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The RAHI 1990 Yearbook is Dedicated to the people who got us here:
*Our parents & families, our communities, our traditions, our Elders, RAHI alumni,
and our schools.*



Sandra Erlich-Kowalski at University of Alaska Fairbanks 1990 Commencement. Sandra, an alumna of the RAHI class of 1983, completed two bachelor's degrees during 1989, one each in English and Inupiaq. Photo by: Steve Jacobson.

Challenge Yourself!!

An Overview of RAHI

By Jim Kowalsky, RAHI Director

Background

The Rural Alaska Honors Institute, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, was organized in 1982 at the request of Alaska Native leaders. This program was to initially provide an introduction to college for rural high school juniors or seniors. Students interested in exploring college courses in business, education, engineering, science or resource management are encouraged to apply to this program.

Purpose

RAHI's goal is to promote success in college. It attempts to do this by providing follow-up support to its participating members after they return home to complete their high school education. Equally important, the program provides continued support while RAHI alumni attend college. During their college careers, RAHI provides important networks among alumni, and connects them with faculty, staff and new students.

RAHI's Program

Students take a curriculum of academic courses centered around the following areas:

orientation to college, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, math, writing, speech, study skills, and swimming.

One college specialty area is also explored, as chosen by each student from among:

business, engineering, education, resource management, and natural science.

Students collaborate in a team research project related to this specialty area. Evening study halls, a computer/word processing lab and Rasmuson Library provide additional academic development. The instructional staff consists of UAF professors and high school teachers. Recreational, cultural and social programs, one-on-one tutoring and academic and personal counseling are also part of the program. Students work and live within a university setting. RAHI also relies upon the greater Fairbanks area for additional learning resources.

RAHI alumni, as well as other college students, indicate that emotional, social, and other personal problems are the most difficult of any to overcome. Students who do not develop appropriate ways to cope with these problems often find it difficult or impossible to remain in college and to succeed. Therefore to help students achieve later college success, RAHI balances its academic emphasis with a strong residential program designed to prepare students for personal challenges that will face them in college.

Funding

A full scholarship (room and board, tuition, books, supplies, campus fees and round trip travel from home and back) is awarded to all Alaska students selected to attend RAHI. International students from Canada and Greenland are also recruited, but are funded by their own sources.

Challenge Yourself!

The RAHI motto is "Challenge Yourself!" We invite you as a high school student to consider applying for admission. RAHI is an academic and social challenge, an authentic experience in what college life holds for you. It could make a difference in your future. Call or write us for information.

UNSUNG HEROES

Some hard-working persons and programs never get the recognition they deserve for their efforts. The Yearbook staff wishes to express appreciation to several such people and groups of RAHI supporters who have "made" the RAHI experience of 1990, this Yearbook, or both :

1. Denise Wartes is the first voice contact many students have with RAHI itself. We keep Denise busy arranging for our travel, our stipends, and mailing our grades. We'd like to know her better.

3. Upward Bound is RAHI's neighbor-program at UAF in the summer. Worthy competition, whether on the basketball court or the dance floor. Thanks also to the UB program for being good pioneers of the Yearbook capers. We look forward to many more years of good interaction.



*Denise Wartes,
RAHI Secretary:*

*Color her
Indispensible.*

2. Wayne Fralick helped all of us in the darkroom, and then refused to to have the camera turned on himself. A strip of contact proofsheets is the best commemoration we can offer Wayne, who is the UAF's helpful Wood Center Darkroom Manager:

4. The Polar Ice Coring Office of UAF, located in the O'Neill Building on West Ridge, allowed RAHI the use of its desktop publishing computers for this Yearbook. We thank Dr. John J. Kelley, PICO Director, for that convenience.



*Hilda
Agibinik*



*Engin-
eering*

Hilda lives in Unalakleet and she wants to have a good job ten years from now. What she missed most while at RAHI was her mother's cooking. Her favorite pastimes are picnics, fishing, camping, and listening to music.

*Melissa
Atkinson*



*Natural
Sciences*

Melissa lives in Whitehorse, Canada. Her life's ambition is to make huge amounts of money. Her favorite fantasy is to meet a tall, dark, handsome and rich man. She is on her school debate team, but wants to be re-incarnated as a Teddy Bear. Melissa liked meeting all of the other RAHI students.

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*Cynthia
Andrews*



Business

Cindy is from St. Mary's and her desire is to attend college in Hawaii. Her favorite people are her parents. Ten years from now she wants either a steady job or a successful business of her own. The things she liked best about RAHI were the dances and socializing.

