawyer so there's a little pressure on that side," Nicholi admitted. "And Yale is probably out because it's pretty expensive."

And Calista, which Nicholi is enrolled in and employed by, has an oil exploration agreement and scholarship program with Shell Oil. A Native expert and specialist in petroleum would be almost as valuable a resource as the product itself.

Nicholi, who possesses an infectious grin comments, "you can write the story but don't use my name. Oh, all right." After all, some people don't even have choices.

Burning permits required from May 1 to Sept. 30

If you plan to do any burning of trash during your annual spring clean-up, you need to be aware of Alaskan laws governing open burning.

Beginning May 1 through September 30, burning permits are required for all open fire, excluding cooking, signaling and warming fires.

The law, Alaska Statute Chapter 92, Article 1, Section 10, was passed by the State Legislature in 1972 in an attempt to decrease the number of man-caused wildfires and the resultant high cost of suppression.

Open burning is permissible by obtaining a burning permit and by meeting certain safety criteria to prevent the spread of the fire. Within the city of Fairbanks, permits may be obtained by calling the Borough Environmental Protection Office, 456-7244. Outside the city, call the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 479-2243.

Betsy Gelvin, 22 of Central, faces a different kind of decision. Gelvin attended the UA/Fairbanks, Schiller College in Berlin, and graduated last year with a B.S. in psychology and German from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Gelvin recently joined the Culinary Union in Fairbanks. To get out on the pipeline on that union's "B" list, she is currently working as a dishwasher at a local hotel. She needs 200 hours to make the list.

"I want to work to make money to help repay loans and to further finance my education," she explains. Gelvin has been accepted at the University of Massachusetts. She would spend one year in Frieberg and the next in Boston, receiving her master's in German in 1978.

"My problem is that in some areas BA's don't mean a thing. Its the master's or doctorates that help," she continues, "But while out I'm on the pipeline, there will be thousands of others out there getting their masters ahead of me."

"Nowadays when I'm in Fairbanks, my social calls are arranged around my friends' visits to union halls. I've got friends folding sheets, digging ditches, mopping floors, driving trucks, caulking pipe and filing discrimination suits against their employers. They've got degrees in everything, from sociology to biology to art," adds a die hard who insists the pipeline isn't for everybody.

"The pipeline and money are here now. But in five or ten years, everybody will have their graduate work done," remarks Gelvin.

Barbara Kimberlin, 25 of Anchorage, is a junior majoring in elementary education. She discontinued studies at Fairbanks to become a stewardess and later to get married. Now that she is divorced she wants to get her degree, but she'd like to become a stewardess again so her young daughter can receive travel benefits.

Pipeline work also seems alluring to her, except for the long periods of separation from her daughter, family and friends.

But whatever choice a student or young person makes, he should receive the same respect and consideration he has given his decision in return. Give those people the encouragement and support, don't tell them their decisions are right and wrong.

Young people should be welcomed into the world with open arms not to closed doors or deaf ears. Instill confidence in them, don't neglect them, for if you haven't noticed, Alaska has changed lately.

Alcoholism programs . . .

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were taken over by the IHS according to the following timetable: 34 programs costing \$3.4 million in FY 1978; 53 programs for \$4.7 million in FY 1979; three programs at \$200,000 in FY 1980; 59 programs totalling \$6.7 million in FY 1981; and a final transfer of four programs for \$600,000 in FY 1982.

"The NIAAA has been most responsive and flexible in dealing with the specific needs of Alaskan alcoholism programs. It's too bad the Institute doesn't have the authority to fund



ELAINE RAMOS, Vice-president for Rural Educational Affairs at the University of Alaska, extends hands of congratulations to Maria Moses who was among students honored at Kenai Peninsula Community College's commencement exercises May 5. Dr. Robert Hiatt, president of the statewide system of higher education looks on. Maria Moses, who is from Golovin, received a vocational certificate in secretarial studies from the college which comes under the University's REA office.

Indian health task force to hold hearings

Task Force No. 6 on Indian Health of the American Indian Policy Review Commission will hold a regional hearing on May 22, 1976. The hearings will be held at the Cook Inlet Building in Anchorage, Alaska from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The members of the Task Force will hear testimony on the unique health needs of Alaskan Natives. These hearings are the last of a series of eight regional hearings being held throughout the United States, by the health task force.

Members of the Task Force are: Dr. Everett Rhoades (Kiowa), Task Force Chairman, President of the Association of American Indian Physicians, and Chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center; Ms. Luana Reyes (Colville), Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board; Ms. Lillie McGarvey (Aleut), Director of Programs for the Aleut League and a member of the National Indian Health Board; and Task Force Specialist Mr. Allan Cayous (Mission), a former administrator for the Indian Health Services.

The hearings are designed to explore the current health dilemma faced by the Alaskan Natives. Among the areas of concern are the U.S. health care delivery systems and the overall health level of the Alaskan Native. Documentation of evidence by witnesses is extremely important to the hearings.

The American Indian Policy Review Commission was established by a joint act of

Congress to conduct a comprehensive study of Federal-Indian relationships and Indian social, economic and legal problems.

For further information, or to

send a prepared statement, please contact Al Cayous, 202-225-2237, or write American Indian Policy Review Commission, HOB Annex, No. 2, 2nd and D streets SW, Washington D.C. 20515.

Resolution regarding limited entry approved and passed

A meeting was held in Anchorage on April 2 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game and the following resolution regarding the limited entry program was approved and passed.

Joint Board Resolution Regarding Limited Entry in the Salmon Fisheries

Be it resolved that the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game in joint session, recognize the depleted state of our salmon stocks and further recognize the tremendous pressure that has been placed on them in recent years, and urge retention of the present limited entry program as applied to salmon.

Be it further resolved that limited entry is recognized by the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game as only one integral tool that need be applied to rehabilitate our salmon stocks to their historic level.

Gordon Jensen, Chairman
Joint Session of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game
The joint board, with 13

members present, voted 11 "yes," one "no" and one member abstaining.

The Kodiak Area Native Association in a regular meeting of the Board of Directors April 17, 1976 did, by motion duly made and seconded, move to endorse and support the joint Fish and Game Boards April 2 resolution to retain the limited entry program as it applies to salmon. Motion passed unanimously.

The Kodiak Area Native Association represents the majority of all Kodiak Island Native communities and whose members are practically totally dependent on the fisheries resource as a means of livelihood.

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Meets in a Public meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday May 25th thru May 27th in the Family Court Conference Room, No. 311 of the new Court Building in Juneau, Alaska.

The Agenda will include: Review of the proposed State Affirmative Action Plan and discussion to improve employment and advancement of minorities and women in State Government Civil Service.

If unable to attend you may contact:

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