

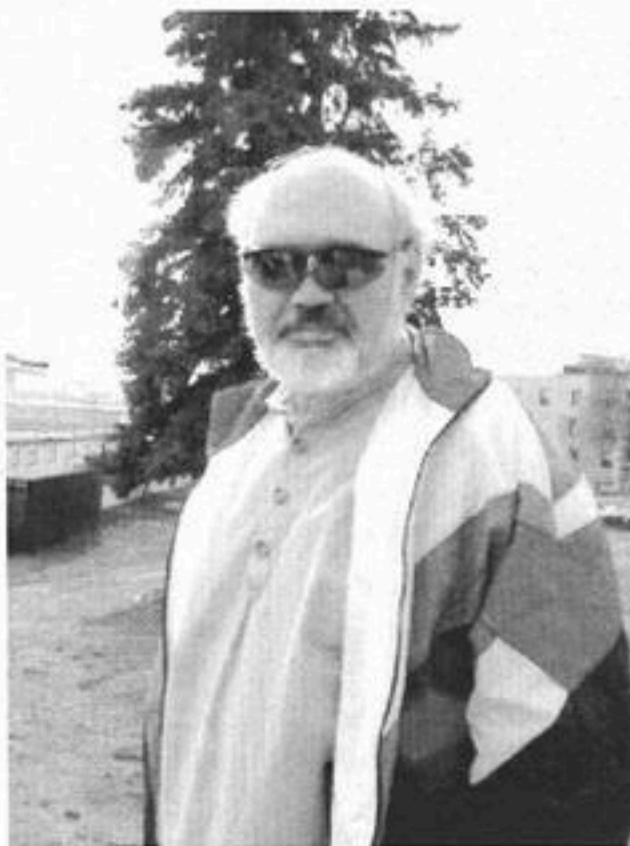


RURAL ALASKA HONORS INSTITUTE 2000



*"My descendants...Listen to the Spirit of the Ancestors in You...  
Take the Challenge and make the future brighter!!"  
-Dene' Elder*

# Our Leader "Big Jim" Kowalsky



Jim Kowalsky (aka "Big Jim") started his career in education many years ago, then did many other things, then returned to education when he took over the RAHI program directorship in March 1986.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music at the University of Wisconsin in his home state and taught public school and college music in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Kentucky and Alaska.

He was a full time principal trumpet player in a symphony orchestra in Phoenix, worked as an environmental activist in Alaska, lobbied on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and directed the subsistence advocacy program for the Tanana Chiefs Conference six years.

He still performs on the trumpet, as a hobby now, completing 29 seasons as principal trumpet player with the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra and touring Arctic Chamber Orchestra and still practices, trying to perfect his performance. He's visited more than 110 Alaskan villages and is a bicycle fanatic pedaling to work and touring thousands of miles every year. He lives near Fairbanks with his wife Suzanne and son Monte 13. Daughter Kirstin 20 and son Christopher 23 live in Portland, Oregon.

He especially enjoys getting to know RAHlers and watching them develop and grow over time.

# This one goes to Ossie !!!

This summers RAHI yearbook is dedicated to Ossie. Thats Phillip Kairaiuak of course, one of RAHIs own prominent alumni, having himself attended RAHI in 1985 just out of his junior year of Chaputnguak High School in Chefornak where he grew up with at least three siblings who we know about, Charlie, Rose and Larry. Larry and Rose along with Ossie are all UAF graduates, and both also worked for RAHI in years past, Rose as a teacher, and Larry as a tutor/counselor. Ossie earned a Bachelor of Arts in sculpture in 1991 at this institution. He also took a minor in education and earned some UAF honors along the way. And he was strong in mathematics as well.

The reason for this dedication is purely based upon his own long service to our summer program however, combined with his artistry, his love of teaching in this case, our Alaska Native Dance class for several years now and his caring for adolescents and for their future. Its not that he does not have the experience elsewhere as well as with RAHI for many summers. He has worked as a youth counselor in various settings in Anchorage also over many years, helping troubled urban teens gain a foothold in the academic side of the picture, helping village students find the way, adjusting to the urban scene of Anchorage, and more.

His art is seen everywhere where art is admired, sold, and bought, especially on the Anchorage scene. Its not unusual to see him at a table set up to display his wonderful art work at conferences in downtown Anchorage. For you see, he is a self-employed artist and illustrator. Spirit Masks, custom Yupik drums and prints and illustrations are among his most notable works. He teaches art and dance in Anchorage and is a member of the Anchorage-based Kicaput Dancers and Drummers. Many people the world over (yes!) see and hear him perform with the extremely popular Pamuya, a dancing ,singing and drumming ensemble that performs throughout Alaska, the US and even in other countries including South Korea and Denmark., and which has two commercial CDs with number two about to be released.

