

# RURAL ALASKA HONORS INSTITUTE

1993 YEARBOOK



# RAHI

*Prepares You for College.*

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Rural Alaska Honors Institute • University of Alaska Fairbanks

*Return to DENISE WARTES RAHI*

*Jim Kowalsky  
Program Director*

### *Yearbook '93*

This summer a smaller than usual student body came to the UAF campus to participate in the 11th year of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), smaller, but spirited and talented indeed.

Only a fraction of the 80 applicants to RAHI were able to be accepted. A number of qualified applicants had to be turned away, due to a decline in the RAHI funding based caused by a declining UAF budget. RAHI is entirely supported by the UAF College of Liberal Arts, so, when they're hit, RAHI gets hit.

There is support by university leaders to ask the 1994 Alaska State Legislature for increased funding for RAHI, which, if successful, would restore a portion of the years of budget cuts which amount to well over \$100,000. Despite these cuts, RAHI has grown to meet changing needs of students, such as the addition of a college freshmen program for graduated seniors in which students take UAF core curriculum credit courses that are required for graduation. We've struggled to meet rising costs at the same time that our support has declined.

Fortunately, students tell us directly, and through their fine academic performance, that RAHI continues to offer a high quality academic program. But we are at the point where increased funding support is needed in order to continue to offer a great RAHI for great students who seek an accelerated start for college.

This means that our RAHI alumni - you, the 1993 RAHI students, and staff too, will have to become active as you return home to finish high school, or as you head off to college or elsewhere. We need your voice to help us to build support for the increased funding request to be made to our legislature. We need you to mention the RAHI program wherever and whenever you can, to news reporters who interview you, to your community leaders, to your state legislators - representatives and senators, and to your Native corporate leaders as well.

RAHI, this summer, received a gift of \$10,000 from the Cook Inlet Region, Inc. Native corporation in Anchorage, a wonderful, needed gesture for which we are very thankful that we hope will be repeated by other regional Native corporations, and that will help RAHI to restore the luster to accommodate worthy college bound Native students who seek our help, to grow and change to meet their needs.

You, the 1993 RAHI graduate, can do your part back home. Give RAHI CREDIT whenever and wherever you can, mention it in your student speeches, your letters, your conversations, at conferences and conventions, to fellow students, teachers and parents, and certainly make these points to your state senator and representative. Push RAHI. Give it the spotlight. Ask for support.

No one can do this better than the RAHI family itself.

Will you help?

## A Short History of RAHI

RAHI was organized in 1982 at the request of Native leadership of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and others. Meeting on the UAF campus, they asked university leaders to take some unusual steps to offer orientation to college and academic enrichment for college-bound rural Alaska Native high school students for purposes of better preparing them to succeed in college.

As an outcome of this call for action from Native leaders concerned about student college success, RAHI came into existence and opened its doors to rural students for the first time in 1983. It was a four week program then, but 1984 saw expansion to six weeks to be able to offer more complete academic programs, and 1991 witnessed the addition of an 8-week, college credit session for post seniors we call "RAHI college freshmen."

RAHI has operated every year since 1983. Freshmen and the 6-week "seniors" live, and study together in the RAHI dorm, however their courses are considerably different.

An instructional staff made up of university professors and other master teachers provide instruction. A residence hall staff of tutor/counselors who are UAF students and an adult residence hall supervisor also live and work with the students.

A program of rigorous academic activity combines with social, cultural, and recreational activities to make up the RAHI program of early preparation for college. Students are purposely stretched beyond their comfort levels academically and socially to prepare for the big step from home or village to a large culturally western campus.

At RAHI, great care is taken to encourage students to maintain their own distinctive cultural values while adapting to the academic and social environment of college life. Career and lifestyle choices are examined, role modeling and positive peer pressure are encouraged, academic skills are sharpened, study habits and time management strategies are developed, and bonding with other students and staff create potential life-long support networks. RAHI becomes a family with close, supportive relationships between all students, and also between students and dorm and teaching staff. We rely upon each other. This is a key to survival in college.

All of this effort and activity support the principal goal of RAHI, which is to promote academic success in college. RAHI has hosted over 400 students in our first 10 years. Over 60% of RAHI's alumni have entered four year college academic programs. Most take, or are taking, more than four years to complete their academic degree. Some alumni have gone to college at schools other than UAF, while more are enrolled here.



**Jim Kowalsky**  
Two Rivers, Wisconsin  
Program Director

Jim was born January 2, 1936. His favorite sport is bicycle racing. Fresh vegetables and fruit are favorite foods. His favorite activities are bicycling, including bicycle-commuting to work. He would most likely be found home with a book. Jim's one wish would be to have some time all to himself, maybe for a very long trip by bicycle.



**Denise Wartes**  
DeTour Village, MI  
Secretary

Denise was born on January 5th. Her favorite saying is "Cool". Her favorite sport is baseball. Her favorite food is a turkey dinner w/ all the trimmings. Her favorite activity is reading. When Denise is not working she is likely to be at home with her family. Her wish is world peace and that everyone has enough to eat. She would like to be reincarnated as an owl.



**Greg Owens**  
Fairbanks  
Academic Coordinator



**Dr. Charles Cooper**  
 Math Demv 070/102  
 Oklahoma City

Dr. Chuck Cooper Assistant Prof. of Mathematics, was born on July 26, 1954, the year of the horse in the Chinese calendar. His favorite saying is "Forward into the Past", from the Firesign Theatre Album: The Further Adventures of Nick Danger. His favorite sport is hiking. He likes all food except anchovies. His favorite activities are hiking, camping, reading, listening to music (Jazz and Rock & Roll). When he's not teaching he is most likely to be found behind a good book of staring blankly into a computer monitor. Chuck's one wish is to fly into the earth's orbit on the Space Shuttle.

**Nils I. Johansen**  
 Fairbanks  
 Teacher

Nils Johansen was born on December 25, 1941. His favorite saying is Ultima Ratio Regum. Nils likes Orienteering, long distance running, a food called Fenalaar. He likes to read and spend time outside. When not on duty he would likely be found at home or traveling. His one wish would be to have Peace. He would like to be reincarnated as an Otter because he just loves them.

**Michael Jennings**  
 Thermopolis, Wyoming  
 Teacher

Michael Jennings was born on November 29, 1949. His favorite saying is "We always did see it the same; we just saw it from a different point of view" Bob Dylan 1966. His favorite sport is Football and he likes Fry bread and buffalo roast. When not on duty he would be found either in his office or at home. His wish is that there be an end to all hate and bigotry and racism- a unity of all the Sacred Hoops of all the peoples of the earth. He would like to be reincarnated as a bear because he says it is his kindred spirit.

**Rose Kairaiuak**  
 Chefornak  
 Teacher

Rose was born on September 29. Her favorite saying is "Just do it" She likes basketball and Seafood. Her favorite activities are: Playing games on Sega, Beading, biking, visiting friends and reading. When not on duty she would likely be found at home. Her wish is that there would be no more violence, destruction, illness and war in this world. She would like to be reincarnated as an Eagle and just fly.

**Jacob Joseph  
Singapore  
Business specialty**

Jacob was born on March 12, 1958. His favorite saying is "ignorance should be painful." His favorite sport is basketball. Thai and Japanese food are his favorite foods. His favorite activities are poker, eating out and taunting/teasing students. When not on duty he would most likely be found at home keeping busy, traveling and having fun. Jacob's one wish would be to get Rose K. to do all the work in the business specialty and if that weren't possible maybe run away and join the circus. He would like to be reincarnated as a polar bear, because he would get to hibernate quite a bit and wouldn't have to worry about being bothered by others.



**George Guthridge  
Vancouver, WA  
English teacher**

George's birthday is the same year and day as Isreal. His favorite saying is "Education should be enlightenment not entertainment." His favorite sports are football, wrestling, tai chi. Ethiopian and Thai and whale are his favorite food. His favorite activities are dancing, the movies, writing fiction and traveling to Asia. When George is not working he is most likely to be found in his office, trying to finish his "stupid" novel. His one wish is, "That I had known at 25 what I now know. To visit Jerusalem during the time of Christ. (I know that that's two wishes, but I'm worth it.) He would like to be reincarnated as a song bird in a place without songbird predators or people who eat songbirds.



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Anonymous**

## Dorm Staff



**Roy Roehl**  
San Mateo, Cal.  
Dorm Supervisor

Roy Roehl was born March 27th. His favorite saying is "There are no excuses, just results." His favorite sport is Tae kwon Do (especially sparring). Ice cold watermelon (on a hot day) is his favorite food. His favorite activities are being with his wife and anything with an adrenaline rush. When not on duty he doesn't want to be found. Roy's one wish would be to live every day of his life in such a manner that he could be proud of that which he has done. He would like to be reincarnated as a Siberian tiger, because they can live anywhere in anytime and in any condition.

**Carolyn Frank**  
Alaska  
Dorm Staff

Carolyn was born on November 5, 1970. Her favorite saying is "Very nice." Her family's group name is "Smilies". Her favorite sport is skiing. Kiwi fruit is her favorite food. Her favorite activities are running, nature walks, listening and reading. When not on duty she could be found outside, smelling the roses. Carolyn's wish is that her life will bring joy to both herself and others. She would like to be reincarnated as a river otter. They have fun both alone and in groups. Also she admires the way they command two of the earth's elements: land and water.



**Sam Chanar**  
Toksook Bay  
Dorm Staff

Sam was born on December 18 1977. His favorite saying is "What was that?!" His family name was "Naughty by Nature". His favorite sports are, #1 water fighting, #2 basketball, #3 running and #4 water skiing. He misses native food. Sam's favorite activities are b-ball, photography and watching cartoons. When not on duty he is likely to be found inside his blanket which is on his bed, which is in his room, which is on our floor, which is in our dorm, which is on campus, which is in Alaska, which is on our world. His one wish would be a true wish, becoming a chief executive officer for one big company. He would like to be reincarnated as an elephant because it has a big nose that can hold a lot of water. He'd be able to start a water fight with other people from RAHI who were reincarnated into other animals.



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**Ringo Jimmy  
Kipnuk  
Dorm staff**



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**"Failure is an Event, never a Person."**

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**Jolene John  
Toksook Bay  
Dorm staff**

Jolene was born November 16, 1972. Her favorite saying is "What the hey!" and "Rats!". Her family name here at RAHI was the "Raptors". Her favorite sport is Basketball. *Kinengyak* (dried seal meat) dipped in seal oil is her favorite food. Her favorite activities are Eskimo dancing, ice skating, fishing and running. This is her second year as a dorm staff for RAHI. When not on duty Jolene could more likely be found daydreaming, picturing herself stand in the midst of talented traditional Native American pow-wow dancers, listening to spiritual, sacred songs and feeling the vibration from the force of drummers. Her one wish would be to live during the time when Yupik were undisturbed, living in peace with nature and the spiritual world, if she could live through what her parents and grandparents lived through many years ago. She would like to be reincarnated as an eagle. When the time comes for her to rest after soaring through the great sky, she would want Native Americans to use her feathers in their traditional dancing regalias and have her feathers be possessed by an individual with great significance.



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## Freshmen



**Dawn L. Apangalook  
Gamble  
Freshman**

Dawn was born January 1, 1976. Her family group's name was "Naughty by Nature." Her favorite class is English 111. She enjoys basketball. "Diet pills" are her favorite food. Her favorite activities are using Sam's camera as binoculars, biking to Hot Licks or 7-eleven and basketball. From RAHI, Dawn gained the knowledge of knowing she can accomplish goals even if she had to go through complications. She would most likely be found in Myra's or Debbie and Lisbeth's room. Her one wish would be a wonderful wish. She wouldn't want to be reincarnated as an animal, because she likes the "animal" she is now.

**Lisbeth Bergman  
Ft. Yukon  
Freshman**

Lisbeth was born on June 3, 1975. Her favorite saying is "There's Strength in Diversity." Her family group's name was the "Smilies". She enjoys swimming. Her favorite sport is soccer and her favorite team is the Danish National Soccer Team. Her mom's home cooking is her favorite food. She enjoys reading, playing pool and giggling. The hardest thing for her will be to say good-bye. The things she gained from RAHI were her friends, more friends, a good education and the ability to believe in herself. Liz would most likely be found in her room, 304, hangin' with her best buds. Her one wish would be that everyone else's wishes would come true. She would like to be reincarnated as a teddy bear, because a teddy bear can offer comfort that no person ever could.





**Myra A. Henry**  
Kivalina  
Freshman

Myra was born on June 28, 1975. Her favorite saying is "Garsh"! Her family's name was "Raptors". Her favorite class is English. Her favorite sport is basketball!! Myra's favorite food is #3 at McDonalds, quarter pounder w/out pickles and onions, fries and Dr. Pepper. Her favorite activities are volleyball, daydreaming and shopping. The hardest thing for her to do was get used to her math and be in her dorm room by 11:00. From RAHI she learned not to procrastinate during study time and that she has a few extra brain cells she could give for her math. When not studying Myra could be found on the phone calling home or at McDonalds with Ringo and Fan Club. Her one wish is to fly down to Chicago and meet Michael Jordon, play him one-on-one and get to know his family. She says that would be awesome. She wouldn't like to be reincarnated as an animal, being human is hard enough for her.



**Chris Dock**  
Kipnuk  
Freshman

Chris was born on May 27, 1975. His favorite saying is "Joel you're fat". His family group's name was "Hot Licks". His favorite class is math and his favorite sport is basketball. Dried seal meat is his favorite food. His favorite activity is going to the movies with no homework. The hardest thing for Chris was to finish his papers in Guthridge's class. From RAHI he gained knowledge, stipends and most definitely weight. He would most likely be found where ever when not studying. His one wish would be to let time go back and have a good life. He would like to be reincarnated as a bird that no one hurts or hunts; he wants to be a bird so he can fly.



**Kimberly Ivie**  
Chevak/Fairbanks  
Freshman

Kimberly was born on January 17, 1976. Her favorite saying is when needing help in math, "Roy I need help". She also likes Carolyn's saying, "There was never a good war or a bad peace." Her family's name was "Naughty by Nature". Her favorite class is Math 070. Her favorite sport is basketball and cheering for b-ball games. Top Romen noodles, spaghetti and as a snack chip and salsa are her favorite food. Her favorite activities are, reading, hang' out in rm 304(Deb/Liz's room) with her friends and being goofy with them. The hardest thing for Kim will be to say good-bye even though some of her friends will be back in the fall for college. From RAHI she gained a circle of friends that she will always have and won't lose. She has learned to take her study hall time serious, and work while everyone played and time management (mainly from last year) but stronger this year. When not studying she is likely to be found sleeping on Debbie's bed, or just in there being goofy. She wishes that everyone could at least have 1 wish and it would come true. She would like to be a stuffed bear because it gives so much love and comfort that a human can't give in sooooo many ways.

**Debbie Mekiana  
Anaktuvuk Pass  
Freshman**

Debbie was born Aug. 14, 1975. Her favorite saying is "Majorly." Her family group's name was the "Hot Licks". She enjoys speech class. Her favorite sport is basketball. Caribou meat any'ole way is her favorite food. Her favorite activities are listening to music, doing homework/studying, and 'hangin' out w/my best buds." The hardest thing for Deb was to avoid fun when studying needed to be done. The most important thing she gained was time management. When she wasn't studying Debskins was most likely to be found in her room with her best buds or with her sister acting goofy. Her one wish is to come back to RAHI next year. She would like to be reincarnated a human again. "Bein' human is way too much fun... getting into trouble, bein' queer, doin' homework, bein' able to think logically and creatively and bein' able to wear earrings."



**Kenny Mills  
Noatak  
Freshman**

Kenny was born on November 15, 1974. His family group's name is "Raptors". His favorite class is Speech 131. Basketball is his favorite sport. His favorite food is yogurt. His favorite activities are spending time alone thinking and talking to people. The hardest thing for him was to try to stay in the dorm. From RAHI, he gained a new view of who he is. Kenny would more likely be found at Wood Center, asleep in his room, or in Lisbeth and Debbie's room. His one wish would be to live his life and see many different changes that his grandfather only dreamed of. He would like to be reincarnated as a snow tiger because they once were like mysterious ghosts in the hills in which they lived.





**Bonnie Peter**  
Ft. Yukon  
Freshman

Bonnie was born on Sept. 29, 1974. Her favorite sayings are "How sad!", "Shake-baby-Shake-baby-oooo-eee!" and "Whomp! There it is!" Her RAHI family name was "Smilies". Her favorite class at RAHI was swimming. Her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite food is Alaskan King Crab. Bonnie enjoys writing poems and hanging out with her friends. The hardest things for her at RAHI was to concentrate. She gained friends and the ability to see what college life was like. She would mostly be found in room 304(Deb's and Liz's) when she's not studying (even when studying). Her one wish is to be happy and live a good life. If she was reincarnated as an animal it would be a wolf because of their intelligence.

**Carl Seetot**  
Brevig Mission  
Freshman

Carl was born May 11, 1975. His favorite saying is "Sam I need help." His family's group name was "Raptors". His favorite class is math. His favorite sport is basketball. Native food is his favorite food. He enjoys movies and table tennis. The hardest thing for Carl was to get up in the morning. From RAHI he gained a \$2 raise from last year. He would most likely to be found in space or sleeping. His one wish is to graduate from RAHI.



**Melvin A. Towarak**  
Unalakleet  
Freshman

Melvin was born on June 9, 1975. His favorite saying is, "this makes me very angry, very angry indeed." His family group's name was "Naughty by Nature". He enjoys math 107. His favorite sport is basketball. Caribou stir fry with Norton Sound crab is his favorite food. His favorite activities are, listing to music, making people laugh and sucking on his pacifier. The hardest for thing for Melvin to do was leave. He gained humor, friendship and his pacifier at RAHI. When not studying he is likely to be right behind you, ready to scare you. His wish is that he could've filled out those forms early. He would like to be reincarnated as the Tasmanian Devil because "he's the baddest cartoon character of all!"





**Rebecca Watkins**  
Trapper Creek  
Freshman

Rebecca was born on October 20th, 1975. Her favorite saying is "Silence gives consent" or "It's too hot". Her family name was Hot Licks. Her favorite sport is horse racing. Spaghetti is her favorite food. She enjoys reading, listening to music, biking and playing pool. The hardest thing for her to do was get to bed before 1 in the morning. From RAHI she gained friends, sort of good study habits and 7 credits. Rebecca should most likely be found in room 304, Deb and Liz's room. She would be found there even when studying. Her one wish is to catch "Aqua man" unaware and dunk him with 5 gallons of ice water. She would like to be reincarnated as a squirrel, because they are always busy and they always are talking.



**R**eal people  
and real friends  
in one circle.  
From the beginning  
to the end,  
we will stand together.



**A**ll the troubles  
and all the joy  
we share,  
we'll share forever.  
Never forgetting  
one another.

**H**uman beings  
all different cultures  
coming together  
for one experience.

**I**n this world,  
you need to dream.  
When you dream,  
you achieve your goals.  
This is the place  
to do it.

a poem by  
Bonnie Peter





**Adam Atseriak  
Quinhagak  
Senior**

Adam Atseriak was born September 22, 1976. His favorite saying is "I overslept". His family name is the "Smilies". His favorite class is Native Studies, Sport is Basketball, Activity is sleeping. The hardest thing for Adam was waking up in the morning. The most important thing he gained from RAHI was his Stipend. He would most likely be found in the Wood Center or in his room sleeping.

**Pauline Beans  
Mt. Village  
Senior**

Pauline was born on April 10, 1976. Her favorite saying is "uh-oh". Her family name was "Hot Licks" Her favorite class is swimming. Her favorite sport is basketball. A chicken sandwich and shrimp are her favorite foods. Pauline's favorite activities were the dance, basketball game and Twin Bears. The hardest thing she had to do was organize her time, have self discipline, and really sit down and work, because she had many other alternatives other than homework which she could do. From RAHI she gained the feel of college: how far she had to push herself to succeed in college and to be a responsible person. She would most likely found at the Wood Center, playing volleyball, just out for a walk, or just hang' out when not studying. Her one wish would be to have more wishes. She would like to be reincarnated as an eagle because it is free and sees the world in a different perspective.



**Matthew Berlin  
Nunapitchuk  
Senior**

Matt was born on August 14, 1976. His favorite saying is "Iqllua". His family group's name was "Raptors". His favorite classes are swimming and business. Native food is his favorite food. His favorite activities are basketball, volleyball and Eskimo dancing. The hardest thing for him was to write his thesis paper. From RAHI Matt gained study skills. When not studying he would be found out of the Mac. dorm. His one wish would be that all living people would be treated equal. He would like to be reincarnated as a dolphin, because he admired them when he was a young child.



**Kit Blair  
Kotzebue  
Senior**

**Deanna Charles  
Dot Lake  
Senior**



**Louise Chikigak  
Alakanuk  
Senior**



Louise was born on August 6, 1976. Her favorite saying is "RAHI's the Best". Her family name her at RAHI was, "Naughty by Nature." Her favorite classes are Native studies and Natural History. She likes basketball and volleyball. Salads (veggies) are her favorite food. Her favorite activities are being with friends. The hardest thing for Louise was, learning how to write a thesis paper for Mr. Gutheridge's class and biking to Twin Bears. From RAHI she gained, learning how to swim and new friends. When not studying she is more likely to be found on her own little adventure with Desiree. Her one wish is that saying good-bye to all her new friends won't be hard. She would like to be reincarnated as the first existing unicorn because she would become famous but then would be a prisoner in a science lab.





**Sandra Deaton**  
Beaver  
Senior

Sandra Deaton was born on April 18, 1975. Her favorite saying is "some peoples children!!" Her family name is Naughty By Nature. Sandra likes Native Studies, Volleyball, Pretzels, Coffee Ice Cream and H2O fights. The hardest thing for Sandy was to stay caught up with her homework. She gained from RAHI was a better perspective of college life. When she was not studying she would be found with Rhonda Pitka. Her wish is to succeed in her goals and dreams. She wants to be reincarnated as an Eagle because it is a symbol of Freedom and Liberty.

**Fannie David**  
Kongiganak  
Senior



**Teresa Rose Joe**  
Hooper Bay  
Senior

Teresa was born on December 12, 1975. Her family group's name was the "Raptors". She enjoys the natural history class. Her favorite sport is basketball. Moose soup is her favorite food. Her favorite activity is SLEEPING. The hardest thing for Teresa was to finish her work in Guthridge's class. From RAHI she gained her stipend and her meal card. When not studying, she would be found everywhere. Her wish is to graduate from college. She would like to be reincarnated as a Loon "so I could dive, fly and all the things they do except I wouldn't die or get killed."





**Wayne Johnnie**  
Soldotna  
Senior

Wayne Johnnie was born on Aug. 25, 1976. His favorite saying is "It's not that life's too short, it's that you're dead for so long". His family group's name was "Naughty by Nature". He enjoys swimming and his favorite sport is basketball. He really has no favorite food but he hates liver. Wayne's favorite activities are baseball and basketball. The hardest thing for him was writing 101. The most important thing he gained was his term paper for writing 101. When he's not studying he is likely to be found sleeping or playing basketball. His one wish is to be awarded many scholarships and be accepted into MIT.

**Desiree M. Lincoln**  
Toksook Bay  
Senior

Desiree was born on May 5. Her favorite saying is, "Fudge!" Her family name was the "Raptors". She enjoys natural history class. Her favorite sport is basketball (not as much as Myra Henry though). Her mom's salmon soup-Bon Appetite is her favorite food. Desiree's favorite activities are dancing, ski-doo/4-wheel-riding around, and sleeping. The hardest thing for her was getting up in the mornings, trying to cover the bags under her eyes, attending the first two classes and eating Wood Center food. The most important things she gained from RAHI was learning how real life college would be for her...Challenging! meeting different people and going to classes on time. When not studying she would be found hanging out with Louise A. Chikigak. Her one wish was to get enough sleep in RAHI or winning a \$1000.00 shopping spree for the Bentley Mall someday. She would like to be reincarnated as a panda because she'd get all the advantages and be known world wide but if the panda is globally extinct she would like to be a leopard because she has always dreamed of being in a sexy cat suit someday.



**Barbara Moxie**  
New Stuyahok  
Senior

Barbara was born on February 29, 1976. Her favorite saying is "The common eye sees the outside of things, and judges by that, but the seeing eye pierces through and reads the heart and the soul, finding there capacities which the outside didn't indicate or promise and which the other kind didn't detect." Her family name was "Naughty by Nature". Her favorite class is math 101. Aqutaq, pizza, cheeseburgers, French fries, Thai food are her favorite food. The hardest thing for her was keeping up in Guthridges class. From RAHI she gained knowing that she can make it through college if she tries hard enough. Barbara would most likely be found down playing the piano or at Pauline's room. Her one wish is to stay young forever but to grow in knowledge. She would like to be a Siberian white tiger because we hardly know about them and because of it's intelligence and aggressiveness.





**Kyan Olanna  
Shismaref  
Senior**

Kyan Olanna was born on June 29, 1977. Her favorite saying is Majunal. Her family name is Hot Licks. Her favorite class is Native Studies. She likes to play basketball, eat Lifesavers, and writing. The hardest thing for her to do is stay awake in class. the most important thing she gained at RAHI was her stipend. She would likely be found in her own little world. She wishes that wishes came true. What she put down for her reincarnation was "I can't answer this it is against my religion"

**Rhonda Pitka  
Beaver/ Fairbanks  
Senior**

Rhonda Pitka was born on February 1, 1977. Her favorite sayings are "Whatever and Anyways." Her family name is Hot Licks. She likes her Native Studies class, frozen yogurt, or cottage cheese and water fights. When not studying she would likely be found with Sandy. She wishes that she could get at least 12 hours of sleep.



**Joel Titus  
Minto  
Senior**

Joel was born on December 15, 1993. His favorite saying is "Dope Baby" His family group is Smilies. His favorite classes are Math and Native Studies. He likes Steak and Eggs. His favorite sport is basketball. His favorite activities are sports. His hardest thing to do this term at RAHI was Mr. Guthridge's class. Study habits were his most important gain. When not studying he would most likely be found in at the patty center or in his girls room. He wishes for world peace. He would like to be reincarnated as a pitbull dog because he would want a good master.



**Jaylene Wheeler  
Nome  
Senior**



## Engineering

"Engineering was a good specialty course. We did and learned lots of neat things like study lens, wedge pore and "other kinds of ice formations. I liked the field trips and the Musk-ox and caribou, but I didn't like the mosquitoes."



"I wasn't really interested in engineering at first, but when RAHI offered it, I took up the class to give it a try. I was only curious about the class. Now I'm very interested in engineering and may think about it as a major. This class is wonderful."



"The engineering specialty class was a fun class, I learned about permafrost, soil, and other aspects of engineering in Alaska. It was a fun class. The field trips were cool, and class information was all right. The instructor was very helpful."

**"In Engineering, the students mostly do work in subjects like math and science. Also, we went to a lot of field trips like the permafrost tunnel, the Musk-ox farm and also to Fort Wainwright. Engineering was the most fun subject I had."**



**"Engineering, to me, was the most fun course that I took during RAHI. I believe that I learned more in this class than I did in any of the others."**

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### **Library Skills**

**The freshmen had an option of taking library skills. Eight freshman took this class along with their other required classes. Lisbeth, Chris, Kim, Aaron, Debbie, Bonnie, Carl and Melvin took this class. This was a pass/fail course. Students were given workbooks about the library, and they had to be completed by the end of the course. Students had the option of taking parts of the test home during the six week class. At the very end a final was given in class. Overall this class will help in the future.**

**by Kim Ivie**

## Twin Bears

Twin Bears Lake was once again the site of RAHI's three-day camping excursion and Fun Olympics. Several students and staff biked to or from Twin Bears Lake. Fun Olympics was held the second day and pitted the four family groups against each other. Some of this year's events included the Orange Pass, the Egg Toss, the Watermelon Dunk, and the Canoe Race. The Watermelon Dunk was a new event which involved four players per team, the lake, a Crisco-caked watermelon, and two intertubes. The object, of course, was to make the watermelon pass through the intertubes. However, because the water was extremely cool, only three points were scored in three ten-minute games, with one sudden-death overtime.

Wayne Johnnie



**"My life is going by too fast, my only hope is that we can go into overtime."**  
Snoopy



## **Swimming**

**Swimming class requires water so that you can try new things like: standing in the water, placing your face in the water, rhythmic breathing, treading water, and the crawlstroke...and other necessary things that make water not so fearful.**

Aaron Kasgnoc



**"Truly great friends are hard to find,  
hard to leave, and impossible to forget."**  
Garrett Randolph

### Math 103

There are only five students in Math 103, and of course the instructor, Chuck Cooper. The five students are: Ryan Anderson, Matthew Berlin, Kit Blair, Wayne Johnnie and Kyan Olanna. Our class is just basically about Algebra one and two, no trigonometry and we are getting into Calculus math.

Matthew Berlin

### Math 070/102

A majority of the RAHI students were in this class. Our instructor Charles Cooper; known to his students as Chuck, was a great teacher. This class was equivalent to High School Alg. II. We learned many things, for example, exponents, radicals, polynomials, functions and graphs, and a lot more. A mathematical saying he uses a lot is :

(A blob) \* the same(blob) =(blob) squared.

Overall I enjoyed this class very much.

Kim Ivie



George Guthridge using martial arts on his students.

English 111, with George Guthridge, was the best English class I've ever taken. I learned a lot about writing that I'm sure will carry through all my years of college. We were required to write four papers; a problem paper, a product paper, a thesis paper, and an argumentative paper.

Lisbeth Bergman



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### Boys Basketball



### Girls Basketball



## **Business Specialty**

The 1993 Business Specialty class, taught by Jacob Joseph and Rose Kairaiiak, learned about sales promotion from Dale Fodness, a special guest speaker, and how different businesses operate. We watched videos of American business starting operations in foreign countries, such as Japan and the Soviet Union. To discover how businesses are operated, we visited Fred Meyers, the movie theater, Hot Licks ice-cream shop, and the Riverboat Discovery. Our final presentation was aimed at helping to prevent AIDS in Alaska.

Wayne Johnnie



## **Native Studies**

In Native Studies, we heard the trials of the Native American people, and what an important role our ancestors have played in the development of the United States government. During class we discussed the material covered in *Exiled in the Land of the Free* and *How the West was Lost*; we looked into how the Indian Nations set up the first democracy, Native sovereignty, and the struggle of Indian nations to defend their lands. This course encouraged the reclaiming of Native rights and the preservation of culture; we learned United States history from the Native view point, and about ourselves.

Kyan Olenna

**Writing 101, with George Guthridge, was a useful class to all students, whether planning to attend college or not. This class emphasized how to write a thesis paper, but also touched on grammar, argumentative papers, editing, and techniques for surviving college courses. The major assignment of the course was to write a four to six page (1000-1500 word) thesis paper on bears.**

**Wayne Johnnie**

*"Minds are like parachutes; they only function when they are open."*

*Unknown*



**"The most wasted day is that in which we have not laughed."**

**Chomfort**

## Flower

Something there is in beauty  
which grows in the soul of the beholder  
like a flower:  
fragile -  
for many are the blights  
which may waste  
the beauty  
or the beholder -  
and imperishable -  
for the beauty may die,  
or the beholder may die,  
or the world may die,  
but the soul in which the flower grows  
survives.

by  
Ryan Anderson



"You can live in a very cultural setting  
without language, but without language,  
it's like dancing without music."

Elise Keating - Barrow, Ak

"Whenever I see your smiling face I  
have to smile myself because I love you."

James Taylor

## Eskimo Drums

The Drums Beat,  
My Heart sings  
A song of happiness.  
The Drums Beat,  
My feet move,  
Bringing me Alive.  
The Drums Beat,  
And I am one  
With the Spirits.  
Dancing, Singing,  
And Rejoicing of our  
Life.  
Our Hearts Beat  
And are the Drums.

by  
Kenny Mills



## Statues of Past

At the heart of the storm,  
Imaginings become real.  
Memories shape into  
Lovers, Friends.  
The sand beneath grips at  
My soul, while it burns below.  
I move on, each step scalding hot,  
Feet scream in protest,  
I move on,  
The past is left behind,  
Seen on the horizon are  
Statues.  
In the beach in front uncut stones  
Stand waiting.  
My memories,  
My Life,  
My Love,  
Are cut into these stones.  
They will get worn down with time,  
But they will last forever.  
My footsteps are lost,  
My memories guide me  
Through the future  
Loves,  
Life,  
Pain.

by  
Kenny Mills

"For friends it's never 'good-bye,'  
just 'see ya later.'"

Anonymous

All is dark, then a flash emerges.  
It hovers in the air, teasing me.  
I follow quickly, as if in a trance,  
and enter a circle of strange light.

The light creates a fear inside me,  
as well as a hellish illusion.  
Skeletons running to and fro,  
in preparation for my arrival.

I continue to move forward slowly.  
A great hall approaches from the left.  
Enormous pillars support the hall  
and are carved elaborately.

As I am seated at the table,  
an enormous figure swoops downward.  
He touches me with a horrid finger  
and sends a quick pulse through my body.

I begin to shiver tremendously  
as a pain increases inside of me  
until I scream in anguish.  
Then with a flash of light, all is dark.

a poem by  
Wayne Johnnie

"Truly great friends are hard to find, hard to leave, and impossible to forget."  
Garrett Randolph

