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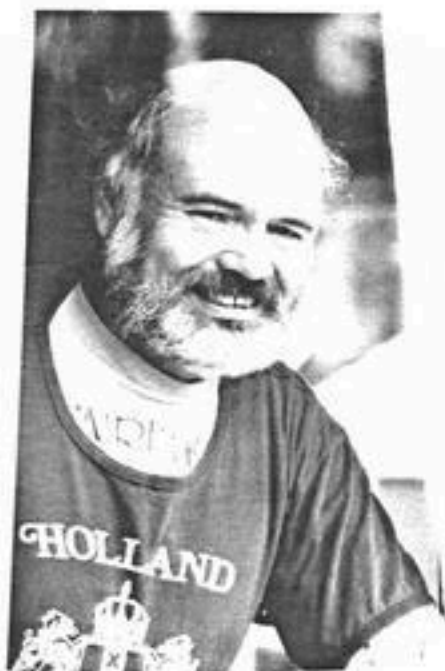
## RAHI 1991 academic, administrative and dorm staff



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RAHI staff, from left to right are: Joan Worley, Freshman English 111 Instructor; Jim Kowalsky, RAHI Director; Sven "Scumpy" Paukan, Tutor/Counselor; Patt Fitzhugh, College Knowledge & Life Skills; Nils Johansen, Engineering Specialty; Luci Abeita, Native Studies; Hope Sun, Tutor/Counselor; Charles "Chuck" Cooper, Math and Freshman RAHI Math 107; Lynda Williams, Library and Computer Host; Katy Bleyle, Tutor/Counselor; Ringo Jimmy, Tutor/Counselor; Roy Roehl, Assistant Residence Supervisor; Phillip "Ossie" Kairaiuak, Tutor/Counselor; Joan Walser, Writing; George Guthridge, Writing; Joe Slats, Education Specialty; Greg Owens, Academic Coordinator; Deborah Jeffrey, Counselor; Karen Boyle, Mathematics; Dale Fodness, Business Specialty.

(Editorial note: Missing are Residence Supervisor Phil Charette and Tutor/Counselor Verne Seum ... contrary to rumor, dorm staff do get days off now and then)



### **Challenge Yourself! RAHI 1991**

*by Jim Kowalsky, RAHI Director*

1991 marks the ninth year of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute's summer enrichment program for college-bound high school students from rural areas.

Implemented by the University of Alaska Fairbanks at the request of Alaska's Native leaders, RAHI is an intensively academic experience in which students gain mastery of the mathematics and writing skills necessary to succeed in college, examine their career goals and learn how to cope with the stresses of college life. RAHI also strives to build bonds which create a support network for returning students.

One (but not the only) intended goal was a dramatic increase in the number of rural students completing degrees within a limited time frame. While we have not exactly witnessed that precise drama, we are seeing alumni determined to finish college, others who have initially made other choices but now are entering college for the first time, and still others who are assuming

leadership roles at home and elsewhere. Alumni who are parenting, and not attending college themselves, might be expected to guide their own children toward college based on their RAHI experience. Surely RAHI is building a constituency for advanced education. We already know that RAHI alumni enter four-year-degree programs in far greater numbers than their non-RAHI peers.

This year graduated seniors who plan to enter UAF this fall as freshmen could earn college credit for curriculum requirements in mathematics and English. We hope to continue this new two-track approach to give students an accelerated route to a college degree.

We have also been blessed, in recent years, with the participation of students hosted by other circumpolar nations, notably from the Yukon and British Columbia, in Canada, and from Greenland. These students enrich the RAHI experience for everyone.

My special thanks to the RAHI students for their efforts; to a truly superb residence, instructional and administrative staff; and to all those within and outside the university community who show such strong support and interest. For our students, in particular, I hope this summer marks the beginning of a long association with fellow participants, and with higher education. I hope many of you will choose UAF if you have not already done so. Please keep in touch with us and with each other. Let Denise or me know, via our toll-free number (1-800-478-6886), if you need help with college plans or if you just need to talk to someone. Talk about RAHI to other students who might be interested, and tell us who they are so we can send them information about RAHI 1992.

Good luck and keep RAHI with you. Work hard for good grades this next academic year. Challenge yourself!



**Denise Wartes**  
Administrative Assistant

Greg is the guy to see if you're worried about the math course in your schedule. As RAHI's Academic Coordinator, Greg keeps the teachers turning in their work as well as the students, but he works at UAF all year around helping students make it through their math courses.