Ossie - a young man of RAHI, of Alaska, of the world! For his enthusiasm, dedication, artistry and his respect for students, for learning and for education, we dedicate this yearbook in his name.

Thank you Ossie!

# The Students of RAHI 2000



Alisha Vent  
Huslia

I like to learn about my culture and talk on the phone. I also like to listen to music, play the piano, play cards, and drive and crash my vehicles. What I loved most about RAHI was staying up all night and Twin Bears. I hated the little freedom we had and getting fined every week. My advice is that future students do their homework during study hall and watch out for Roy.



Allen Childs "Ace"  
Skwetna

Ace graduated from Skwetna High School in 2000 and was the class valedictorian. He is planning on attending UAF this fall and majoring in Computer Science. During his time at RAHI he made lots of friends and had tons of fun. His most memorable event at RAHI was planning and being a DJ for a couple of the dances. His most unfavorable event was being sore after biking the 37 miles to Twin Bears. Aces advice to future RAHI students is "Don't be shy, be straight forward, have fun and never, never give up."



Angela Kay Totemoff  
Tatitlek

Angela describes herself as an out going chic who loves her homies Ben and Irvine, not to mention her boyfriend Walter Kookesh, although he blew up her nose too many times. She hated having syrup put in her hair but seeing Irvine get all clumsy whenever he came around her made up for it. Her advice to future RAHI students "If at first you don't succeed get up and try again, then give up there is no sense in being ridiculous about it."



Annie Kokeok  
Shismaref

I enjoy playing basketball, talking on the phone listening to music, and meeting people. My most memorable thing at RAHI was laughing with Melanie and Alisha on the river boat. My most unfavorable thing about RAHI was getting behind and getting kinda homesick. My advice to future RAHI students is "to study hard and have fun."



April Pelkey  
Akutan

I am friendly, like to sleep and listen to music, hates mosquito's, like to hang out with all my friends. (I like to drink Mountain Dew.) The thing I liked most about RAHI was meeting all my new friends, and hanging out with them. The thing I did not like at RAHI was all the mosquitoes, going to sleep early and the food.  
"Study hard, listen, and have a really good time."



Ben Doleshal  
Barrow

I'm 5'10", blue eyes and I enjoy swimming and sleep. The thing I liked most about RAHI was Twin Bears. The thing I disliked most about RAHI was hearing Brenda White sing!!! "Don't compare yourself to others. They are more messed up than you think" -unknown



Brenda Allyson White "Sir yes-sir"  
Metlakatla

Brenda is happy to experience life, she enjoys learning about her culture, playing basketball, meeting new people, and camping. Her most memorable things about RAHI was Twin Bears, The Fun Olympics, the long bike ride home, and she will never forget the academic challenge. Her dislikes were the homesick nights, the thoughts of giving up but otherwise everything else was fun. Her advice to future RAHI students "Never give up. All things are possible to those who believe."



Brett Smith  
Eagle River

Brett enjoys snow-machining, four wheeling and water sports. The things he liked most about RAHI was meeting new people. The things he most disliked was lunch at the Wood Center. His advice to future RAHI students is RAHI is "Unforgettable !!!"



Charlene Pilot  
Galena

Charlene enjoys travelling and being checked out of the dorm. The things she liked most about RAHI were meeting new people and seeing old friends on campus. Charlene also enjoyed staying up late and falling asleep in class. She did not enjoy Twin Bears as she couldn't sleep the whole time and became very cranky. Her advice to future RAHI students is to be prepared to do late



Crystal Annette Frank  
Arctic Village

I enjoyed wrestling and having water fights. My favorite part about RAHI was meeting all these great people and making new friends. I didn't like being in the dorms all evening. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Reach for the stars!!"



Crystal Flores  
Bethel

Crystal loves to play sports, socialize, and travel to different places. Her least favorite thing at RAHI was the little amount of free time. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Be ready for the miles of homework, and disciplining your self."



Dana Salmon  
Chalkystic

Dana enjoys playing volleyball, listening to music and getting checked-out. Her most memorable time at RAHI was Twin Bears. Dana's least favorite part of RAHI was the Research Papers. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Don't wait until the last minute to finish homework."



Deanna Strunk "Dea"  
Quinhagak

Deanna enjoys going to the movies, staying up late with her roommate, laughing everyday during lunch and dinner combined with the satisfaction of completing this program. Her greatest dislikes were slipping in the mud and falling in the lake at Twin Bears, she also could have done without the long lines at lunch. Her advice to future RAHI students is to "bring lots of bug spray to Twin Bears!! And never procrastinate when studying for Gutheridge's class".



Desire Ulroan  
Chevak

The most I like about RAHI was going to Twin Bears and having no homework. My unfavorable moment was when I was coming back from Twin Bears and I got a little lost. Her advice to future RAHI students was "RAHI is fun."



Faith Beaver  
Kongiganak

Faith likes to play basketball, volleyball, and listen to music. She says RAHI is a good institute, but you need to prepare for it. Her favorite part of RAHI was meeting new people. Her advice to future RAHI students "work hard, study hard and have fun."



Ginger Perry  
Shaktolik

Ginger enjoyed being here with all of these "Awesome people" especially her long lost brother. She also enjoyed the weather, activities, and Native Dance Class, the dances were lots of fun too. The things she most disliked about RAHI were the study halls and the curfews. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Come to RAHI !!!"





Irving Ashenfelter  
White Mountain

I am from White Mountain, Alaska, which is located on the Seward Peninsula. I have lived there all my life and hope to leave to attend college at UAF. At college, I will probably do computer science. RAHI 2000 was the best summer that I have ever experienced. The most memorable moment was at Twin Bears!!! Biking, getting this total lack of sleep, and playing B.S.. Twin Bears weekend was the high point at RAHI. Just hang loose!! Quote or message to future RAHlers: Don't think of biking to Twin Bears without some major



John O'Neil  
Hydaburg

John enjoys swimming, hunting, fishing and biking. His favorite parts of RAHI was meeting new people and going to Twin Bears. His least favorite part of RAHI is having to leave. His quote to future RAHI students is "I learned more than my 3 years in high school".



Joseph Thomas  
Fort Yukon

Joe could be heard playing his guitar throughout the dorm, and while not playing his guitar his favorite hobbies are basketball, softball, and going hunting. He his favorite parts of RAHI were Twin Bears and flipping people over in canoes. He also enjoyed meeting people from all corners of Alaska and making good friends. His most unfavorable things were staying up late doing homework. His advice to future RAHI students is " If you want to prepare yourself for a college atmosphere, RAHI is by far the best program to attend. It teaches you discipline and takes you to another level beyond high school. Be prepared to do a lot of hard work."



Karah Vial  
Togiak

She enjoys swimming, biking, laughing, hanging out with her friends. Some her best times at RAHI laughing until she cried with Kim, Angela, Deanna, and Vanessa in the commons. She also enjoyed facials with her roommate, having Ben make her laugh hysterically, tipping canoes with Ace and Ossie, along with Yupik Dancing. She also enjoyed meeting new people, learning new things and just having a blast. Her least favorite moments were getting eaten alive by mosquitoes at Twin Bears, struggling with her homework, missing some of her family and friends back home. Her advice to future RAHI students would be "Always try your very hardest and just have fun."



Kristen Smith  
Kotzebue

Kristen's favorite things about RAHI was doing homework outside in the sun. Her most unfavorable memories of RAHI were falling into the lake at Twin Bears. Her advice to future RAHI students "Don't be late !!!"



Larissa Christensen  
Port Heiden

I enjoyed my time at RAHI. I met a lot of new friends. The thing I liked most about RAHI was Native Dancing. I also liked going shopping and to the movies. The only thing I didn't like was the mosquitoes and being homesick. I like to play sports and listen to music. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Have a good time but study hard."



Lee Bryant  
Hanies

Lee has many quirks none of which include "working hard". The things Lee liked most about RAHI was the "independence the program allows you" and Roy' stories were good too. The things Lee disliked the most about RAHI were the mosquitoes at Twin Bears. His advice to future RAHI students "Have fun but don't allow the fun to interfere with RAHI's true purpose, which is to prepare you for college!!!"



Kimberly Curtis  
Toksook Bay

Favorite part was the freedom at Twin Bears and least favorite part was the stress from midterms and term papers. "Expect a lot of fun but don't forget about all the work that needs to be done. It's worth it."



Mack Moore  
Manokotak

Mack is 5'8 with Black Hair, hazel eyes, and enjoy playing pool and hacky sack. The things Mack liked best about RAHI was the closeness of the students "it is like we are our own community". The things I most disliked was the lack of money for breakfast, lunch and dinner. His advice to future RAHI students " Is to keep your cool because it is not anyone's job to baby sit you in real life."



Margaret Pletnikoff  
Dillingham

I am outgoing, athletic, and soooo funny. I enjoy talking, playing sports, and learning. I had a great time at Twin Bears, at the dances, and hanging with friends. I don't like lights out, feeling tired, or being treated like a kid. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Don't do it dogg, it's just not worth it." DMX



Merle Fortune II  
Dillingham

Merle enjoys playing Basketball, listening to music, eating, sleeping, and putting his "bum" anywhere. His favorite parts of RAHI was watching movies, going to Twin Bears, putting his "bum" everywhere, playing pool, Native Dancing and hangin out with everyone. The stuff he most disliked was when everyone laughed at him for doing his homework for Mr. Gutheridge along with waking up early every morning. His advice to future RAHI students is "concentrate on your work, give your 110%, and keep a smile on your face at all times."



Melanie Wholecheese  
Allakaket

Melanie enjoys fixing her hair, doing nails, designing clothes, singing, dancing & writing in my notebook. Among other things I also like reading books & doing math problems. My favorite thing about RAHI is making new friends. My least favorite thing at RAHI is staying up late trying to finish work due the next day. Her advice to future RAHI students is "You're in for a lot of fun and also a lot of hard, hard work."



Olianne Tinker "Ala"  
Kasigluk

Olianne enjoys being with friends, listening to music, and writing poetry. Her best memories of RAHI are of the Native dance performances and camping at Twin Bears. She says she will not miss the study hours and all the homework. Her advice to future RAHI students is " Be prepared to work hard, Don't procrastinate and do your work on time, and always Have Fun !!!



Phillip Carsallen  
Dillingham

I enjoy hockey, soccer, fencing, and computers. The thing I enjoyed about RAHI was playing half-life cloakmates. The thing I disliked the most about RAHI was the food lines. His advice to future RAHI students "Bring Music!"



Ramona Jane Akelkok  
Bettles

Ramona enjoys the outdoors, having fun, sleeping biking, snowmachining, and taking risks. She considers herself shy, considerate of other people a worth while person to get to know, and jus plain unforgettable. The things she liked most about RAHI were meeting Ace, the outdoor stuff (camping, biking). The things she didn't like about RAHI were the early hours. Her advice to future RAHI students was "Walk real soft, and carry a big stick to whack the counselors when they get out of line. Just kidding!!"



Robert "Big" Vanderpool  
Red Devil

My favorite thing at RAHI included the dances and playing basketball, etc. What I didn't like was the morning computer class. His advice to future RAHI students "Don't take the 8:15 am computer class."



Rochelle Graybeal  
Northway

Rochelle like playing basketball, doing homework "NOT!!!", meeting new people and going to the movies. The things Rochelle will remember most about RAHI is going to Twin Bears and not sleeping at all. She had no dislikes about the program. Her advice to future RAHI students is "Don't screw around during study hall."



Samantha Nicholai  
Kongiganak

Samantha didn't like the first week of school as it was very tough on but as time passed she began to like it. Her favorite time at RAHI was twin Bears. Her advice to future RAHI students " do not give up when you feel or know you are not doing so good. Use you time wisely and have fun. Try to learn as much as you can.



Sherman Richard  
Wales.

Sherman enjoys reading, playing computer games, hacky sack, and hanging out with his new friends. The things Sherman enjoyed most about RAHI were the dances we had, along with the opportunity to meet new people from all over Alaska. The things he most disliked about RAHI was "nothing". His advice for future RAHI students is "don't fall behind in any of your classes.



Theodore Golden  
Stony River

Some of the things Theo will remember about RAHI is playing computer games, going to Twin Bears but most of all he will remember hanging out with his friends and spending time with his girlfriend. He didn't like all the homework expected of him at RAHI but his advise is "Do homework on time".



Trisha Lynn Gray  
White Mountain

I enjoy traveling and meeting new people. My favorite thing about RAHI is all the studying; my least favorite thing about RAHI is the free time..... hehe. (smile) True guys... Just kidding. "Be the best you can be, no a janitor is not good enough!!!"



Vanessa Lincoln  
Toksook Bay

Vanessa enjoys playing Basketball, talking on the phone, socializing and meeting people. Her favorite things at RAHI were the dances, Twin Bears, meeting people, all the girl talk, spending time with my roommate and other friends, along with learning the easy way to learn. Her most unfavorable memories were forgetting to do homework, getting up early, crashing her bike, going 6 weeks with her mom and dad's cooking, along with saying good bye to everyone. Her advice to future RAHI students "Be yourself."



Walter Woods Kookesh  
Angoon

Walter describes himself a funny, easy-going guy, who loves to hoop anybody who challenges him. The things he enjoyed about RAHI were the dances, hanging with his new friends, and kind of studying during study hall, and "Twin Bears Kicked Butt". He also enjoyed being with his beautiful Aluutiq Princess Angela Totemoff. He really hated the. Mosquitoes, the long class hours, the short study times, also somebody by the name of Merle who put soot on his face and Maple Syrup in his hair. His advice to future RAHI students "don't fall asleep at Twin Bears and if you do I tried to warn you."



Mary Bryant  
Haines

Her favorite things were staying up all night after lights out. Her most unfavorable things were study hall. Her advice to future RAHI students was "Only come if you have to".



Martha Shane  
St. Paul Island

Martha enjoys listening to music. What she enjoyed most about RAHI was all the new friends she made. What she hated the most were the bugs mosquitoes and bugs at Twin Bears. Her advice to future RAHI students is "It is lot's of fun, you meet a lot of fun new people."



Rocky Tooyak  
Eagle River/Point hope

Rocky enjoys skating, D.J.ing, Snowboarding, working out and "kickin it with my Boyz and young catz".

# Meet the Staff of RAHI 2000



Having just completed his twentieth year of teaching, Greg Owens is still enjoying teaching math, especially at RAHI. He started with the program in 1983 and has been with it every year except '87 and '89. What he enjoys most about RAHI is seeing the growth

of the capable students as they are stretched to perform at the college level. While everyone has potential, Greg feels it is those students who supplement their talent with desire and discipline who ultimately attain their goals.

Greg is married to a kindergarten teacher, Bev, and they have four children, Briana, Margo, Keely, and Paul. When not at work, he enjoys fishing, traveling, reading, coaching track at West Valley, and watching dizzy izzy at the Fun Olympics.

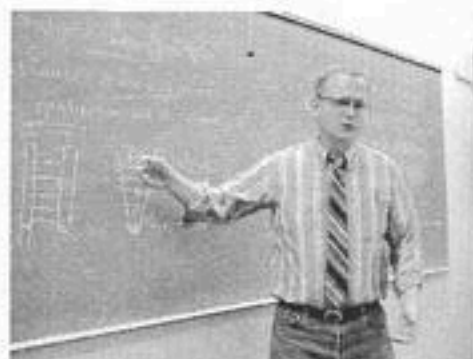
In the fall and spring semesters, Greg teaches math at UAF. He hopes to see many of you back here in the coming years.



This year George Gutheridge taught freshman composition, developmental English (research paper writing) and study skills. George is an Associate professor of English at UAF's Bristol Bay Campus in Dillingham.

When not teaching George enjoys writing fiction-last summer his latest novel, *Children of the Dusk*, co-authored by Janet Berliner, won the 1998 Bram Stoker Award for years best horror novel. He also likes camping, karate, watching movies and the opera, snorkeling, exploring caves, and traveling to Thailand with his wife Noi. George and his wife Noi were married at RAHI 4 years ago.

George recently completed a Sabbatical at the Arizona State University where he pursued a doctorate in Rhetorical Theory, he is also about halfway done on a master's in applied linguistics.





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Denise Wartes

Denise Wartes and her family lived on the Colville River Delta on the North Slope for several years prior to moving to Fairbanks. She does everything for RAHI and she's been with RAHI for 12 years now. Her favorite RAHI memories are all the RAHI graduations. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. Denise sees herself as a wife, mother, friend, and secretary. During her leisure time she is often reading. She continues to take classes each semester towards a degree in Alaska Native Studies.

Howard E. Maxwell



Howard E. Maxwell is currently the teacher of RAHI's CIOS 105 computer class and the webmanager for RAHI's web pages. Howard has been working with the RAHI program for eight summers now, starting in 1989. His post-secondary career began with a Bachelor's degree in anthropology at the University of Minnesota, in 1981. From there, Howard moved to Alaska and received his Master's in anthropology at UAF in 1987. Howards interest in computers grew during his time at UAF, explaining his beginning of a computer consulting business. After graduating from UAF in 1987, Howard went to work in Barrow for Ilisagvik College teaching anthropology. In 1990 he moved back to Fairbanks and married his wife Jeri. Howard and Jeri now have a seven year old daughter named Mackenzie, and a four year old son named Andrew. His near term goal is to carve out more and more family time as it is the most rewarding aspect of his life by far. Howard is currently a history and computers teacher at Ryan Middle School in Fairbanks. In addition he teaches anthropology, archaeology, and computer classes at UAF. Howards favorite sports are baseball, soccer, hockey, and golf.



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Lilly and sometimes, (rarely) Elizabeth



Curious, shy, loves learning new things, enthusiastic and scared teacher  
Mother of Christopher (21) and Tristan (4), daughter of Jean and Craig, sister of Stuart and John. Who is of northern European ancestry, and wonders and hopes her ancestors were Druid priestesses, who tends to be a quiet radical  
Who likes to be with her children, her two cats, watch her flowers grow in the summer,  
Who likes to study and teach chemistry and biochemistry  
Whose goals for the next Millenium are to become the best teacher she can be and find cool ways to show how chemistry is everywhere,  
to do postdoc training in electron microscopy and structural analysis of macromolecules,  
and last, but not least, to learn to relax, to meditate and be focused  
Who fears not succeeding, authority figures, writing  
Who is looking forward to meeting some cool people this summer in class, a trip to N. Carolina to spend time in Dr. Griffith's lab, seeing my parents and playing with Tristan on the beach  
Resident of Carmen House Apartments, Fairbanks, AK, once resident of Eagle, Ak, and several fish camps on the Yukon

Erin Boyd



Originally from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, I moved to Fairbanks in July of 1997 to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I received my Bachelors degree in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics in May of 2000. I am currently working on a Masters degree in Computer Science with the intention to graduate in May 2001. I am married and have a 3 month old baby girl. I am active in High School Mathematics and Programming Competitions and in participating in activities that get young women interested in the sciences. I also currently work IBM out of Boulder, Colorado as a Software Engineer developing software for embedded systems. During the school year I also work as the IBM Campus Ambassador assisting students in finding internships and permanent employment with IBM in Computer Science, Engineering and Business.



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Lia Wainwright

I was born in Los Angeles and moved to Colorado to go to college. I have been married 3 years and my husband is in the Army which is why I am here in Alaska. Currently,

I teach health and PE at West Valley High School and I also coach the swim team. I have been involved in aquatics since I was 6 months old and have been coaching for 10 years. I am also a certified lifeguard and swim instructor and have been doing that for 11 years. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking, motorcycles, scuba diving, rock climbing, computers, anything outdoors, and hanging out with my friends. This is my first year with RAHI and I'm having a blast.



Jacob Joseph

Jacob Joseph has taught on and off for RAHI since 1992. Jacob received his bachelor's degree from the University of Calgary and his master's and PhD from the University of Iowa. He hails from that much talked about sunny tropical island, Singapore. So, needless to say, he has no aversion to caning unmotivated students. As the instructor for the business specialty, he will be remembered for his discussions on cornering the Beanie Baby market. For someone who berated and complained about the food at McDonald's, he certainly spoke at length about their management practices and even showed videos on McDonald's. He is rumored to bring French fries and burgers to staff meetings that look and smell a lot like those from the "Golden Arches."



Tricia Yost

Tricia Yost recently received her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has a BA in English from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

This was her first year at RAHI and she taught the reading specialty class. Tricia did a wonderful job and enjoyed the time she spent with the many wonderful RAHI students.

## Meet the Dorm Staff of RAHI 2000



Francine Kazenoff

My name is Francine Kazenoff and I love working at RAHI. I'm Gwich'in Athabascan and I'm a junior at UAF. I wanted to work at RAHI so much that I started work the day after my wedding. When I graduate, I want to teach high school.

My favorite part about RAHI has been meeting all of the awesome people here. My advice to students at RAHI is to work toward a good future and have lots of fun along the way.



Beaureucratic name: Phillip Kairaiuak

Yup'ik name: Aassanaaq (people call me "Ossie" for short)

Ossie is a RAHI Alum (1885) and has a degree in Art/Sculpture from UAF '91. He worked primarily with Native Students in the Anchorage School District for a number of years teaching Native Arts (Dancing, Drawing, and Carving) and Counseled & Tutored.

Ossie is also a member of a popular Native acapella/dance group called Pamyua, and they already have an album out titled "Mengluni" (The beginning) and will release another this summer. With this group, Ossie has had the opportunity to travel to Korea, Denmark, Greenland, and the U.S. When Ossie is not busy taking care of his own business Ossworks, he volunteers at a local Anchorage organization called Alaskans for Drug Free Youth, working with homeless teens.



# Meet the Dorm Staff of RAHI 2000



My name is Teresa Flores and I am a fifth year UAF student working towards a BS in Psychology. This was my first year as a Tutor Counselor and I enjoyed it immensely! I have a lot of interests ranging from reading to dancing. I hate to talk about myself... so I really don't know what to tell you. I think of myself as intelligent, sophisticated, social, and outgoing. My best quality would have to be that I am honest with everyone, I try my best even at the worst things, I never give up and keep on striving for the gold... A few words of the wise...

Never procrastinate it will only lead to stress. Do what you got to do and do it right. Never think that your ideas are stupid. Live your life like there is no tomorrow.. Collect the unique and inconspicuous forget the obvious and succeed in everything....

I, Teresa Flores decree that College is not for everyone, but in one way or another its gonna getacha, getacha....



My name is Ramona T. Repaczki and this is my second year in a row that I am working for RAHI. I am the family leader (mom) of the Nooks. I had a wonderful time working for this program.

I am a student at the University of Alaska. I am starting my 4th year next fall and I will be graduating next spring with a double degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. Plans for the future are to continue to be in school for a Master's Degree and maybe a PhD.

I love to travel, meet different people, dance, soccer and basketball (lately). I don't have any skills in b-ball as Brett Smith and Margaret Pletnikoff can confirm but I love it for other reasons. Well this was my short biography but I don't know who the person in the picture with the stuffed mouth is. I believe Roy put the wrong picture there.



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Sam Chanar



I was raised in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Attended RAHI in 1985 and graduated from high school in 86. Went to UAF in the following fall semester and left to home with no success. Worked here and there for several years. Watched enough war movies and grew in fond of warfare in Vietnamese jungle, so I joined the reserved army national guard in 88. Wanted to become a military officer to lead men, so I went to and graduated from the 12th officer candidate school at Camp Carroll in Fort Richardson, Alaska. My goal to become an officer did not come because I did not get commissioned.

So I sought leadership in civilian sector and enrolled at UAF in 90-91 school year striving for a degree in Business Administration. In 92, I first worked as a T/C at RAHI. Ever since then, I came back every year. Soon after on third or fourth year, I found what I really wanted to study Cultural Documentation specialty in the Rural Development program. I earned enough business classes in my first years, so I went for the small business option for which I graduated with in spring of 97.

I worked at the tribal office at my hometown starting off as a grantwriter and special projects director for a couple of years. I was appointed as a Tribal Administrator in September 99 and been working ever since.

That's my story from 1985 to 2000. Keep focused in life, know the difference between right and wrong, seek guidance and advice. For sure, you can achieve as many goals as you want. Just say, "I will!" You guys did a good job. Thank you.

Tanya Garnette



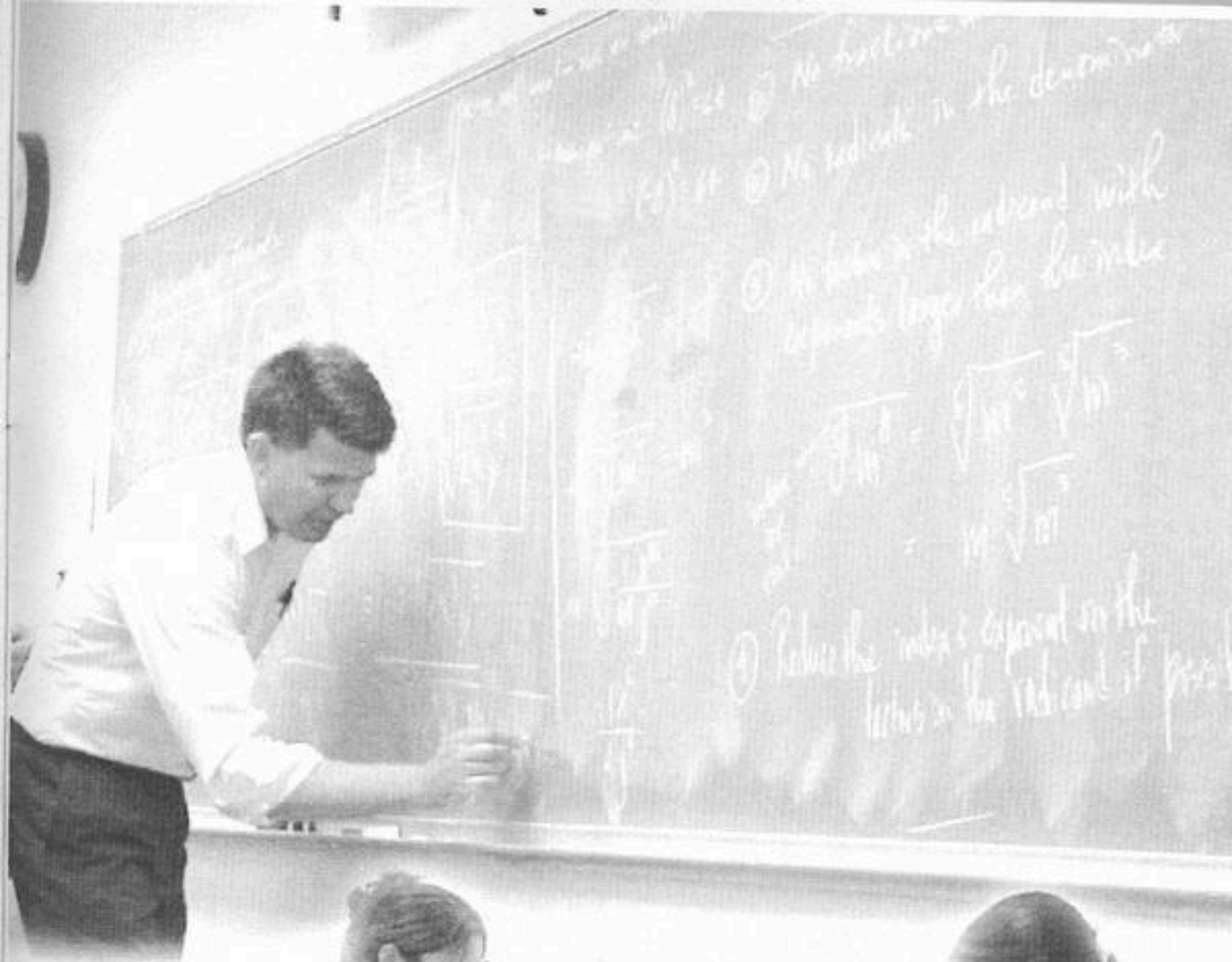
Tanya worked in the dorm for the first three weeks of the program as RAHI shared the dorm with some students who were attending the Alaska Native Language Center Program.

Tanya was a very energetic well organized individual who was of great assistance to the dorm staff, we hope to see her next year as we all enjoyed her company and appreciated her hard work and effort.



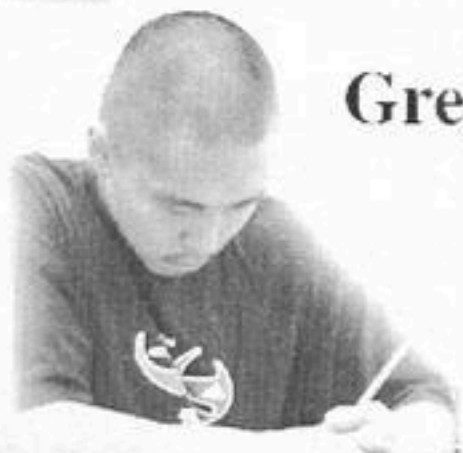
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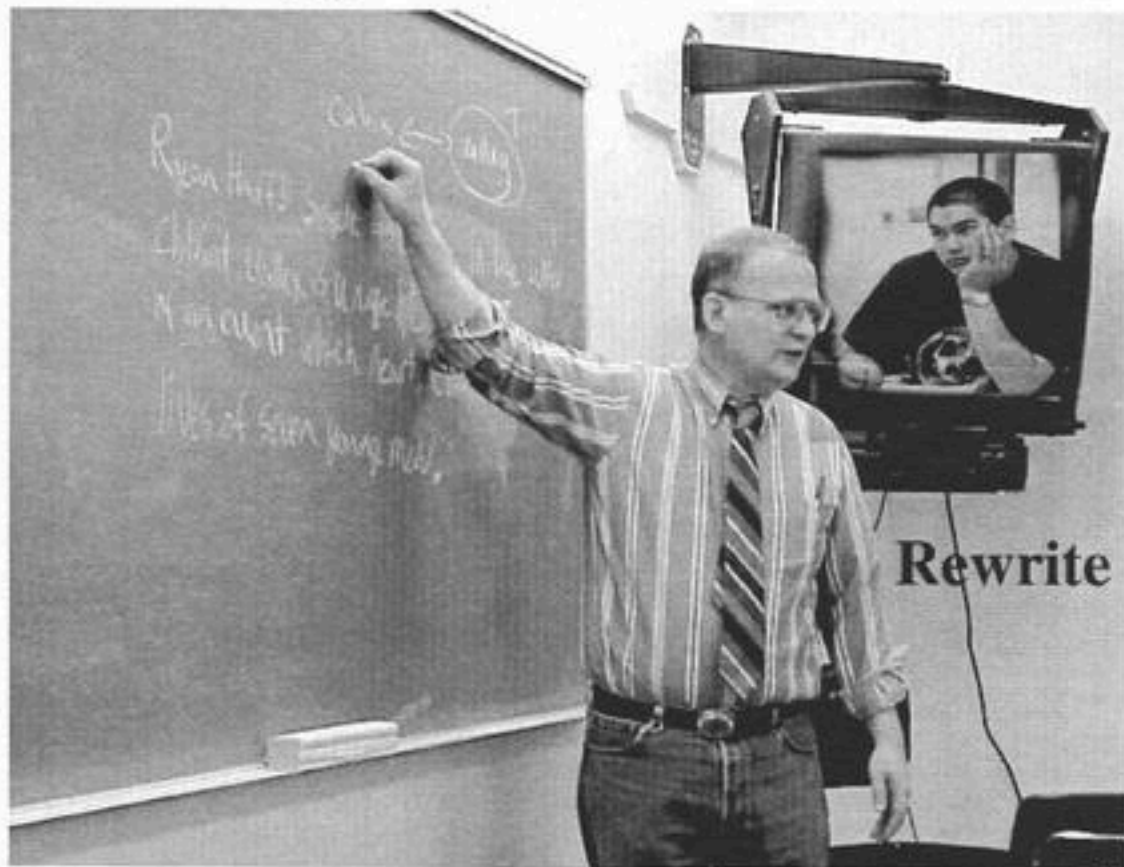
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