*Dominic
Beans*



Business

Dominic lives in Pilot Station and what he misses most from home is going fishing. His favorite fantasy is to be part of the U.S. crew that goes to Mars. The worst thing that happened to him at RAHI was the mosquitos at Chena and the best was making honor roll.

*Lewis
Beaver*



Business

Lewis is from Kwigillingok, and in ten years he'd like to have a good job he enjoys doing. His favorite pastimes are reading, hunting and being with friends. His fantasy is to be the next president of the U.S. Lewis would like to be re-incarnated as an all around perfect person.

*Maude
Blair*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Maude lives in Kotzebue and her career wish is to own a prosperous hotel in Boston. She loves baking goodies, cheerleading and reading. Her favorite thing at RAHI was being cook at Chena Hot Springs. The worst thing that happened to Maude is that she got lost in the UAF pool.

*Sheila
Black*



Education

Sheila sees herself as an elementary school teacher in her home town of Kongiganak in 10 years. Her favorite things to do now are reading and going for walks on the tundra. Sheila liked RAHI, but she thought the heat was fearsome, and she missed her neice. Her favorite wish is to go to Hawaii.

*Amber
Bowen*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Amber wants to teach kindergarden in a rural village after college. Her favorite pastimes are cheerleading and being with people she loves. Her fantasy is to always have enough time to do what she wants to do. Amber missed her little brother Tyson while at RAHI.

*Jennifer
Brady*



*Natural
Sciences*

Jennifer lives in Fort St. John, Canada. She wants to become an M.D. and then the mother of a lot of little humans. Her fondest wish is to have a successful marriage. The best thing that happened to Jennifer at RAHI was meeting Michele, her room-mate, and Lee.

*Andrew
Bright*



*Natural
Sciences*

Andrew lives in New Aiyansh, Canada. Ten years from now he'd like to have an office job so he wouldn't have to work so much. Andrew enjoys drawing and relaxing. His least favorite thing at RAHI was the homework. Andrew would like to be re-incarnated as himself.

*Erik
Brandt*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Erik lives in Greenland and 10 years from now he'd like to have a good, well-paying job. The things Erik likes to do are playing volleyball, swimming and other sports. Erik missed his Mom and family while at RAHI. He wonders if people can be re-incarnated.

*Cecelia
(‘Tessie’)
Chanerak*



*Natural
Sciences*

Tessie would like to be teaching or caring for the sick in 10 years. She hates waking up on Mondays, and her favorite saying is "Yeah, Okay." Her worst experience at RAHI was when "Maniac" threw her in the Tanana River. Her fondest wish is to graduate from RAHI and go home to Toksook Bay.

*Elena
Changsak
Russian
Mission*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Elena would like to be an elementary teacher or a pediatrician. The worst thing at RAHI was getting a "U" on her report card. She would like to be reincarnated as an eagle so she can be free.

*Deanna
Crosby
Barrow*



Business

A successful job and wealth appeal to Deanna. The thing she missed about home was the money she could have earned if she had stayed. Her favorite hobbies are playing the oboe and working at night. RAHI's best feature: meeting lots of new people.

*Christopher
Charleson
Port
Alberni BC*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Chris would like to lead a research team studying space technology. His favorite fantasy is to be filthy rich! Worst experience at RAHI was ARA food. The best thing was making lots of new friends. Look for him to be reincarnated as a wolf.

*Dean
Dementieff
Holy
Cross*



*Engin-
eering*

Dean's favorite person is his Mom. He would like to have a steady, well-paying job and a wife. RAHI's worst feature: the ANCSA term paper. His fondest wish is to graduate from a good college, have a great life, and be reincarnated a black wolf.

*Warren
Dock
Kipnuk*



*Engin-
eering*

Warren would like a satisfying job and to live contentedly with a family. His favorite fantasy is to be able to fly. His hobbies are playing ball, hunting, and being with friends. His worst experience at RAHI was getting behind in one of his classes.

*Ti[son]
Dushkin
Unalaska*



Education

Ti wants to coach a wrestling team or become a physical therapist. His favorite person is Todd Poage. The worst thing that happened to him at RAHI was kitchen duty. The best thing was meeting new friends. Ti's nickname is "Innocent".

*Jessie
Downey
Point
Hope*



Education

Jessie would like to be relaxing with a college degree, enjoying life, and starting a family ten years from now. Her hobbies are relaxing and watching guys. The worst thing at RAHI was getting stressed out over homework.

*Debbie
Evan
Marshall*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Debbie would like to join the military or teach. Her fantasy is to go back home with a military uniform. The worst thing that happened to her at RAHI was the camping trip. The best thing that happened to Debbie was getting phone calls from home.

*Monica
Gustafson
Ruby*



Education

Monica wants to be an elementary school teacher. Her wish is to get a Bachelor's Degree in education. The best thing that happened to her at RAHI was getting her own room. Her nickname is "Igor the Monkey". The thing she missed most from home was the native food. Monica's favorite person is Tom Cruise.

*Sheryl
Harry
Surrey, BC*



Engineering

Sheryl would like to pursue a career in any area of engineering or law. The best thing that happened to her at RAHI was meeting over 60 new friends. The thing she missed most from her town was her family and drumset. Her hobby is playing the drums. Sheryl wants to be successful in her own eyes.

*Steve
Hobson III
Nondalton*



*Natural
Science*

Steve would like to be a teacher ten years from now. His favorite person is Eddie Murphy. The thing he missed most from his village was water skiing. His fantasy is to fly an F-15. Steve wants to be a wolverine if re-incarnated.

*Melanie
Joe-Williams
Kelowna, B.C.*



*Natural
Sciences*

Melanie would like to have a career and children. The worst thing that happened to her at RAHI was getting hooked on the VAX. Her favorite hobbies are softball and basketball. Her twin, Michelle, is her most loved person. Melanie wants to fall in love and live happily ever after.

*Douglas
Kernak
Tuntutuliak*

*Beverly A.
Johnson
Galena*



*Natural
Sciences*

Beverly wants to graduate from college with a Bachelor's in Business. She loves driving her 4-wheeler at top speeds and confounding people with her actions. The best thing that happened to Lee at RAHI was meeting Ali and Jennifer. Lee's favorite person is her father.



*Natural
Sciences*

Douglas would like to have a family and a good job ten years from now. He hated the trip to Chena Hot Springs and loved making new friends. His favorite person is his grandfather. Douglas likes playing basketball and he missed his family while at RAHI.

*Beverly M.
Johnson
Emmonak*



Business

Bev's dream is to graduate from college and have a successful career. The worst thing that happened to her at RAHI was failing one of her courses. Her favorite pastimes are listening to music and writing letters. If re-incarnated, Bev would like to be an eagle.

*Marki
Lockhart
Sitka*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Marki would like to live in Japan just so she could be a successful woman in a chauvinistic society. Her hobbies are reading, driving around and hanging out with friends. Marki's favorite person is her friend Stephani.

*Patience
Mercurief
St. Paul*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

[Patience had to leave RAHI for family obligations before we could interview her. She is considered very much part of the RAHI 1990 experience, and we only wish her participation could have lasted the full six weeks.]

*Michael
Morry
Anaktuvak
Pass*



Education

Michael would like to live an easy life teaching elementary. Mike wants to see the 1991 ANCSA Amendments issues settled fairly. The worst thing that happened to him at RAHI was getting covered with cake and ice cream in front of all the students. His best moment was making the mid-term honor roll.

*Cynthia
Morry
Anaktuvuk
Pass
& North
Pole*



Education

Cindy would like to work at a rural clinic as a Community Health Practitioner. Her fondest wish is to learn the Inupiaq language. She loves to smile, sleep and go to movie theatres. Cindy's favorite person is her Mom.

*Kevin
Moto
Deering*



*Natural
Sciences*

Kevin would like to be working and earning money ten years from now. His fantasy is to become a famous movie star like his favorite person, Arnold Schwarzenegger. The worst thing to happen to him was kitchen duty at RAHI. Kevin likes to play basketball.

*Jolene
Nanouk
Unalakteet*



Education

Jobo's favorite fantasy is to stay forever young but have grandchildren. She would like to be re-incarnated as an eagle. Ten years from now she would like to be teaching in rural areas in her district and entering politics. Her favorite person is her mother.

*Jack
Nickoli
Kaltag*



Education

Jack's favorite wish is to live to the tender age of 90. The best thing that happened to him at RAHI was meeting students from different places. A few of his hobbies include skiing, basketball, fishing, hiking and learning new thoughts.

*Thomas
Nayokpuk
Shishmaref*



Business

Tom's favorite wish is to be six feet tall so he can dunk a ball and also be rich. His favorite person is Magic Johnson. Ten years from now he would like to be making money. The things he missed the most from home were sleep, TV, and native foods.

*June
Okakok
Barrow*



Engineering

June-bug's favorite hobbies include collecting memories, pins and key-chains and "cruising". Her favorite person is her sister Bonnie. J.B. would like to be re-incarnated as a hawk. June would like to teach or be an accountant.

*Peter
Olesen
Qaqortoq,
S. Greenland*



Engineering

Peter Isak Nielson-Olesen wants to be reincarnated as an eagle. The best thing that has happened to him at RAHI was that he began to learn to speak more English. Peter plans on being a doctor in Greenland ten years from now.

*Valerie
Pingayak
Chevak*



*Natural
Sciences*

Valerie would like to travel the world and encounter one of the good supernatural beings. The best thing at RAHI was meeting special friends, says Val. Her hobbies are playing basketball and listening to music.

*Elaine
Sakeagak
Barrow*



Business

Elaine's fantasy is to be rich. Her favorite person is John Stevens. Her hobbies include playing sports, listening to music, dancing and being with her friends. The worst thing to happen to her at RAHI was doing tons of homework.



A portrait-taker in action. The joys of working on the Yearbook. Note results at left.

*Jason
Saunders
Kaltag*



*Engin-
eering*

Jason would like to be working and supporting his family ten years from now. His favorite person is his uncle. He would like to be re-incarnated as himself. The best thing to happen to him at RAHI was meeting everyone.

*Michele
Schaeffer
Kotzebue*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Michele would like to teach third grade students and spend money that she plans on winning in a lottery. Her fondest wish is to have a younger sister. If Michele were to be re-incarnated, she'd like to be a warrior-
maiden in Medieval times.



*Agnes
"Girlie"
Simeon
McGrath*

Education

Girlie would like to teach, or own a beauty salon within 10 years. She laughs at her troubles, loves music, and liked making new friends at RAHI. The worst at RAHI was nearly drowning in a tent at the hot springs.

*Teddy
Sipary
Toksook Bay*



Education

Theo's favorite person is Jamie Lee Sipary. His wish is to graduate from RAHI and college and have his own expensive car. He would like to be re-incarnated as a hawk living in Toksook Bay. His hobbies include fishing, basketball and being with friends.

*Corrine
Skoken
Koliganak*



Education

Corky is positive that the best things to happen to her at RAHI were the group outings, seeing some strange things, and canoeing. Her favorite fantasy is to become a model or an elementary school teacher.

*Kimberly
Smarch
Teslin, YT*



*Engin-
eering*

Kimberly would like to be reincarnated as an eagle because eagles are strong and free. Her favorite person is Elvis Presley. Kim wants to become a lawyer and have her own law firm. Her best activities are downhill skiing and horse riding.

*Mary Lou
Sours
Noatak*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

[Mary Lou was called home on family business before we could interview her. Like Patience, Mary Lou belongs to the RAHI class of 1990, and we share our best wishes for her in this humble book.]

*Ali
Starr
Tanana*



*Natural
Sciences*

To become a best-selling author is Ali's fondest wish. She is, of course, an avid reader. Her fantasy is to own all the books she could ever read in a lifetime. Shebecat would like to be re-incarnated as a Dragon.

*John
Telling
Sisimiut*



Business

John's not sure what he wants as a career, but he loves photography. He takes and develops pictures as a hobby. If reincarnated, John would like to be a raven because of their acrobatic flight.

*Hazel
Thompson
Kaktovik*



Education

Zellaweez would like to teach Social Studies or English in one of the North Slope schools. Her fantasy is to become a millionaire before she's 30. The person she missed most during RAHI was her adorable niece, Athena.

*Jaymz
Virg-in
Emmonak*



Business

Besides confusing the rest of us with his name-preferences, Jaymz, (aka Jay, etc.) likes to think of himself ten years from now playing or coaching basketball. He would also like to play the guitar "like Jimi Hendrix."

*Julia
Wassilie
Napaskiak*



*Ethno-
Archaeology*

Julia would like to finish college and be working at a good job in 10 years. What she wants most is for her people to keep their land and right to subsistence hunting. Jules loves playing basketball.

*Leona
Wharton
Eek*



Business

Leona wants to be an elementary teacher in her hometown. The worst thing to happen to her at RAHI was failing one of her classes. Her favorite pastimes include writing letters and going for walks with friends.

*Christiana
Yeaton
English Bay*



Business

Chris' fantasy is to own a '57 chevy Bel-Air. She liked RAHI because it was such a challenge. Christiana enjoys dancing, volleyball, basketball and most of all, taking her baby daughter for walks.

*Warren
Young
Kiana*



Engineering

Warren would like to have his own family and be living in his own house within 10 years. His fantasy is to stay young forever. If he were to be re-incarnated, Warren wants to be an eagle or a condor.

*When
The Going
Gets
Tough,.....*

*Some
are
tempted
to
flee*



But...

We mostly stayed at it. Thanks for the memories, classmates. See you all, singly or in groups. Keep in touch, especially when you strike fame or fortune, OK?



RAHI field trip to the UAF Permafrost Tunnel

...There was dust everywhere you looked. If you spoke too long, you would get dust in your mouth. Yep, it was that bad!!

Valerie Pingayak

..The tunnel, which is manmade, was built in 1962 by the United States Army. The inside of the tunnel smells really bad because of all the decayed organic materials, such as roots, twigs and bones.

It's very dusty inside because of all the fine dust, silt caused by sublimation.

Sublimation occurs when the ice from the dust evaporates, causing the dust to become dehydrated.

When the dust is dehydrated it is very fine and even the smallest of movements can cause the tunnel to become very dusty.

Within the tunnel walls are made of twigs, roots, rocks and bones and even whole carcasses which have been preserved for hundreds of thousands of years by the ice.

Melanie Joe-Williams

...The eggs are about 5-6 cm. long. They were tan colored with dark speckles all over.

The three eggs weighed: 21 - 37 grams

#22 - 39 grams

#23 - 39 grams

...Our first field trip was great. My first canoeing too. Big time fun chasing after baby gulls too. I hope we get to go out and have a beach party....

Beverly A. Johnson

...It is extremely hot today. If we don't die of sunstroke, we will most certainly be sun-burned. The water looks a little murkier than it did last time I was here. I wonder if it has to do with the weather. Our Mission Impossible is to catch as many baby gulls as we possibly can.
3:00-5:00 p.m.

We went to Goose Island Lake to catch and tag baby Mew gulls. The lake was shallow. I doubt that there was one spot over my head. Some parts were so shallow our canoe touched the bottom.

Jennifer Brady



...After that we went to observe a swallow nesting area . All of us watched a particular hole for about 10 minutes. The nest I was watching had two arrivals and one departure. The first time one of the adults went to the nest and stayed there for about two minutes. Then, about four minutes later another adult went to the nest and was still in there when time was up. The swallow had built their nests on an unmoved gravel pile. Dave took pictures of the structure and we had to find the hole we were looking at in the picture. It was a hot day that day.

Kevin Moto

Class Tuesday July 3, 1990

Today we are going to the Tanana River again so see another Mew gull colony. I get to drive the boat and that's going to be rad.

Steve Hobson III..



*..I remember one time when Grandma was visiting us. She was trying to show me how to bake white bread....The dough was in a big silver bowl and she was going to punch it down.... She drew a face in the dough, told me to name it and punched it down. Now, whenever my family bakes bread,I think of Grandma. *Sheryl Harry**



.On 21 June I found out that the perma-frost is about 30 to 40 feet under the ground. If you build a house above a perma-frost, it will take about 5-6 years to melt and your house will start to twist up. Your house should be built where there are a lot of birch trees.

Andrew Bright

...The atmosphere in Fairbanks has little water vapor because it is so far from a large body of water. Fairbanks is at 18 isoplaths on the map. It is nearer to being hottest and coldest on days of solstice than most places on earth. Yukon Territory, Snag and a few places in the Continental Siberia are even closer.

Tessie Chanerak

.....The Nunamiut settled and that ended their nomadic way of life. They reside in what is now Anaktuvuk Pass. The main reason they settled in that area was because during spring and fall, animals migrated through the Pass. The people who settled in this area were wise; they knew the land.

Michael Morry

According to the data accumulated by the team of researchers that studied the mammoth, Dima was indeed a baby. However the data on Dima has not been translated into English. This baby mammoth stands approximately one meter at the shoulders from the ground. Its name comes from a creek nearby called Dima....

Melissa Atkinson



*James Nageak
of the Alaska
Native
Language
Center at UAF,
greeting his
niece, June
Okakok at the
RAHI
Convocation*



Hunting for food has always been the way of my village. I have never heard of the people raising animals or tilling the land. Hunting is our lifestyle and I think it should be kept the way it's always been.

Warren Dock

In the short story "State Champions" by Bobby Ann Mason, the reader thinks he/she is reading a piece of nonfiction. It is emotional, funny and told in a narrative style that leads you to believe that the author is the main character of the story and that all this really did happen to her; only it didn't. It is completely made up.

Amber Bowen



...It was the home I grew up in and therefore the house has a special place in my heart. Most of all, it was the house where I lived with my father and where I have certain memories....

I remember one of the rooms quite well because my brother and I had made a fire in there....Fortunately, nothing happened, except a big black spot remained in the floor which was still there when we moved.

The house was in the capital of Greenland, Nuuk, where I had lived for eight years prior to moving to Sisimiut.

[Translation follows in Greenlandic]:

*...Angerlarsimaffik taanna
peroriartorfigisimavara, taamaattumik illu
taanna uummatinni immikkut ineqarpoq.*

*Pingaarnarpaavorli ataataga tassani
inooqatigisimagakku silattoreertillunga,
taamaattumillu eqqaamallugu....*

*Ini ataaseq eqqaamalluarpara
angajoralu taqqamani eqqagassanik
kukutsinikuugatta...Qujanartumik
susooqanngilaq, taemaallaat natermi
qernertorsuarmik pinikkami, nuukkatta suli
ersittumik.*

*Illu Kalaallit Nunaanni illoqarfik
pingaarnarpaaniippoq, nuummi, ukiut
arfineq pingasut illoqarfigisimasanni,
Sisimiunut nuutsinnanga.*

John Telling

. PAASKAAQ

...The church, with the incense, makes me feel like I'm in heaven on earth. the candles that glow lightly catch many people's eyes. The smell reminds me that life has just begun, with another year ahead of us.

Julia Wassillie

...The places where they swim are Alaqucuk, a river near Toksook Bay. The other river is Qalulleq, three miles away. On a hot sunny day the bay is usually calm and looks like a big gigantic glass. *Teddy Sipary*

...By this time I go towards the gravesite where my relatives are buried, and as I am walking along, I take deep breaths of fresh air....

When I finally reach my destination, I replace all the old flowers with new Forget-Me-Nots that I had picked on my way there, to make the resting places look nice again.
Michele Schaeffer



Word-processing laboratory at RAHI, in full use.

One essay we read was important to us because it concerned our life. It talked about how college life was and how they would cope with the problems they got during those times they went through....

Douglas Kernak

So one can be sure there is a very fine line between fiction and nonfiction. With either technique, one can write in an effective manner, nonfiction being the solid honest truth and fiction being the "maybe" truth.

Chris Charleson

**RAHI 1990 Academic,
Administrative
Staff**

*Top down: Jack Campbell,
Greg Owens, Christine Garlick
Howard Maxwell, Tom Eley,
Lee Haugen, Joe Slats, Sue
McHenry, Dave Norton,
Marjorie Cole, Cathi Thompson,
Gary Gislason, Viola Cordova,
Rocky Eddy, Nils Johansen, Tom
Bartlett, Jim Kowalsky, Linc
Saito, and Patt Fitzhugh.*

UAF Photo by Calvin White



*A new culture has arisen.
There are Native
corporations protecting
and supporting, fighting
for the rights of our
people. The Athabaskan,
Tlingit, Haida and Eskimo
people are a fine example
of a mixed culture that is
thriving, even growing*

*as the 21st century
looms closer.*

Ali Starr

Education enhances us to be whatever we want to be and lets us experience what is out in the world for us. It gives us the opportunity to go places away from home and experience different ways of living.... At home we try to learn our way of life and still get an education so that when we get older and we will be the leaders, we will be able to go and sit in the legislature and speak to our people in our own language.

Kimberly Smarch

This is where we find ourselves today, and a very challenging thing is happening. All of a sudden we are being encouraged to bring back the Native culture. To bring back the Native language. To bring back all of the lost heritage. Where does one start?

Amber Bowen

*The cultures are changing drastically.
They flow with the times. As more time
passes by, then the more a culture is
forgotten. Then soon your
grandkids won't even have a culture.*

Corrine Skogen

There are ways to fight losing your culture. You have to have the courage to join forces with your people in order to stop these on-going tragedies. You must unify, come together, and be strong. Keep a good positive attitude. The tools to preserving your heritage are not museums. They're you. You need to know your language and your land. Take the time to do this. I urge you.

Michael Morry

If we lose this land my hopes and dreams for the next generation will just live in dreams - dreams that may never come true.

JuliaWassillie



Marjorie Cole leads responsive reading (or is it dance class?) in the Oversize Book Collections at Rasmuson Library

Below: Members of the RAHI Liberation forces are briefed on underground hand-to-hand combat in arctic conditions.





I feel very uneasy when an elder asks me something in Inupiat and I don't understand what they said. In a way I feel guilty for not knowing my own culture. But if I had someone who would've taught me, I'd really try to stress to the people my age to learn about their culture.

Deanna Crosby

In the village where I come from, we don't have running water and big stores with fresh food arriving daily. We hunt and gather throughout the year for different foods that are far more nutritious than store bought food. As a Native, preserving the land means more to me than developing it. Sheila Black

The Faculty:Student ratio at RAHI is very high, meaning that RAHI students get more exposure to instructors than at most institutions.

Here, JaymzVirg-in seems to be contemplating the female: male ratio in RAHI classes





.. What they did throughout their lives, still made them take pride in themselves and have respect for others. They told me, "You are still learning, and it's best if you begin now to become a hard worker or else you'll be nothing when you grow older." Therefore, for my parents and for myself, I try to do my best to help others, especially my family. Also I do my best to succeed in life. My values I learned from my parents are important in my life and always will be. *Jolene Nanouk*

Phoenix

My grandfather is a wise man at the age of seventy. I do not see him as often as I would like to, but I think of him almost every day. My last image of grandfather was him sitting and rocking back and forth in his rocking chair for hours. He smoked a wooden pipe, which filled the house with the unusual sweet smell of burning tobacco. That aroma has always reminded me of my grandfather. I enjoyed sitting and listening to his many stories of adventures and voyages that he made when he was a young boy. His hands were long and skinny. It was obvious that his hands had endured many long years of hard work, because of the roughness of his palms. His wiry gray hair was always under his cap, which he always wore. His eyes were a golden brown and when you looked into them you would feel at ease because his eyes were so friendly and nonjudgemental. His face was covered with soft wrinkle lines. He stands in my shadow and he allows me to make my own mistakes and he lets me know that he is there if I need guidance.

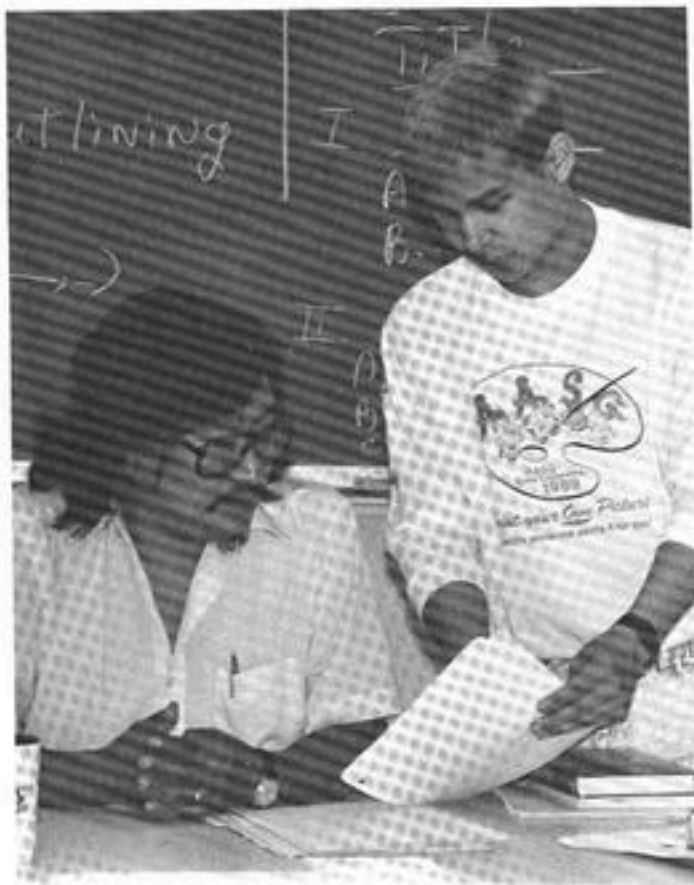
Melissa Atkinson

As the sun goes down,
And the night falls in,
This is how it all begins.
All is quiet,
Nothing shakes,
Then from his ashes, he awakens.
Huge as a mountain,
And greatly feared
Strength as great as fifty bears,
Its talons tough,
with meter long claws,
Its body hollow,
Surrounded by flames.
Throughout the world, he holds many a name.
Once again it has broken its ties,
And forever more it takes to the skies.

Chris Charleson



....Throughout my lifetime, I've lived and traveled to large cities. In my eyes, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. ...The City is also full of many interesting people. On a walk through the streets you can meet a street bum with an interesting past, or a "punk" who wants to be understood. You can join a march for abortion, or you can take a walk up the "Hill of Riches" and look at homes worth more than you can imagine. *Maude Blair*



Joe Slats, Education and Writing Instructor, looks as if he needs some special persuading at the hands of Ti Dushkin.

... She really liked animals. She had a bunch of chickens and each of them was named. She had two cats, Princess and Nubbins, which she loved dearly. Every night she'd call for the cats in her high-pitched voice, "Here kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty..." and at night we used to sit down on the deck and listen to the bullfrog, Charlie, and watch the family of rats going from tree to tree, until they reached the fig tree to eat.... *Anon.*



Togetherness on the steps of McIntosh Hall.

"Are we having fun yet?"

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The RAHI Class of 1990 in Graduation regalia. Photo by Wayne Fralick.

ALASKA

In Alaska, what do I see?
 From the ocean depths to the tallest
 tree...
 Its fragile beauty is a sign
 Of where we must draw the line
 Skimming through the lakes and the
 shores
 My inner self, my mind explores
 The question of the Last Frontier:
 Is its demolition drawing near?
 Many would like to preserve the land.
 Most are afraid to take a stand.
 Politics and money go hand in hand
 Too slowly...but surely, eat up the land.

Whistling through the wind I can't help
 but hear:
 A message of peace, mixed with fear.
 Industry...taking its toll
 Working toward the ultimate goal
 Of leading the nation in time of need
 Stripping its soul for endless greed.

The cascading beauty of a rapid stream;
 Today's reality, tomorrow's dream?

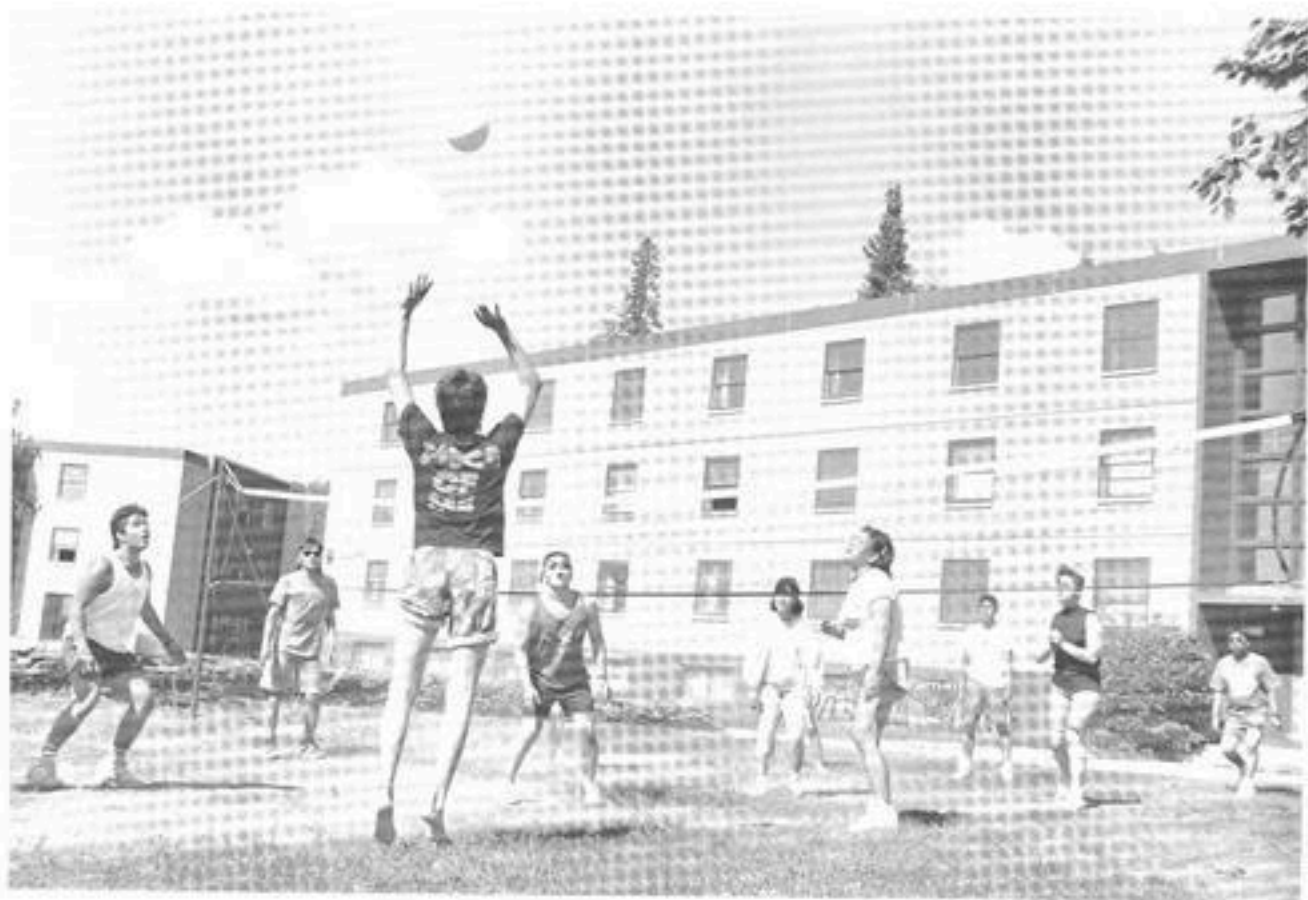
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