**More people behind the scenes (and sometimes up front).**

Annie Freiburger filled in for Denise this year, until the beginning of July. Thanks for putting up with us. Annie normally works for Cross Cultural Communications.

If Denise doesn't know the answer to your question, she knows who does and will point you in the right direction. She is the one person you can usually find: the voice at the end of the telephone; the calm presence at the hub of the bustle. Denise puts together the RAHI newsletter so keep in touch if you have any news to share with fellow alumni.



**Greg Owens**  
Academic Coordinator





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Every Inupiaq is Responsible To All Other Inupiat For  
the Survival Of Our Cultural Spirit, and the Values  
and Traditions Through Which It Survives. Through  
Our Extended Family, We Retain, Teach, and Live  
Our Inupiaq Way.

With Guidance and Support From Elders,  
We Must Teach Our Children Inupiaq Values:

**Knowledge of Language**  
**Sharing**  
**Respect for Others**  
**Cooperation**  
**Respect for Elders**  
**Love for Children**  
**Hard Work**  
**Knowledge of Family Tree**  
**Avoid Conflict**  
**Respect for Nature**  
**Spirituality**  
**Humor**  
**Family Roles**  
**Hunter Success**  
**Domestic Skills**  
**Humility**  
**Responsibility to Tribe**

Our Understanding of Our Universe and Our  
Place In It Is A Belief In God and A Respect  
For All His Creations.





**Rachel  
Aaberg  
(Thumper)**

**Pedro Bay**



Rachel describes herself as quietly ambitious and easy going. She intends to go to college. Early morning starts and the RAHI work load weren't as much fun as the time James dumped water on her, or making new friends. Her advice is: Attend RAHI! It is an experience to remember. Her pet peeves are braces and cold weather.

**Barbara  
Adams**

**Fort St.  
James, B.C.**



Barb advises future students to "Have lots of spirit!" She is interested in the sciences and hairdressing. Her pet peeve is people who jump to conclusions without listening. She found the amount of reading required at RAHI tough but enjoyed the new friends she made. Barb collects perfumes and pictures of her friends.

**Sam  
Amik  
(Sunny)**

**Kipnuk**



Sam wants to be a teacher. He liked the RAHI teachers, but not the homework they assigned. Sleeping and playing basketball appeal to him. He looks up to Ringo for helping him with homework. Mukluk soup and ice cream are great but he doesn't like people saying "yeah". Advice: Keep up the good work!

**Anthony  
Andrews  
(Spike)**

**Mountain  
Village**



Anthony liked getting away from his brothers and sisters and starting the day with a run. He is considerate of others and wants to be an airplane pilot or a teacher. People making fun of other people annoy him. Advice: "Hand in your work promptly and try not to waste time."



**Rita  
Andrews  
(Brat II)**

**St. Mary's**



Rita's nick name is "Brat II", and her pet peeve is "Brat I" (Renee). She is college bound but isn't sure yet what she want to specialize in. She says she is quiet and shy around strangers, but "extremely loud" in the company of people she knows well. Rita describes herself as a hard worker. She enjoys shopping, travel, and music. "Hang in there babes!" from Rita A.

**Mary Lou  
Asicksik  
(Banusaq)**

**Shaktoolik**



Mary Lou describes herself as shy, nice and stubborn. She is aiming at a masters of either education or art, and looks up to her parents for the good example they set. Her advice is "Do your best and you will succeed. Don't give up when things get tough, and don't feel inferior to other people." She likes her mom's sourdough pancakes but hates green olives.

**James  
Atseriak**

**Quinhagak**



James enjoyed visiting new places. He is Yup'ik, and a robust 5'6". James dislikes it when people don't smile. He thought his funniest moment was the basketball pass that bounced off his head. He liked swimming class best. Pizza and ice cream are his favorite foods. Advice: Be prepared to really, really challenge yourself. James appreciates other people "because they help with work".

**Elaine  
Beans**

**Mountain  
Village**



Elaine says: "Just do it. Have a blast. We sure did!" She looks up to herself, because there may be times when there is no one else available. Elaine, who plans to be a primary school teacher, describes herself as quiet, short and happy. She likes serious talks, sports, and listening to music. Elaine enjoys science and algebra, but not trying to swim when she is tired.

**Reva  
Boolowon**

**Gambell**



Reva appreciated RAHI's realistic college preparation and the sunshine. She wants to be a teacher or a famous dancer and admires her sister and best friend. People who chew gum with their mouths open turn her off. Her funniest moment was stepping in wet cement. Cheeseburgers and qasiiqag are her favorite foods. "Apply now! Do a lot of reading, writing and sleeping — you'll need it."

**Kristen  
Borden  
(Kris)**

**Anchorage**



Kristen goes for RAHI's close teacher-student relationships but not the 6 a.m. runs. She collects junk and looks up to anyone taller than she is. Kristen likes to eat dill pickles, peanut butter and chocolate coated cherries (mmm ...) but despite this she is a cheery sort of person. Sweaty palms and belly button dirt turn her off. Advice: You can do anything if you have your heart set on it.

**Tracy  
Boulter  
(Betty-  
Boop)**

**Sooke ,B.C.**



Tracy is peeved by comments about the way she talks (eh) and collects salt and pepper shakers. Her funniest moment was cheering Cindy at the Basketball game. She thinks the sex education class was a hoot. She looks up to her mom for having the knack of being both funny and serious. Tracy's advice to future RAHI students is "Call home whenever possible." She wants to go into nursing.

**Mia Bruhn**

**Nuuk  
Greenland**



Mia wants to travel and get an education at UAF. She valued RAHI's camaraderie. People who dare to express their opinion impress her. Lasagna is her favorite food and she likes badminton and listening to music. Friends mean a lot to her. Math, writing and engineering were her favorite classes. Mia says she is a little "confused" but her advice to future RAHI participants is "Never give up!"

**Charmaine  
Clarke  
(Hot Lips)**

**Merritt, B.C.**



Charmaine found the dash across campus from writing to math a bit rough and her pet peeves are "Morning Sunshine" and roommates who eat at Wood Center. She intends to be a high school teacher/counselor. Her mom is tops with her because "if she could raise me, she could do anything." She likes to make people laugh and is a good friend. Her advice is "Live, laugh, love". Charmaine's funniest moments at RAHI were "rain aerobics with the girls, bushwhacking with Sharon, pushing the car with Gwen and Lavern and asking personal questions with Sugar." We did not ask for clarification. Her accomplices know who they are.

**Bertha  
Dull**

**Nightmute**



Bertha liked everything about RAHI. She admires her second oldest sister because she finds it easy to talk to her. Bertha likes business courses and wants to run a small business of her own. Bertha is shy around strangers but talkative with friends. She and Elsie had some fun times together. Unfriendly people are her pet peeve. Her advice is to have fun, but not goof off.

**Alan  
Dela Rosa  
(Guy)**

**Mountain  
Village**



Alan is bothered by people who "just watch". His advice to future RAHI students is to try your best, do all your homework, and pay attention. Although he likes math and science, Alan's goal is to become an English teacher. He describes himself as small, smart, and nice. He loves his mom's pizza and philippino food and not getting too much homework.

**Sharon  
Egoak**

**Napaskiak**



Sharon had a great time at RAHI. She wants to be a counselor or teacher, and enjoys making her friends laugh. Her mother is special because she seems to know everything. Cheese cake, akutaq (Eskimo ice cream) and dried pike with seal oil are her favorite treats. She likes math class, but mosquitoes bug her. Advice: Challenge yourself!



**Kathleen  
Ezukameow  
(Kathy)**

**Shishmaref**



Kathy wants to major in education. She likes sports, visiting with friends, pizza and spaghetti. People who don't give her space to do what she wants are her pet peeve. Kathy says she is "somewhat outgoing, obnoxious, somewhat humorous." Her advise to future students is "Try your best, and don't let personal problems affect your stay here at RAHI!"

**Cynthia  
Gonu  
(Cindy)**

**New  
Aiyansh,  
B.C.**



Cindy liked RAHI because it gave her an advanced look at college and she enjoyed getting to know everyone. Her funniest moment was doing aerobics in a thunder storm with some other girls. Cindy would like to major in the business field at a Canadian university. Her hobbies are basketball and hanging out with her friends. She describes herself as active and trustworthy. Her advice: "Strive for the best, the sky is the limit!"



**William  
Fisher**

**Kwethluk**

William would not fill out his yearbook answer sheet, so he gets what he deserved. William enjoys sleeping. His favorite hobby is Barb Adams. She's also his pet peeve. William's goal is to "make his nose a little brown." He eats cucumbers dipped in mustard. Yearbook Intelligence has learned William is actually going to major in computer science. He has already perfected the endless loop. Patt reports the stimulus of "Hi William" elicits a round of "Hi Patt, Hi William's which accelerate with each utterance.

**Melanie  
Hill  
(Honey)**

**Prince  
Rupert, B.C.**



Melanie enjoyed RAHI's "huga" tradition and all the new friends. Mandatory 6:30 a.m. wake-up calls weren't so much fun. Playing dizzy issy at Twin Bears was memorable, and flipping out of the canoe. Her funniest moment was posing for Cindy with Charmaine. Melanie's pet peeve was Tony sticking his finger in people's ears. She likes Japanese food. Her advise is "Make the most of every moment because time flies!" Melanie plans to attend a university in B.C.

**Wanda Hill  
(Dawson)**

**Chevak**



Wanda set off a fire alarm using matches for Stan's birthday cake. She loves children and wants to be an elementary teacher, or else work in an office. Wanda appreciates the taste of college which RAHI offers graduated seniors like herself, and also the people who put RAHI together. She looks up to Grandpa Ulric and Daddy Wayne, for their hard earned wisdom. "Enjoy and do whatever you can, while you can. Only you can make [RAHI] what it is."

**Samantha  
Hoover  
(Sam)**

**Kasigluk**



Samantha could have done without the dorm staff banging on the doors early every morning. She liked meeting people from other places. Her funniest moment was trying to get into "her" room, on the wrong floor. Samatha is headed for a marine biology degree at Stanford or Reed. She likes horror novels, music, and dancing. Her parents motivate her. Moose, seal, and walrus are good eating. "Hang in there and never let homesickness discourage you from education."

**Elsie  
Jumbo**

**Nightmute**



The best thing about RAHI for Elsie is earning 6 credits toward her degree. She wants to go into business, and become more talkative. Inside, she is not the quiet person she seems to be. Her parents taught her the value of life. Her advice is to learn now, so you can achieve in the future.

**Lavern  
Kritz**

**Togiak**



Lavern wants to master math and earn an accounting degree. She looks up to her parents, who both had careers in teaching. She likes her math class, and riding around on her four-wheeler with cousin Margo. Getting homesick was rough, but Lavern enjoyed her RAHI friends while she was here. "Work hard!" is her advice to future students. Lavern's pet peeve is people who talk behind her back.

**Donna  
Long**

**Barrow**



Donna spent the last 5 weeks of RAHI in a cast after an accident playing basketball. She didn't let that stop her. She looks up to her father for helping her see she can do anything she puts her mind to, and valued RAHI as a "test" college experience. Donna wants to major in psychology or sociology, and return to Barrow after graduating. She likes frozen caribou, muktuk, fruit, and spaghetti. Her advise is: "Study smart!"

**Maricia  
Luper  
(Marsh-  
mellow))**

**Mountain  
Village**



RAHI broadened Maricia's view of the world, both in and out of class. She wants to become whatever she is fit for and enjoy life. Maricia admires everyone for coping. She describes herself as peaceful and brave. "Pray to God for strength and wisdom to hold on to the beneficial fun offered by wonderfully tubular dudes."

**Daniel  
Lupie**

**Tuntutuliak**



Daniel had to leave RAHI early, due to his grandfather's illness. He looked up to counselor Hope for her "big brain", and wants to be a UAF student. Hunting and fishing are his hobbies. Daniel's advice is "Do your best and don't give up!"

**Rachel  
Maillele**

**Anvik**



Rachel liked to spend time on her own and isn't sure about college, although she might decide to major in Russian. She likes spending time with her boyfriend and doing bead work. Her friend Carl, and her boyfriend, are special people to her. She says she is "crazy, outgoing, sometimes boring and sometimes out of control." Rachel's advice is "Don't skip any classes or be late." Rachel's study partner, Mia, appreciated Rachel checking her spelling for her.



**Ruth  
Matchian  
(Ramzi)**

**Chevak**



**Freshman**

Ruth liked RAHI field trips best and had no complaints. Her pet peeves are second hand smoke and braggarts. She wants to go to UAF, and admires her sister Theresa for finishing college, staying away from drugs and alcohol and getting a good job. Her advise is "Be ready for anything that comes your way."

**Paul  
Michael  
(Buff)**

**Kwethluk**



"Girls that won't quit" are Paul's pet peeve. We didn't ask what he meant by that. RAHI was too short for him. He wants a degree, a job, a wife, and a family. Paul admires his brother for his "awesome moves" on the basketball court. He likes moose soup and spaghetti. His advise is "Don't mess up!"

**Inger  
Moller**

**Greenland**



Inger was one of RAHI's two Greenlandic students this year. She chose to go home after the first week because she was homesick. Michelle Norris was in Inger's classes, and made her difficult week a little easier by helping her with school work. