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"... I need some love and affection, or, at least a good shopping trip ..."

Jennifer Brady, Pink Mountain, B.C., RAHI 1990

Some things never change, do they?

RAHI: Into the Future - Together

Jim Kowalsky, Program Director

We've finished our 14th summer. As RAHI and its students both head into the unknown, there are plans to make, dreams to fulfill, and goals to meet. Let's take that journey together into the future.

RAHI alumni and staff must keep RAHI informed of new plans, address changes, achievements, family connections and developments. You as RAHI alumni should seriously consider this invitation for future help that you'll need in getting organized for college. RAHI can perform trouble shooting for you, such as tracking down the status of your application to UAF, connecting you with people who can give advice and direction in matters such as financial aid, housing, status of other RAHI buddies and staff, giving written recommendations, and any other possible assistance. In turn you, within this overall great RAHI family of almost 800 people, have a role to play in helping to ensure that RAHI continues into the future.

Here's how:

Every chance you get, when being interviewed for a newspaper, or radio or television news, or when making presentations to your school, community, other friends, AFN, Native Youth Leadership Conferences, or other organizations - include talk about RAHI and your experiences. Tell others about RAHI if you feel it is an important part of your education. Take a moment to explain that RAHI can play a very important role in the lives of those who are serious about succeeding in college.

Do not shy away from blowing the trumpet for RAHI. This is something that you can do best and that will always be helpful.

Take RAHI home - or to college - with you. The knowledge, ideas, connections with peers and staff, the inspiration and personal pride - take it all, make it part of your senior year in high school, in college, and in your future life's pursuits. Keep in touch with us at UAF, with each other too. Let RAHI know where you are and what you are doing. Keep alive the idea of learning. Help keep your culture and identity strong with attention, participation, and with education.

Best wishes and love to *ALL* of you, who I hope are my friends forever!



Photo by Beverly Chmielarczyk

**Sam Chanar
RAHI Tutor/Counselor
Photographer Extraordinaire**

The RAHI '96 Yearbook is fondly dedicated to Sam Chanar. Sam, in his 5th summer as RAHI tutor/counselor, grew up in Toksook Bay, a Yup'ik community tucked into a bay on the southwest side of Nelson Island. The island features very large, treeless, beautifully rolling ridges of tundra that drop steeply down to the Bering Sea. Musk oxen can be seen in these hills from time to time, as well as other wildlife.

Sam attended RAHI in 1985 following his Junior year in high school. After school he enrolled at UAF and got off to what he would admit was a beginning that was rocky enough to cause him to leave.

Eventually Sam returned for a second try. He got good strong advice and encouragement from UAF Rural Student Services on his second time around. One could say Sam returned to UAF as a new man who has since made the best of the opportunity to earn a college degree.

Sam, as we all know, has developed a passionate love affair with the camera. He is soon to earn his degree in rural development with a specialty in business. His interest is cultural documentation, done through the lens of the camera. Not only does this human dynamo of energy demonstrate his talent by photographing RAHI in all its aspects, but he lives for the opportunity to capture through the lens the moods and character of Native elders. His lovely photos grace the pages of the RAHI brochure used to advertise the program, and also the pages of this and past year books. His photos also dominate the large display panels RAHI exhibits at career fairs and conventions, drawing in the curious and the admiring.

Sam Chanar not only carries around in his head and heart an abundance and variety of originality and artistic talent - his ragtime piano renditions are all played by ear ("I just sit at the keyboard and work it out") - but students and co-workers also know him as a strong tutor in mathematics and consistently over the RAHI summers have voted him to be one of RAHI's most helpful tutor/counselors.

Sam has great humor and great energy that derives from great enthusiasm. We appreciate him and we love him - for his dedication, his long positive association with RAHI, his artistry, his originality, and his willingness to pursue student success with long hours of self-directed hard work. This is our tribute to Sam Chanar. It is well-earned and presented with affection. Congratulations Sam!

Rebecca Agnes

Nickname:
"Otay"

Nulato

Family:
V-8



Miss Agnes will remember the soaking slosh at the dorm water fights with a certain fondness. Be certain, she will miss her new RAHI friends, all of them. That brief experiment with Lower Commons food will not be a good memory, and she says she'll not miss all that special RAHI studying either. "Otay" says Rebecca is her favorite utterance, and give her 5 years? She'll be checkin' out all the clubs.

Melissa Alick

Native Name(s)
"Arnapaq" and
"Tatallaq"

Pilot Station

Family:
Smurfs



Arnapaq recalled that her best memories will be those of her friends, and having fun, her worst memory will be that of biking out to Twin Bears in the rain. She states that she will most miss the SRC, and least she will miss all of the studying. In five years? She hopes to be working, making lots of money and having fun.

Doris Ahlalook

Nicknames:
"Dorie" and "Sis"

Wainwright

Family:
V-8



Dorie, who makes a great effort to excel academically, hopes in five years, to be living a good life and to be happy. Hopefully her best memories - having fun with her friends at RAHI - will help her to achieve this. She will miss most the many friends that she met and got to know at RAHI. When you hear "Holy Moly!" or "Whatever," yup, it's Dorie who is close at hand. The six A.M. run was not a thrill for Dorie.

Doris Allain

Native name:
"Dook"

Aniak

Family:
Goof Troops



Doris, who sometimes makes up for her quiet manner with a very loud boom box, will let loose with "Hey Punk," a favorite phrase. "Dook" will tell you she loved going out during weekends and will remember it proudly, but she did miss her family and her boyfriend Don. When Doris ponders her RAHI summer some future snowy evening, she will miss her buds Nicole, "Beep," and January. But she will not miss the "endless" hours of studying and working she jokes. Doris expects to see herself graduate from UAF in five years.

Marcus Ambrose

*Nickname:
"Bogus"*

Hughes

*Family :
Fish Camp
Friends*



"Hey my native Brothers and Sisters," is the favorite saying of Marcus, this Koyukon Athabaskan. His fondest memories are the undefeated status in the three on three tournament, and the trip to Chena Lakes. He'll miss far less the classes says he than the RAHI buddies. And, yet, he says in five years he would like to be at the finishing point in college. And the worst RAHI memory? "Women Trouble!"

Brian Bosco

*Native name:
"Qavyuayuk"*

Chefornak

*Family:
Smurfs*



Qavyuayuk would, in 5 years, see himself subsistence hunting and fishing, and he will miss the RAHI people who are his friends. This NYO athlete in those future years will look back at RAHI memories and fondly recall the new friends here much more favorably than his course book and homework, and biking back from Twin Bears (he ran out of food and drink and "bonked"). This man favors "Waqaa" as his most favored phrase.

Kitty Anselment

*Nickname:
"Kitty Dukes"*

McGrath

*Family:
Fish Camp
Friends*



To the RAHI tutor/counselors Kitty Dukes, who has that great smile says, "You guys are great!" She will not remember fondly her belly flop into the pool, or in her homesickness, that she calls lovesickness. Kitty who participated in RAHI with the help of an Alyeska Oil Pipeline Service Company Scholarship, says her best RAHI memory will be getting satisfactory grades. In five years? Look for participating in a family business, and perhaps having a kid.

*Rachel
Burmeister*

*Native Name:
"Moxy"*

Nome

*Family :
Lil' Rascals*



Rachel's trademark saying is "I'll do it tomorrow." Rachel will best remember playing volleyball with lots of people and laughing at Carl. Her worst recollection will be dozing off during class tied, no doubt, with another worst memory of being discovered, no, not as a budding star, but searching for dust mites under an Upward Bound bed at a most awkward hour. She will miss all the people the most, but the curfew ranks low on her memory scale. Moxy hopes to be finishing college in the next half decade.

Tawyna Connor

*Native Name:
"Taha"*

Anderson

*Family:
Goof Troop*



This thoughtful young Ahtna Indian women likes "Whoops, sorry" as a favored phrase, and will most fondly remember the good feeling of finishing each assignment. Not so fond a memory will be the last 10 miles of the bicycling to Twin Bears, and those infamous RAHI dorm rules. Taha sees herself still in school in five years, hence on the road to becoming a veterinarian (she loves all animals).

Roy Craft

*Nickname:
"Skinny"*

Nome / Valdez

*Family:
Fish Camp
Friends*



Skinny, "Hey ah," (Just his favorite saying). Aren't you the one whose last memory is going to fish camp, and that missed most at RAHI will be friends, especially Howard, Sabrina and Gladys. Shaving cream up the nose was not a good thing according to Roy, he knows from experience. We will have to check Roy out in five years to learn what he will be doing.

Annie Cowell

Fairbanks

*Family:
The Natives*



This Fairbanksan could be heard saying, "smile it does a body good," her most embraced saying. Commons food will rank low on her memory scale, way down below Twin Bears, especially Carl diving onto a canoe and Josh heading off into the water up to whatever it was. Annie lives the closest to the RAHI dorm of any RAHIER in history, perhaps a third of a mile. In five years she would like to be opening her own day care business.

*Alphonsus
Damian*

*Nickname:
"Phonz"*

Alakanuk

*Family:
V-8*



Alphonsus has a favorite saying these six weeks: "Give me my nipple." He will recall everything at RAHI as his best memories, except the homework. Phonz will miss chatting with good friends. Oh yes, getting up so early in the morning during summer will be missed the least. In less than six years he hopes to be going to school.

Howard Darling

*Nickname:
"Juwar"*

Nulato

*Family:
The Natives*



Carl Demientieff

*Nickname:
"Mandaman"*

Nenana

*Family:
Goof Troop*



Juwar has a favorite single word statement: "So?" He wishes to remain discreet in revealing his worst memory and directs us to Sabrina for part of the information. He won't mince words on the worst memory category however: Being out of shape. But he'll easily describe the best memory as being undefeated at the 3 on 3 tournament. He will miss Roy, Sabrina and Gladys the most. To finish college in five years is his hope.

Carl's least-liked memory will be diving into a canoe, "falling into" says he, during Dizzy Izzy. He who favors the utterance "like ahh," will bestrecall the women in the Wood Center, but alas, not the commons food. Carl hopes to be a news reporter in five years hence.

Sabrina Demmert

*Nick Name:
"Brina"*

Klawock

*Family:
Fish Camp
Friends*



Nicole Gallahorn

*Nickname:
"Nikki"*

Kotzebue

*Family:
Smurfs*



Brina will move right along between now and five years from now, hoping to be in graduate school she says. Now she's going to miss her RAHI friends, especially Gladys, Roy, and Howard. And great memories for her will be her family's team effort in the Twin Bears Fun Olympics, and just watching chubby bunny; her bad memory- the worst actually- will remain getting dropped into the "stink lake" at Twin Bears. The greasy food will not be missed (you know, that food everyone asks for at the Wood Center).

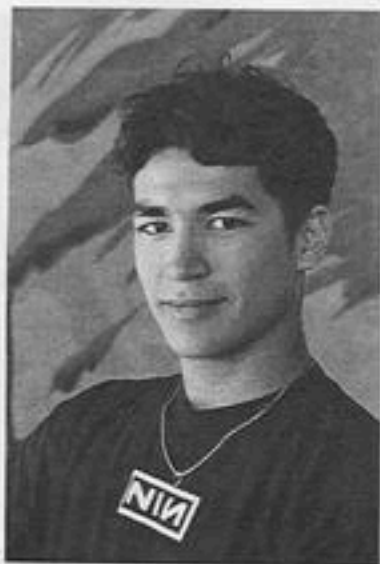
Nikki will recall the best of RAHI in this order: 1) Meeting all her new friends, 2) The Oobie and Doobie, and 3) Twin Bears, but she has no worst memories. She will miss her RAHI buddies the most, and "Adii!" is her most favorite saying. At year number five from now Nikki hopes to have graduated from UAF and working in her chosen career field.

Randy Gibson

*Nickname:
"Ed"*

Delta Junction

*Family:
The Natives*



Ed says "now I'm nothing" is a favored phrase. In 5 years this young man says that he hopes to be turning out songs as a producer in the music industry. Climbing closer to Heaven by scaling Angel Rocks during Twin Bears will survive as a best RAHI memory for Randy. But staying up in 48 hours runs toward the sour side of his RAHI memory lane. He'll most miss recruiting NIN fans, and least, "the rulz!" He attended RAHI with scholarship help from the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

Sonya Hill

*Nickname:
"Oliveoyl"*

Aniak

*Family:
The Natives*



"Who knows where thoughts come from? They just appear!" These words make up Sonya's favorite statement. She will remember best laughing with everyone, and will certainly miss the "awesome water fights." Her distasteful recollections go to getting behind in homework, having to catch up and study halls. Yet, in five years, she would like to have done a lot more homework and to be graduating from college.

Kimberly George

*Nickname:
"Kim"*

Nulato

*Family:
Smurfs*



Kim has proclaimed that the water fights, family group outings, and Twin Bears are on her list of best memories of RAHI, but she seems not to have any worst memories (which is very good). Though the friends she made will be missed the most, the Lower Commons will be missed the least. She isn't sure what she wants to do in five years.

Carolyn Hoover

*Native name:
"Aryak"*

Kasigaluk

*Family:
Goof Troop*



Aryak is very specific about what she will miss the most about RAHI: Debbie's whistling says she. Carolyn, an Alyeska Pipeline Service Company RAHI scholar, has no favored saying, but she has places marked in her memory bank. For example, whereas sweating too much in the dorm ranks low of course, the Twin Bears relay race is right up there at the top of her memory scale. Homework, though, is—well, right down there with what won't be missed, and yet, five years down the road she hopes to be enrolled in college.

Nicholas Hoover

*Native name:
"Uquviar"*

Kasigluk

*Family:
Fishcamp Friends*



"Uquviar's" best memory will be his trip to Twin Bears, and the worst is staying up late finishing papers (so, does this mean his bicycle crash and six stitches was a picnic?). Nicholas claims his five-year plan sees him flying a plane after first experimenting by flying a bicycle, or is that flying off a bike Nick? He'll miss his new friends the most after RAHI, but the same will not be true for the Commons food. One favorite saying? "Arooo!"

Lisa Isaac

*Native Name:
"Arrsamquq"*

Kasigluk

*Family:
The Natives*



"Arrsamquq" hopes to finish college in five years, she will most miss "my friends!!!" and will least miss the homework. She loves to say, "so sick," and "so evil." Her best recollection will be of Donna, her roommate, jumping up and opening the curtains during her sleep in the middle of the night. Her worst memory will be being very homesick.

Delores Huffman

*Nickname:
"Sunshine"*

Huslia

*Family:
V-8*



Delores, the pleasant of pleasant young women, will recall most favorably Twin Bears and the relay races, and she will most miss all RAHI students and the staff. Less favorable memory will be of the food, and she will least miss running out of money. She hopes to be travelling as an anthropologist five years from now.

*April Dawn
Kairaiuak*

*Native name:
"It'gacangaq"*

Kwigillingok

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



It'gacangaq, with those smiley Kairaiuak eyes, will most miss the friends she met at RAHI, and her best memory will remain one of Sam "pushing me into the water at Chena Lake." Breaking down in the van enroute back to campus from Nenana will likely be missed the least, and her ton of RAHI homework at the end of a day will be missed not at all. April loves to say "I joke" and "psyche." She hopes to achieve her goals in five years.

Clara Kakurtak

*Nickname:
"Bo-girl"*

Alakanuk

*Family:
Goof Troop*



Bo-girl favors RAHI friends and fun in the best memory category and will most miss "the many friends I have, mostly the dorm staff— I love all of you." She who likes to say "Kool," is less enthusiastic about the 6 AM run, even when acknowledging that it is a RAHI tradition, and the food at the Lola Tilly Commons. Clara is hopeful to be teaching in her home town five years down life's road.

Waylon Koutchak

*Nick name:
"Hefty Smurf"*

Unalakleet

Family: V-8



Waylon hopes in five years to be a RAHI counselor. He has no bad memory at RAHI, but he most fondly recalls climbing Angel Rock without gear and living on the edge. He says, "I love it when you call me 'Big Papa'," and his favorite phrase, "Me and Jenny are like peas and carrots." He least liked the rules at RAHI, and most enjoyed the peace and quiet and friends (you call those water fights peaceful?).

Trina Kowunna

*Nick names:
"Lil' Mike,"
"Tiny T,"
or "Beep"*

Noatak

*Family:
The Natives*



Lil' Mike favors two best memories, Twin Bears and when the boys dressed up as girls, and proclaims dying her hair as her worst recollection. She favors two favorite sayings "Psyche" and "Yo! Wait up!". Now Trina doesn't indicate RAHI homework will be missed, but her RAHI friends will definitely be missed. In four plus one years from now she'd like to be receiving her Bachelor's Degree.

Marcia Leopold

*Native Name:
"Qayaguuq"*

Emmonak

*Family:
V-8*



What Marcia will miss most about RAHI is her new family, and she will recall as her best memory her 40 mile bike ride to Twin Bears (she was Awesome!). Qayaguuq is no fan of the summer heat; however, her nightmare about smelling Gonzo leaves her cold. In half a decade she hopes to be graduating. She loves to say "I need help!" Anyone out there willing to help?

Pamela Lestenkof

St. Paul

*Family:
Goof Troop*



In five years this young lady would like to be going to college in Hawaii. She recalls that her best memory will be of the weekends and Thursdays, while her worst memory will be of the mosquito bites and the library. She says she will miss her friends and the weather the most, and the least??? That would have to be getting thrown in cold water and being splashed.

Lewis Lomack

*Nick name:
"Louie"*

Akiachak

*Family:
Goof Troop*



Louie has that heart and eye out for, well, the girls. It's they who will be the most missed, and who will furnish him with the fondest memories, but not with a parachute for the roller coaster. His homework is his least fond memory, but "I didn't do it!" is Louie's favorite statement. Oh, he will miss working out in the gym too, and in five years hence he'd like to fly an F-16. Lewis got to RAHI with assistance of an Alyeska Pipeline Service Company scholarship.

Gladys Mekianna

*Native Name:
"Aqirgaq"*

Anaktuvuk Pass

*Family:
Smurfs*



Well, the no-curfew Twin Bears junket serves as Aqirgaq's best memory of RAHI, but breaking her nose (breaking it?) as her worst recollection. "Gee Whiz" she says is her favorite phrase, and she will miss RAHI parents much more than the commons. She would, in five years, like to see everyone from RAHI.

Elmer Moonin

*Native Name:
"Saggaa"*

Port Graham

*Family:
Smurfs*



Saggaa graduated from East High School in Anchorage, and his best recollection will be Twin Bears and the weather. This young man, who hopes to graduate from college in five years, will most miss the people and FRIENDS at RAHI. Oh yes, he liked least awakening early, English, and will not recall getting "depantsed" fondly.

Charles Peele

*Native Name:
"Skunday"*

Hydaburg

*Family:
Smurfs*



Charles will miss most all of his friends at RAHI, and food in the Lower Commons the least. He has memories too, the best of which are both the "first times" and "catching a beaver." His worst memory is the belly flop in swimming class. Five years hence he would prefer to be doing college work.

*Jenny Victoria
Samson*

*Native Name:
"Anglluarlia"*

Kipnuk

*Family:
Fish Camp
Friends*



Anglluarlia will most miss her RAHI friends, and having fun with them, she will least miss being sick for two weeks. Her best memory will be that of her friends and homework will be a lot lower on the list for her. In five years she hasn't quite decided what she would like to be doing, but there is still time to make that decision.

Heather Scott

Haines

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



This lovely young lady gave a lot to RAHI with her strength and scholarship, and her great attitude (never a word of complaint). Heather at some future point in her life, when she thinks back to RAHI, will recall best the people with the program, including the students and all her friends. She will miss less the classes she says (although she did tell that she loves the subject math), and in five years she hopes to be graduating from college.

January Scott

*Nickname:
"Data"*

Kake

*Family:
Fish Camp
Friends*



This January, born in February, marches to no adverse RAHI memories, but will affectionately recall how everyone bonded. Her favorite utterance is, "hesitation breeds pain." The least missed will be studying when it is gorgeous outside (but note, she does not say all studying). She will most miss Debbie, Sam, Jason, Kyan, and her new RAHI friends. In five years she hopes to be breathing and having fun.

Sarah Sherry

Native Name:
"Taba"

Anchorage &
Minto

Family:
The Natives



Sarah's favorite saying is "I jokes." Sarah will remember fondly the fashion show and what she will remember less fondly is being thrown into Chena Lakes. In five years she hopes for a job that she really likes. Taba will miss all the RAHI people the most and she will miss the least the stairs. The stairs? The stairs keep you trim, in shape!

O'Nighka Short

Nickname:
"Nike"

Kenny Lake

Family:
Fish Camp
Friends



O'Nighka's least missed memory will be the homework, the Lower Commons food, and the last part of the 40-mile bike ride back from Twin Bears, her best memories of RAHI would be everything else including all of the friends she made. She says the best thing was finishing a paper and finding out that she did good on it. In five years she hopes to be pursuing her education.

Kelly Shewfelt

Fort Yukon

Family:
V-8



Kelly who attends school in North Pole likes to say, or to hear, "You can't challenge the past, but you can let it go." She will miss her new RAHI buddies the most, and yes-research papers and the library the least. Twin Bears will remain her best memory of RAHI, but the lower commons did not fare as well. In five years? She would like to own her own Chippendale's Calendars. Does it matter what year Kelly?

Cheryl Simon

Nickname:
"Boom"

Allakaket

Family:
Lil' Rascals



Cheryl hopes to be actually finishing college within five years from now. We know that this first RAHIer in our RAHI history from Allakaket will miss her RAHI friends the most, and homework the least. When she pauses to remember the RAHI experience the friends will come into sharp focus, and the commons food the least. Her favorite phrases: "Ah geeze" and "Anyway."

Kate Stasenko

*Nickname:
"Smurfette"*

Shishmaref

*Family:
Smurfs*



Kate had no love for the lower commons food, but she'll recall Twin Bears fondly. Friends at RAHI will be missed the most; the least? Homework and English papers. In five years she fantasizes being stranded on an island with Antonio Sabato Jr. along with the owner of *Playgirl* magazine she says. Isn't that a woman Kate?

Joshua Swan

*Nickname:
"Josh"*

Kivalina

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



Josh's Best memory at RAHI will be: FALLING INTO THE LAKE AT TWIN BEARS. Worst memory: Grades. What will Josh miss the most: Civilization. Least: Homework. In 5 years from now: Flying! We will miss your piano playing Josh!

Adrienne Tveit

Kodiak

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



This golden blond Tlingit young woman, a certified EMT for those of you who may need help, is going to miss the friendships gained at RAHI and hopes that these will be lifelong. Adrienne came to RAHI aided by an Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Scholarship. She will especially fondly recall cabin D at Twin Bears, but not the killer mosquitoes (they're on steroids!). She will miss the English papers too, NOT! In five years Adrienne pictures she and Kate relaxing on a Mexican beach "with our men."

Maryilyn Walcott

*Native name:
"Mall'aq"*

New Stuyahok

*Family:
Goof Troop*



Her best memory will be getting to return to RAHI a 2nd year, and Debbie's heartfelt speech to the students at an all-dorm meeting. She will be enrolled at UAF this fall. Therefore, this quiet young woman will miss nothing about RAHI, because she will live a lot of the RAHI experience all over again come fall semester — only things won't be so compressed and rushed. Her least fond memory is the small group communications class in which she had to write and prepare speeches. In five years she hopes to be teaching elementary school at home.

Anders Wassillie

*Native name:
"Qayista"*

Napaskiak

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



Donna Xavier

*Native Name:
"Piip ish"*

Pilot Station

*Family:
Lil' Rascals*



Anders will recall least favorably doing his homework, but will recall most favorably turning in that homework. This graceful and impressive Native dancer will definitely miss hanging around with friends at RAHI the most, but eating the food at Wood Center is a memory not found in his most favored column. With a love of computers, it is not surprising that Qayista hopes in five years to be programming them.

Donna has a big memory for her friends. These she says, will be the most missed aspect of RAHI, when asked about the least-liked part of RAHI Piip ish votes for the van breakdown enroute back to the campus from Nenana. Say, "evil" and she will tell you this is her favorite quotation. Ask her what she will miss least and she will tell you books and articles. Looking a decade into the future, she will tell you she has no known plan at present, other than to be doing "something cool."



"To me RAHI stands for opportunity. It is my chance to experience what college may be like. One of my goals is to someday attend college. Far too often I have seen students graduate from school and do nothing with their lives. Many are still living at home."

Sonya Ann Hill

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"My family and community have given me so much support in education that I feel that I need to show them that I am very thankful for that."

Marilyn Walcott



"In our world, there are two kinds of learning. One you get from a formal education, and the other from the world around you. At college, you get an experience in both. I have received a very good informal upbringing from my family and community. After high school, the time is right to get a much more formal education."

Delores Huffman

"Today, much of my rich Yup'ik Eskimo culture is gone. I try to hold on to it by trying to speak my language and listening to my Grandma and elders. I help my mother in the summer. We cut and dry many fish. We pick many gallons of berries and store them for the long winter. In my Yup'ik class we bead and make fur hats with our Yup'ik teacher. She also teaches us how to speak our language. We make up our own Yup'ik dances and experiment with the drums."

Doris Allain



"My path in life is to have strong family values, treat elders with respect, get a good education and have a job that I would like. Participating in community activities is also important... The Demientieff family has taught me my traditional Athabaskan values. When we catch fish from the river we always thank the spirit and say, 'come again.' I always help serve food to the elders at potlatches, which is important in our culture. The more I learn about my ancestors' past, the better I feel. Having a good education is my first priority."

Carl Demientieff

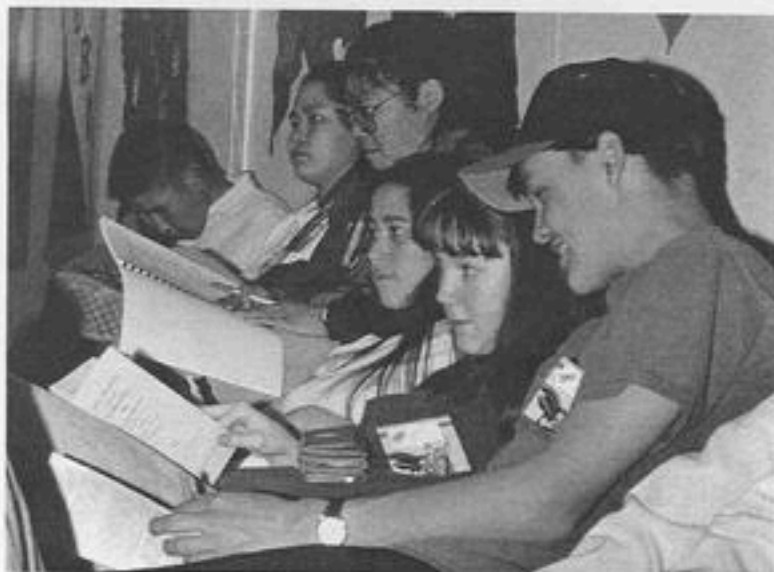


"Allakaket was in a flood in August of '94. It was a very tragic time for everyone. Most of the able village men were out in the Lower 48' fire fighting. It took around 6 months till most everybody moved back to Allakaket."

Cheryl Simon

"Native Americans have contributed to the way we live today. A lot of people do not recognize how much of what goes on in their life and their government is based on Native American cultures and that Native Americans did make more than bows and arrows."
April Kairaiuak





"I was an exchange student for the last quarter of this year.... The people there all seemed to accept me and I did not have any trouble with anyone. It was funny being called a 'Native American' student. I'm not used to being a minority. Here in Nulato, in rural Alaska, I am not a minority."

Howard Darling

"I'm a teenager with cerebral palsy and sometimes this can be very frustrating. But I have learned to live with this disability and have realized that I will always have it. I try to be independent. I am limited on what I can do but I am always willing to try....When I go to college I want to be ready and I want to see if college is something I am able to do and handle. I have confidence in myself, and am very patient."

Heather Scott



"My desire to earn a college degree is so important for my future and my family. A college degree will provide security by expanding my high school skills and setting a positive attitude that will be necessary for me to reach my individual goals and potentials."

Waylon Koutchak



"There are many choices in this world to be what a person wants to be, but some people are afraid to go and seek their needs... Hardly any students from the village go to college. They are used to living with their family, instead of going out and challenging their fears, or finding their dreams." Clara Kakurtak



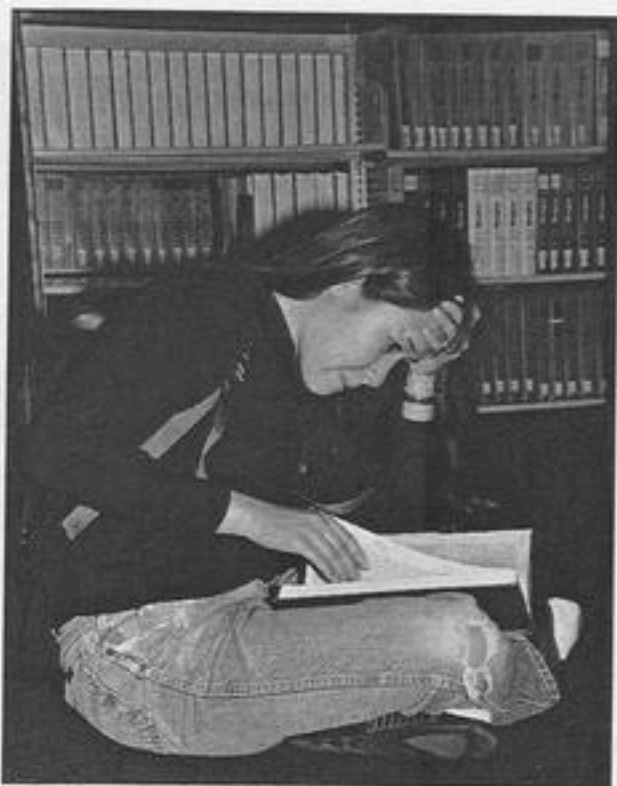
"The lifelong dream of just about every person in the world is be successful. The question remains what is success? To me success would be to attain lifelong happiness. A person who is happy with what they do and how they live is successful... The one thing that I'm striving for in life is to become a Veterinarian. To me attaining this goal would be success."

Tawnya Connor



"...I am going to become a physician by earning a Pre-Med degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and then earn my MD at the University of Washington Medical School. I would like to come back to Alaska to serve a community that needs me. I would like to be the first graduate of Nome-Beltz to become a Physician."

Rachel Burmeister



"I want to prepare for college and earn college credits at the same time. I feel RAHI can be the learning foundation for my future years of college." Pamela Lestenkof

"I take the subsistence way of living seriously. When I was younger, my father often took me hunting and gill net fishing. Much of my day-to-day life in the village does not take place in the house. Everyday I am assigned chores to either go haul wood for the stove, pack ice, chop firewood or do other outside tasks."

Lewis Lomack

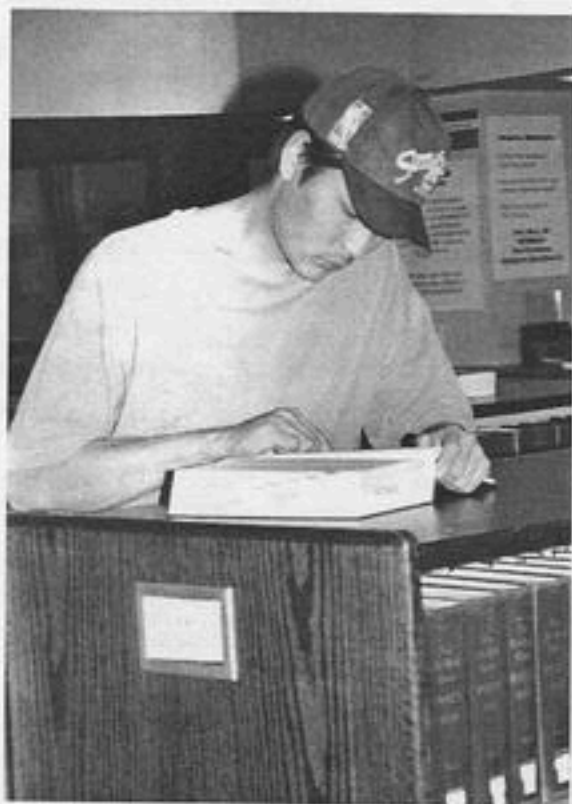
"Some elders like to tell stories of the past of how they lived or just tell a tall tale. They mostly speak in Yup'ik and I understand every word they say because of the distinctive education I have."

Anders Wassillie



"My reasons for wanting to go to college are: Respect for my family, My teachers, and the Elders who are supportive and encourage me to go on to college. I want to support myself and my family if necessary... I want my Native people to feel positive about themselves. I want to be proud that I have accomplished a major goal in life."

Doris Ahllook



"Life on campus is hard because of all the homework and social life. They both don't mix together because I always want to go out and visit girls instead of doing homework. I saw other students doing the same. It was hard not to go out and then to stay in and do homework."

Marcus Ambrose

"I want to go to college to meet people, get better job opportunities, and to do something with my life. I want to meet people because they can be friends for life. These friends can help me get through the hardest part of college, homesickness."

Rebecca Agnes





"Going to this RAHI program will let me experience college life before I go to college. It will give me a chance to get used to being away from home. Also, I would be doing college work so I know what to expect and how much effort I should give in my school work when I go to college. I would get used to the college campus in Fairbanks and learn my way around."

Lisa Isaac

"I've disciplined myself to focus on what's important today and the connection that it has with tomorrow."

Marcia Leopold

"My grandma taught me how to skin seals, prepare some Eskimo food, cut fish and sew. My grandpa taught me how to set a net, run dogs and take care of them."

Nicole Gallahorn

"Our culture is our history. Learning about the past will make it easier for us to understand who we are."

Elmer Moonin

"RAHI will help me finance my college education, because I will have college credits and I may earn my degree earlier than usual."

Marilyn Walcott

"My debt to society is a large one. Many people have helped me to get where I am and I need to pay them back. I would ... go back into my native town and try to fix it up."

Charles Peele

"Without the proper education, many of us may face hardships of unemployment. This could lead to poverty, welfare and even homelessness. With my own eyes I have seen this happen to many people who I wish I could help."

Kitty Anselment

"As an Athabascan Indian from the village of Fort Yukon I take great pride in my heritage and cultural background."

Kelly Shewfelt

"Education is the key to everything. Nobody can do much without it. It's the only way to survive in today's society. I believe it's important that I learn all I can, so I'll do a better job at everything."

Nicholas Hoover

"My grandma and I would talk about a lot of things. But one thing we talked about most was school. She would tell me how important it was to have an education in order to survive in the outside world."

Jenny Samson

RAHI Staff, Who are these folks anyway ???



Left to right: First row: Sam Chanar, Jason Alger, Denise Gobielle Rogers, George Guthridge. Second row: Phyllis Fast, Jeff Swenson, Jim Kowalsky, Beverly Chmielarczyk, Deborah Deaton, Joanna Wassillie. Third row: Godwin Chukwu, Mary Stasencko, Carnita Ernest, Greg Owens, Charles Spark, Denise Wartes, Howard Maxwell. Missing: Kyan Olana, Bill Abbott

Jim Kowalsky is in his 11th year as overall program director for RAHI. He also had taught high school and college for sixteen years, played trumpet professionally, worked as an environmentalist and was director of the subsistence program for the Tanana Chiefs Conference six years before coming to RAHI. He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He came to Alaska twenty-five years ago, and lives with Suzanne his wife and three children outside of Fairbanks. He also had operated a wilderness backpacking trip guiding service from a headquarters site on the upper Ambler River within the Brooks Range just outside the western edge of what is now Gates of the Arctic National Park. Jim still performs music locally and has toured much of the state in the past 25 years to over 120 Alaska communities with the Arctic Chamber Orchestra, and also as part of his past and present work. He calls himself a "bicycle

junkie," commuting 30 miles round trip to work most days. He especially enjoys getting to know the RAHI students. "I love to see the positive changes in them."

Jeffrey C. Swenson teaches swimming for RAHI. Jeff started his illustrious swim instructing career in Minnesota years ago, and it helped pay for his years at Saint John's University in Collegeville, and his B.A. in English and Communication. After graduation, he traveled across Japan, Hong Kong, and parts of Europe, and finally found himself drawn to Fairbanks to earn his masters in English Literature. He plans to complete his degree work in the spring of '97, and after enjoying another Alaskan summer, head somewhere in the lower 48 to commence Ph.D. studies—in American Literature, not swimming. Our kudos go to this personable young man and skilled teacher for helping to keep RAHI (students) afloat!



George Guthridge, RAHI's writing and study skills instructor is an Associate Professor of English and teaches at UAF's Bristol Bay Campus, in Dillingham. He has been teaching writing for 26 years. Although he is a grandfather twice over, it is untrue that Mosses broke the Ten Commandment tablets because George insisted on another rewrite. He likes helping young people get ready for college. When not teaching he enjoys writing short stories and novels, watching movies, exploring caves, and traveling in Asia with his wife, Noi. Some who were here last summer recall George and Noi were married on the lawn in front of the Copper Lane House on the UAF campus during RAHI with all students present. This is George's sixth summer teaching writing for RAHI. He is a demanding and precise teacher, helping to keep firm the RAHI reputation as rigorous and inspired.

RAHI petroleum engineering elective instructor **Godwin A. Chukwu** was born into a Christian family in Imo state of Nigeria. He moved to Fairbanks in September 1990 after completing his Ph. D

degree in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Norman in 1989. Currently, Godwin is an Associate Professor and Head of Department of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is also a registered professional petroleum engineer in the State of Alaska. His wife, also a petroleum engineer, works for the USGS (United States Geologic Survey), Fairbanks. They have four children; Toby, Obi, Jide, and Nonye.

When rarely he has time outside his professional duties and responsibilities, he plays tennis. He cannot swim, and has never eaten fresh fish before, for no known cause.

Godwin is happy to be associated with RAHI in teaching the first Petroleum course ever to be offered by the RAHI program.

Howard C. Sparks (instructor of the RAHI business management elective.) Hi, I'm Charlie Sparks! I am one of the few faculty here at UAF that was born and raised in Fairbanks, let alone from Alaska. My grandmother came to Alaska to teach in the mining town of Livengood. My dad loved the country and it infected me and my two younger brothers.

I studied business at UAF and received an accounting degree in 1984. I moved to Anchorage in August to start work for the "Big 8" CPA firm at Ernst and Whinney. Working as a junior auditor required travel to just about every corner of the State. In the fall of 1986 I accepted the position of senior accountant with the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation. Watching the Fund manage billions of dollars on a daily basis was quite an experience and provided valuable insights on the investment management. In the Spring of 19488 I decided to become a college professor and moved to Iowa City, Iowa to begin graduate studies at the University of Iowa. As fortune would

have it, in January 193 I accepted an offer to teach at UAF and moved home the following Christmas holiday. I currently teach Introduction to Business Computing, Accounting Information Systems and Advanced Auditing.

I enjoy summers camping along interior rivers, floating rivers in Western Alaskan in pursuit of big rainbow trout, and hiking the hills around the upper Chena river. During winter months I seek refuge in the area hot springs.



Greg Owens, our RAHI math instructor and also academic coordinator was raised in Nebraska, has lived in Alaska. Has taught math and English, and coached for the past 16 years. Married with four little urchins. Have taught in St. Mary's AK, Missoula MT, American Samoa, and UAF. Nickname while living in Montana and teaching RAHI in the summers: "The Alaskan Assassin." (It is not in reference to a "deadly" outside shot, but rather a few unintentionally hard fouls that put that woman in the hospital overnight for observation.)

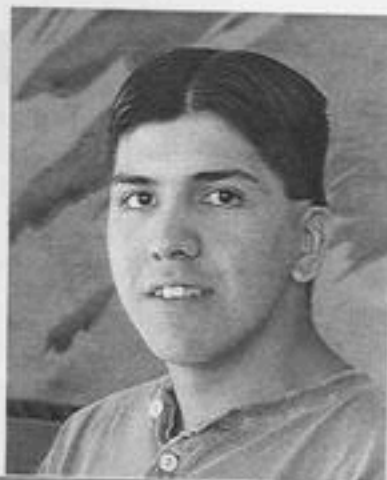
His interests are fishing, biking, and

singing BeeGees disco hits in the shower. His observations on this year's RAHI students is, calm and classy (and just a bit sassy). Greg's favorite part of RAHI this summer is image processing Charles Peele's face onto Queen Elizabeth. His hopes for the summer are: to have all students graduate with good grades; have all students learn about themselves and college life; and catch a king salmon. Greg generously gives of his time and expertise to RAHI leadership throughout the fall and spring UAF semesters as a leading willing consultant in the planning for the next RAHI year, and serves on the RAHI Admissions Committee. He has had 12 years as an associate with RAHI, the most of all those who work or have worked for the program, having started in 1983, the year RAHI started, missing only two sessions. RAHI is most fortunate to have such a dedicated guy who both teaches and helps steer the program, who can keep us all laughing in those tense moments plus his positive outlook - friends, these are his trademark.

Carnita Ernest Head Counselor/ College Success Skills

I am graduate student in Community Psychology- euphemistically known as an ABT (All-But-Thesis), because that's all that is left for me to do in order to get my M.A. degree. I am happy to say that the RAHI students have given me more motivation to get done with my thesis (thanks to all you hard working students). I am the youngest of three children (and the only daughter). Born in Johannesburg, and raised in Cape Town, South Africa is my home. But Alaska has become a second home to me. I came to Fairbanks in 1993 to do my graduate studies, and because I wanted a different experience. I am enjoying my stay here, getting to know all the wonderful people, and being able to enjoy doing new and different things. I am especially proud of my following accomplishments: trying downhill skiing (although I hope never to do that again!),

cross-country skiing, beading, and (of course) surviving the -40 and -50 below temperatures with all my limbs intact! I hope to return to South Africa to work in the social services, particularly AIDS prevention field. But beware, I do intend to return to Fairbanks soon, even if only for a vacation. I also hope to see some of you in South Africa - my door will always be open.



Joanna Lee Wassillie, "Anugaq," is an Inupiaq/Yup'ik Eskimo, born in Nome, and raised in Pilot Station who served as a tutor/counselor this summer. She is a senior at UAF majoring in English. Her RAHI family is the Lil' Rascals.

Now, she just loved to watch Josh go into the water at Twin Bears but puts thumbs down on Lower Commons food. Authors Jane Austin, Christina Rossetti and William Shakespeare share a spot on her top shelf with her musical tastes which range from new age contemporary to Native American to classical. Ok—now for the food—Thai, Korean and Eskimo. Heroines in her life are grandmother "Miryacuav," Mother Mary, daughter Katya, and Shirley Chisolm. Joanna took the most active course role yet in RAHI's history participating in our petroleum engineering elective this summer, by taking the course

for credit with the students as well as helping the instructor and the students, AND spearheading a class field trip to the Alyeska Oil Pipeline Terminal in Valdez. Her color? Purple!!

Howard E. Maxwell, who teaches the RAHI computer course, grew up in Minnesota around the Twin Cities. He came to love the subarctic environments from all his travels to northern Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota and received his Bachelor's Degree there in the late 1970's and developed an interest in archaeology and anthropology. He moved to Alaska in 1982, and attended graduate school at UAF where he developed a keen interest in computers and their many uses. While he was working on a Masters degree in Anthropology, and excavating several "early man" sites in the Nenana

Valley, Howard learned more and more about microcomputers whereupon he began an informal consulting business specializing in Macintosh software and hardware. After he graduated from UAF in 1987, he moved to Barrow to work for Ilisagvik College teaching anthropology. He taught for RAHI in 1988, 1989, and 1990. Returning to Fairbanks in 1990, Howard married Jeri and settled in Goldstream Valley. He has a three year old daughter named Mackenzie and an about-to-be-born son named "the bean." Howard tells us his 1996 computers class has been a great success and that he has really enjoyed the students.

Denise Gobeille-Rogers is completing her Master's Degree in biology at UAF this summer and is working on her thesis which is all that is left to complete. She also has served as a teaching assistant for the UAF Biology Department. Denise enjoys hiking, bicycling, canoeing and fly fishing, mostly with her husband George who is a teaching assistant in English at UAF. Denise has some real interesting tales to tell about how her dog can unlatch, and relatch the door from the inside of the geodesic dome in which they live, thus locking them out and forcing an unorthodox entry through the top of the dome, swinging down on a rope like Tarzan and Jane (well, it is a little spicier than that!).

Mary Stasenکو is mostly Inupiaq, raised in Shishmaref. Call her "Kigiktagmiuguzrunga" if you will. She is presently a student at UAF with two years left to go before student teaching, perhaps in one of your communities? Mary taught Alaska Native Dance for RAHI and also served in the dorm as the Recreation Coordinator. She was enrolled in college courses through UAF's Northwest Campus in Nome prior to coming to the Fairbanks Campus, taking those courses at home through teleconference,



not through correspondence. She is focussing upon learning more about the Native cultures of Alaska, especially her own. She tries to dance (tugumiaq, even yuraq) as much as she can, and she tries to use the Shishmaref dialect of Inupiaq, gradually gaining more knowledge. Mary and 96 RAHler Kate are, of course sisters. Mary wondered if her room assignment, made right next door to Kate's room by her colleagues on the RAHI dorm staff, was by accident—right? Yeah right!

My name is **Deborah Deaton**. I'm an Koyukon Athabaskan Indian from Beaver. I just graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This summer has been so much fun. My favorite memory from RAHI is the 40 mile bike ride to Twin Bears. Cruising down those big hills with the wind rushing by was an exhilarating experience. We survived the heavy rain, hail, road construction, and the thunder and lightning. I had the greatest feeling of accomplishment afterwards. I was not

certain that I could do it, but I discovered that I could. I pushed myself beyond my personal limitations.

Other highlights of the program were water fights and meeting new people. My least favorite memory at RAHI was being so cold at Twin Bears that I woke up shivering. The greatest lesson I learned this summer was from my three-year-old niece. She has a positive attitude towards living that I would like to emulate. She looks at the world with such wonder, excitement and hope. She has inspired me to go back to school so I can work with elementary students.

My favorite saying is, "Anticipate the good and it will happen." (Editor's note. This is Debbie's second summer as RAHI tutor/counselor, the first being RAHI 94. She was also chosen for several journalism/broadcast internships, one with CNN in Atlanta, and another with the *Anchorage Daily News*, where she will again work after RAHI this summer. Debbie is a real inspiration and role model!).

Bill Abbott, whose Tlingit name is "Hin de du Geich" ("throw him into the water") hails from Hoonah and Juneau. As a tutor his family group, the Fish Camp Friends, helped provide him with too many good memories to be able to single one out. He will miss the group activities much more than he will miss trying to use the LPOs (limited purchase orders). His worst memory is being "dragged" into Chena Lakes by 12 students. Bill - they must have translated your Tlingit name! He also will recall RAHI students as interacting really well with each other. "Comfortable" is his descriptive word for this aspect of RAHI. Bill's favorite statement exists as a single word - "participate."

He is "still a junior" come this '96 fall semester at UAF where he is majoring in business. And, surprise (NOT!) he is a movie buff! So much so his UAF friends



refer to him as one of the Cisco and Ebert pair of movie reviewers who are featured on television and seek his advice on which are the good movies. Bill also tutors for the UAF Student Support Services Project during the regular academic year.

Jason Alger says that he was born somewhere around July 27 in the Twentieth Century, and his favorite sayings that he enjoys hearing are: "I Jokes, Eh uh! and Dude..." His best memory will always be helping Sam translate his introductory sign language speech. He will most miss lecturing people on how good it is to hug trees and also the staff and students. Jason found that the hardest part involved in RAHI was trying to stay bruise-less. The only thing he can be sure about doing five years from now is breathing, eating, drinking water, basking in the rays of eternity, and writing a book on how to Play Around the World.

Jason's family were the Smurfs. A RAHI tutor/counselor, and graduate student in Marine Science at UAF, he was raised in Fort Worth, Texas (you know, that's somewhere north of Mexico and if you

cut Alaska almost into halves, that would then make Texas the third largest state in the US next to the two Alaskas). Jason has been a star tutor for the UAF Student Support Services Project. Star? Yes, to wit: highest number of hours tutored last year; second highest number of different courses tutored; highest number of individual hours tutored; highest number of group hours tutored; second highest number of different tutees tutored—well, you get the idea.



Kyan Olana, or "Atqausraq," from Shishmaref, born June 29, 1977, now living in Nome, completed her first year at UAF this past spring, but not until she first participated in two RAHIs, 1993 and 1994. This RAHI alumna was RAHI Valedictorian in 1994. Her strong interest in RAHI prompted her interest in moving to the "other side" as a tutor/counselor this summer. Kyan was heavy on the math tutoring this summer and her efforts there were greatly appreciated by students she helped and instructor Greg Owens.

Atqausraq says "let's make a list" has got to be the single phrase she most favors (it



probably was heard many times this summer). She was family parent for the V-8s, and will miss playing around the world the most. Memories to be cherished? - participating; moving furniture, and all those signs. Not to be cherished - "lights out!" In three plus two years, look for this alumna and tutor/counselor "to be employed."

Sam "The Camera" Chanar, or "Angal'gaq," is one of those who has a hidden power plant, for his energy seems to pick up when most of ours fades. The television battery advertisement "Energizer Bunny" could take lessons from Sam who hails from the Yup'ik village of Toksook Bay, he attended RAHI in 1985, started, stopped, and then restarted at UAF after high school, getting stronger and more focused (so-to-speak) as he got more and more into his interests as they developed (so-to-speak again—sorry), namely, the camera and photography of different elements of Native culture. Cultural Documentation, his main interest has meshed into his UAF major, Rural Development. He hopes to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree sometime this next academic year.

Sam's family was the Goof Troop. He enjoys the phrase, "Sam again," and enjoyed the '96 students the most. "This summer' the best in five years." Those who made it that way is what he will miss the most. His worst time and

memory from this summer will be doing the sign language. His tutoring strength normally is math, but he's been all over the tutorial map this summer. A RAHler once wrote of Sam's passion: "Sam IS a camera!" One or two always hanging around his neck or fastened to his face as he adjusts the lens for yet another shot. This fits him well again this summer. He has put in great amounts of time shooting, processing and printing almost all the photos for this yearbook. Five years hence he hopes to still be part of RAHI.

Beverly Chiemarlczyk, our RAHI Residence Hall Director this summer, has been in charge of all aspects of RAHI student life, supervising the students and the dorm staff. Her tasks easily make hers the toughest, most demanding staff position of the entire program, carrying with it responsibility for the encouragement, comfort, safety, good mental and physical health, and successful academic productivity of all RAHI students, plus keeping the tutor/counselor staff (who also performs similar tasks with similar intensity) moving along on task on the one hand while also keeping them from states of total exhaustion and frustration on the other. Then there's navigating the unpredictable waters of the UAF Housing office to fix some of the major problems with McIntosh Hall. Beverly not only performed in these areas with distinction as a focused and very caring person, but she gave many long hours of direct tutoring time to students throughout the program, and dedicated many separate long periods many hours each to the design, and then later, the redesign, of the RAHI 96 T-shirt and yearbook cover; a perfectionist, she fussed and fussed over it - definitely a candidate for the Energizer Bunny Hall of Fame, don't you think?

She hails from the Detroit area ("from a good Polish-Catholic family;" she dreams of taking her parents to Poland), and has

spent the past eight years in Anchorage, both working at Providence Hospital and going to UAA at the same time, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, and did her student teaching at Dot Lake spring semester. She says of her commitment as an educator: "...for young rural Alaskans it is an especially crucial time. A choice to go to college is often a decision to leave a community which is a big part of who they are." Beverly is hoping to find a rural teaching position next fall and tells that associating with RAHI only amplifies her desire to do so. A deserving school would be so lucky as to find and hire this true star among the RAHI stars. She enjoys backpacking, beading, biking, and her dog Nichitsal (Athabaskan for "Little Girl"). The future: a Master's in Special Education, and, "One day I will see giraffes in Africa and ride the trains of India."



Can you guess? Who is this tall dark and handsome young man of seventeen years?

Phyllis A. Fast taught the Alaska Native Studies elective this summer, her first summer with RAHI. Phyllis was born in Anchorage, Alaska in 1946 to Elsie Harper Fast of Rampart, Alaska. She lived in Anchorage most of her life except during the years she lived in Fairbanks to attend UAF for a BA in English (1968), and then the two years following when she lived in France for a year, and then in San Francisco. Phyllis has a Master's degree from UAA (1990) entitled *Alaska Native Literary Forms*, and will soon have a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard whenever she succeeds in passing a defense of her dissertation. She lived in Boston for two years while attending classes at Harvard, and then in Fort Yukon for three years while conducting field research for the degree. Phyllis is now an Assistant Professor at UAF and Chair of the Alaska Native Studies Department in Fairbanks. Note that the RAHI program is housed within and is a part of the UAF Alaska Native Studies Department, which means that she is the overall supervisor of the program. She also has an interest in watercolor painting. Phyllis has taught several courses in, and also edited an Alaska newsletter on, watercolor painting. She expresses enthusiasm for her RAHI class this summer and enjoys teaching to younger students than those with whom she works during the normal academic year.

Denise Wartes, the "RAHI Mommie," is just that. She does everything for RAHI and its people that a fussy mother would do for her family, including all of the secretarial and bookkeeping, purchasing, hiring paperwork, payroll timesheets, travel, stipend paperwork, and equally importantly, she runs shotgun for the program in terms of all of the red tape it takes to cut through the complex bureaucracy of the university system to fix some-

thing that's gone wrong. She also fixes people, in a way. Everyone unloads their problems, personal or otherwise, and she is always a good listener. Denise even cooks and brings food to RAHI and other student events on fifth floor Gruening, and even to McIntosh. She's also generous with her help and time to other UAF Native student programs. She completed her Associates Degree recently and plans to continue taking credits, even while doing all of the above. Denise also travels occasionally to rural sites for RAHI to recruit students, and this year served on the RAHI admissions committee. She was born and raised in Northern Michigan, and, for a period of years lived with her family - her husband and two children - on the Colville River Delta near the Arctic Coast of the North Slope. Denise is indeed a dear Friend of RAHI, and much of its success is due to her caring, loyalty, hard work and expertise.



Margaret Cary came into the RAHI teaching staff part-way through the program to provide some assistance in developing reading skills for students. Currently, she's a student in the MFA program in poetry at UAF. Last semester, she had a teaching assistantship in English as a second language, which allowed her the pleasure of working with students from Japan, China, Russia, and France. For next year, she received a Graduate Resource Fellowship and I will look forward to spending the winter studying Spanish and Japanese and writing poetry. Prior to moving to Alaska, she taught freshman composition and English as a second language at a community college in Illinois. In her spare time, this cheerful instructor likes to garden, bike, play piano and camp. Thanks to Margaret for being willing to help out midway through RAHI 96.



News Flash!

The final Score of the Staff-Student B-Ball Game:
Staff 51 -- Students 36.

The Staff team was led by Bill Abbott's 23 points, Kyan Olanna's ball handling, and Greg Owens' effective fouling. The Staff won for the 12th time in 14 years!

Hold The Press!

Thirteen '96 RAHI Students and Four RAHI Staffers Crossed the Finish Line in the Annual Fairbanks Midnight Sun Run! The RAHI results are listed below:

<u>Women 20 - 29 (of 261)</u>		<u>Men 15 - 19 (of 127)</u>		<u>Women 15 - 19 (of 146)</u>	
Deborah Deaton	36	Carl Demientieff	11	Melissa Alick	63
Mary Stasenko	161	Waylon Koutchak	18	Marilyn Walcott	90
Joanna Wassillie	222	Randy Gibson	19	Sonya Hill	94
Beverly Chmielarczyk	data missing	Elmer Moonin	49	Doris Allain	95
		Joshua Swan	72	Delores Huffman	108
		Howard Darling	125	Rachel Burmeister	137
				Sabrina Demmert	141

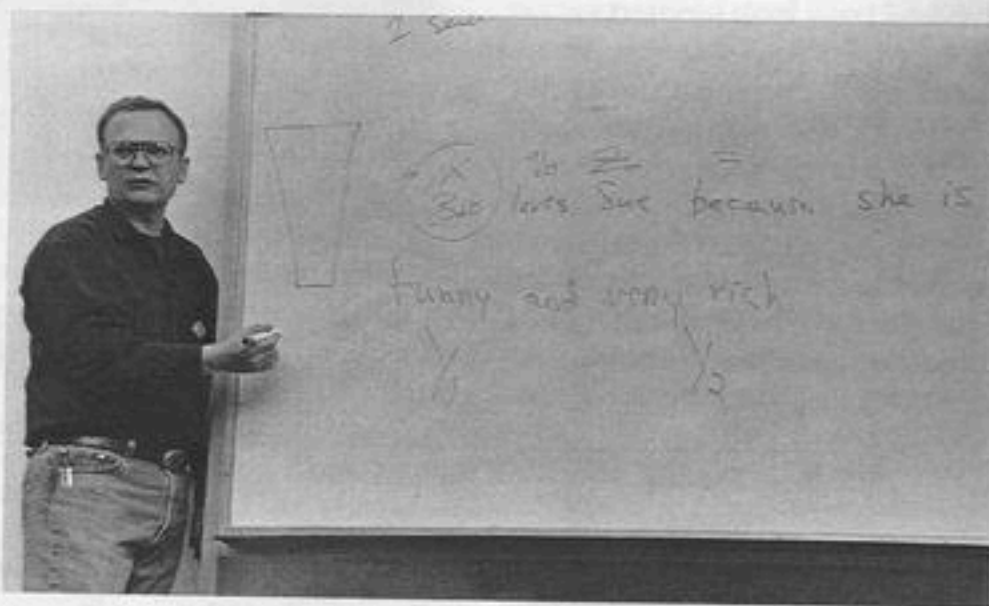
RAHI Reflections

Petroleum Engineering is a course that is designed to show the origin of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend and the basic concepts of petroleum production and drilling. It covered the basics of petroleum accumulation, drilling, and production. The class consisted of 11 students with various backgrounds and was taught by Dr. Godwin Chukwu. During the semester the class was expecting to travel to Cook Inlet and Prudhoe Bay, to relate the Knowledge attained in the classroom to the drilling platforms, because of regulations the class took a tour of the North Pole Mapco Refinery.

Randy Gibson

ENG 111 is an average Freshman level English course. The students do the same work that a normal semester student does, but in 6 weeks not 15. I am personally learning how to write college level papers without having to really strain myself because Mr. Guthridge is always willing to help a student finish. I originally was not supposed to be in 111, but he let me enter anyway. I think he did because he wants all his students to be as successful as they can be. Mr. Guthridge is like a brain surgeon; he is there to make sure everything is working and to try to help us out as much as he can. He doctors up the mess that we make of our papers. ENG 111 is probably one of the best classes that I have ever taken because I am always having to work on my papers that are due. Through this I am always learning from my mistakes and continually trying to get an A.

Charles Peele



In our Math 065 course we take notes during class and have daily homework assigned to us on the lessons. This is my favorite class, I'm taking it because I enjoy math and Mr. Owens is a good teacher. Every Tuesday we are in the computer lab using the computers learning how to use image processing. I have learned a lot more about what you can do on a computer than before. This class will be helpful for me in the future in both math and computers.

Heather Scott



The Alaska Native Studies 101 course covered the history, cultures, and current issues concerning Native people today. We studied the cultures of Alaska, and our history. Phyllis Fast, our instructor, was cool, and taught the class very well. It was a good experience and I enjoyed it very much.

Delores Hoffman



Carnita's class, DEVS 110, (College Success Skills) was filled with guest speakers from many different kinds of places. They showed us their interests and showed how college helped get them to where they are in life, or where they are going. In that class students also learned how to set themselves up as successful college students. *Sarah Sherry*



Life in McIntosh Hall is really cool because there are a lot of people to meet. When we first got here I was too shy do anything, so I stayed in my room a lot. It was a challenge for me to talk to anyone. But I got the courage to talk to people, and now I have some close friends. Hopefully we stay friends for a long time. *Rebecca Agnes*

Biology 102 was fun and I learned a lot from Instructor Denise Gobeille Rogers. Our class mainly focused upon high latitudes in Alaska. We learned about different animals that can adapt to cold weather. One subject was super cooling. For example, the ground squirrel is the only known mammal to super cool, or, actually freeze its body core as the animal hibernates during the winter. Body functions shut down, no heart beat, no breathing, no movement, no brain wave activity; in short it appears to be dead but is just hibernating. Waylon and Josh provided entertainment as they swatted mosquitoes.

Doris Ahlalook



I felt that **CAPS 100 - Introduction to Computers** was a good class and I have enjoyed taking it because it has taught me a lot about computers. We learned how to use the email system, and we got our own accounts to use while we are here. We learned how to use the Internet, and we got to use it a lot. The computer class completed the RAHI home page (in Netscape) and the yearbook. Over all I thought that it was a very good class and Howard taught it well.

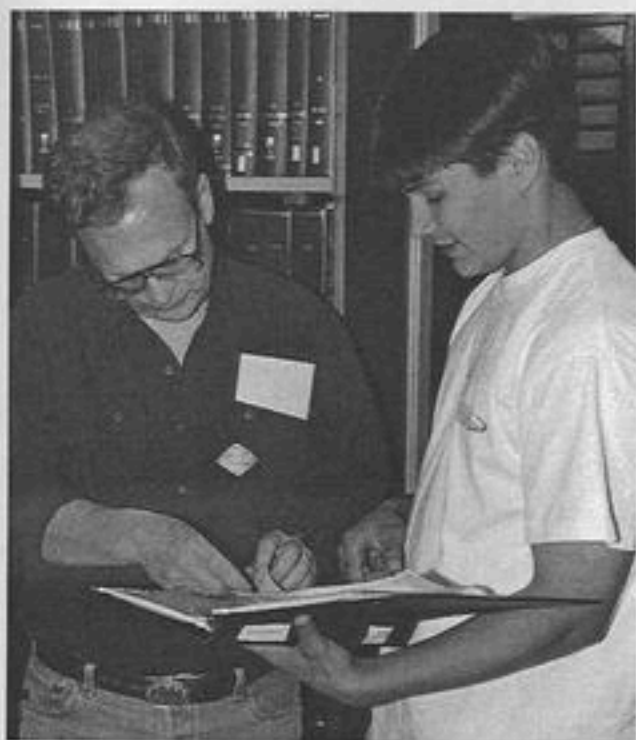
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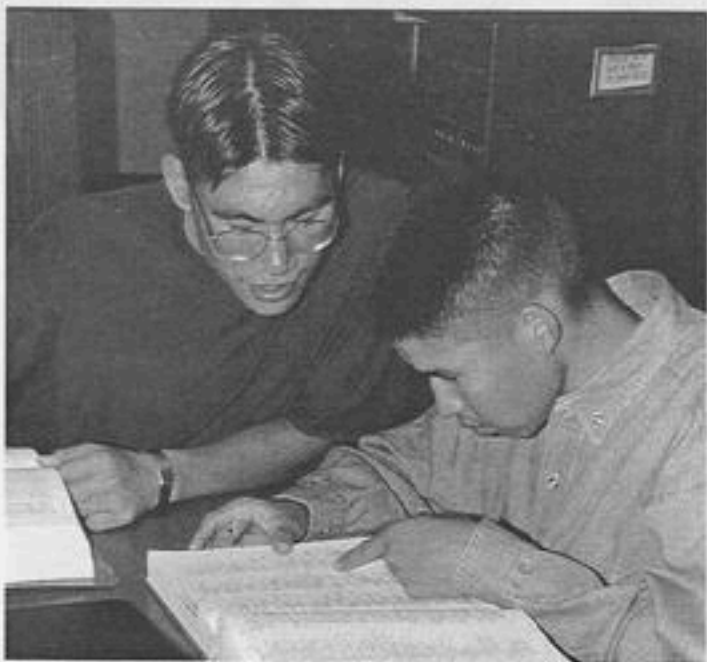


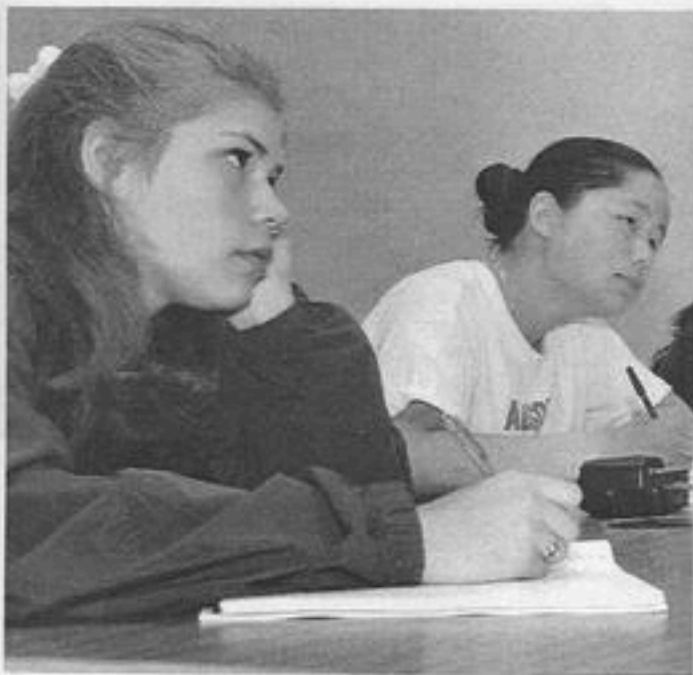
Who is the Most, The Loudest, The Quietist, The Latest, The Worst, The Best, Hmmmmmm?

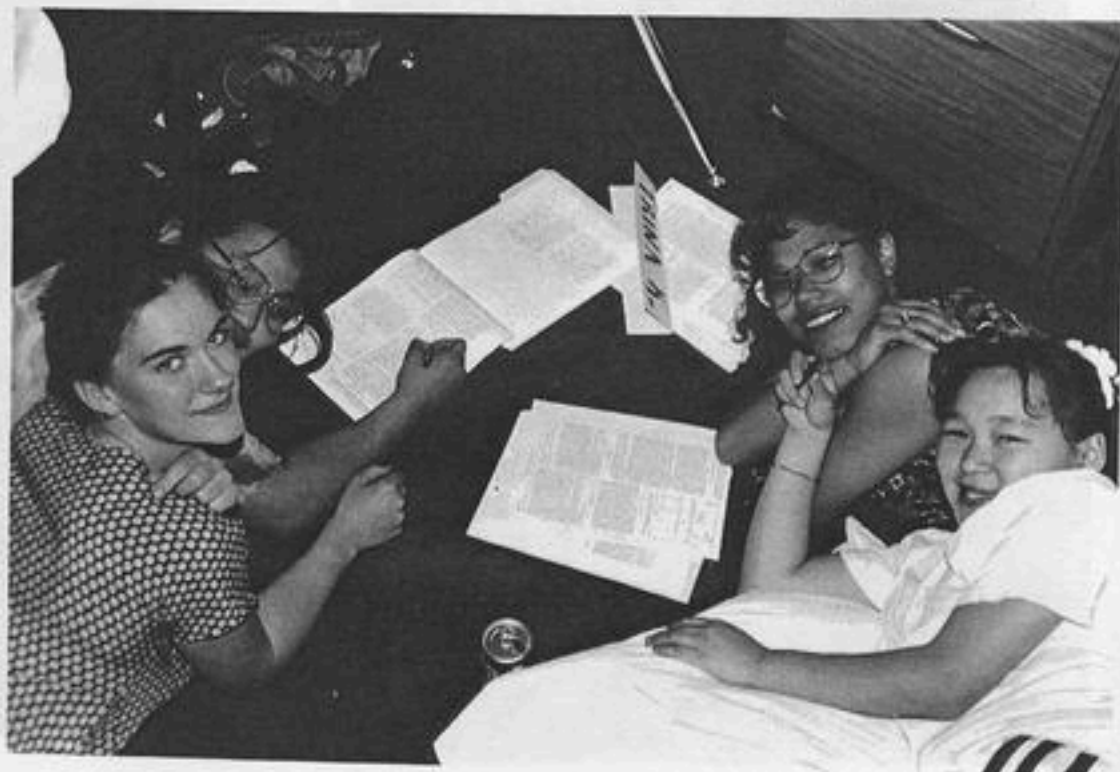
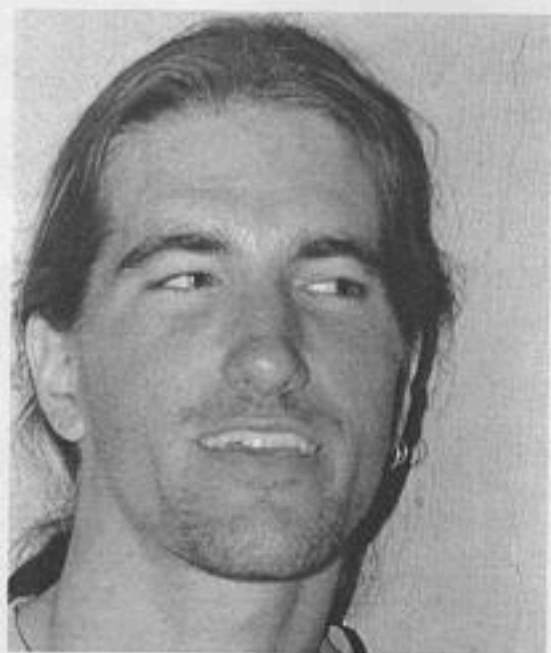
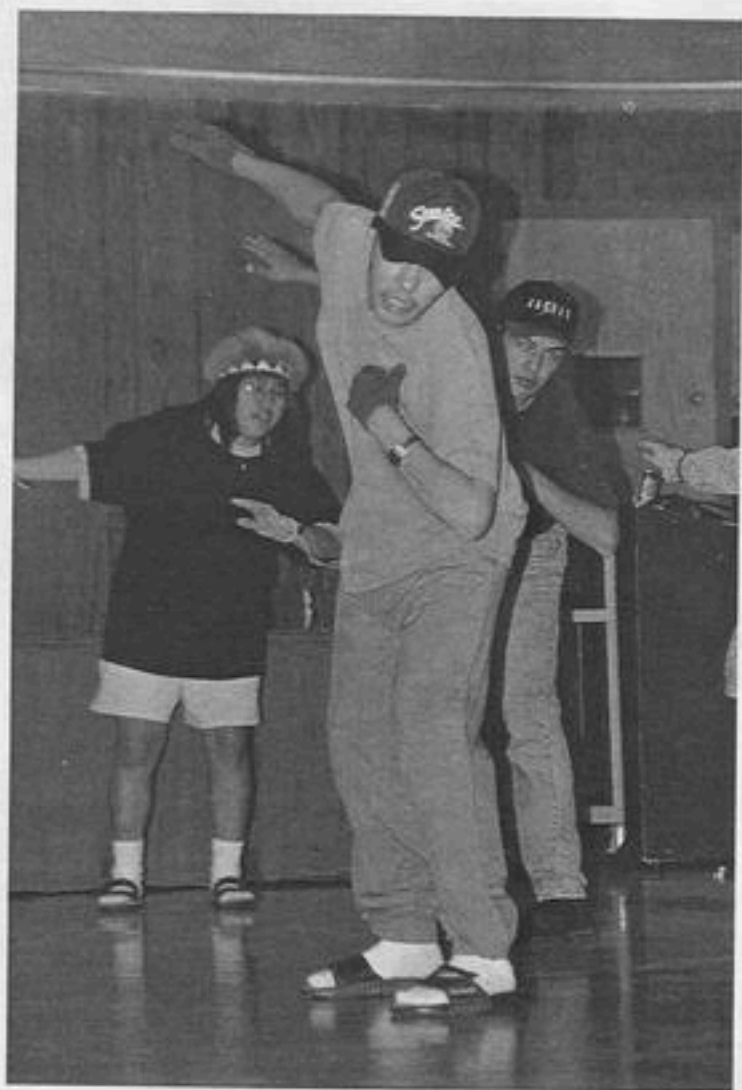
- Cutest Couple - April and Anders
- Most athletic (male/female) - Waylon and Sonya
- Most popular - Elmer
- Mr./Ms Congeniality - Elmer and Marilyn
- Most photogenic - Rachel
- Most likely to be always found sleeping - Rachel
- Cleanest room - Carolyn/Clara
- Messiest room - Carla/Alphonsus
- Most injuries - Nick
- Most original excuse - "There are no excuses except death"
- Most likely, wanting to go to Taco Bell - Kelly
- Most likely, wanting to go to McDonalds - Clara
- Most likely to be always found studying - Marilyn
- Mr./Ms RAHI - Elmer/Pamela
- Best attitude - Heather
- Biggest Complainer - Randy
- King/Queen of procrastination - Josh and Rachel
- Best roommates (Girls and Boys) - Kate & Adrienne/ Waylon & Howard
- Likely to be late to everything - Josh
- Checked out the most (going off campus) - Kelly
- Takes the longest to get ready (how long) - Sarah (1-2 hours)
- All-around student - January
- If Sam starts a water fight who would be the 1st to help - Waylon
- Noblest person - Carl
- Always found on the phone - Rachel
- Most guests in room (how many) - Sabrina/Gladys (7-8 people)
- Junk food junkie - Gladys
- Health nut - Tawnya
- Best camper - Anders
- Most likely to get lost - Brian
- Most into the 90's - Trina & Marcia
- Caffeine addict - Elmer
- The 1st drenched in a water fight - Kyan
- Most energetic - Randy
- Best body - Roy RAHI comedian - Roy
- Biggest flirt - Charles
- Best dresser - Marcia
- Most likely to become famous - Adrienne
- Most likely to become a tutor/counselor - Sarah
- Worst Camper - Randy
- Best buns - Elmer
- Most likely to succeed as a TV talk show host - Rachel
- Kindest, most generous - Kitty & Marcia
- Next director of RAHI - January
- Next RAHI math teacher - Charles
- Next RAHI writing teacher - Delores
- Best native dancer - Anders
- Best bicyclist - Nick
- Best friends - Adrienne & Kate











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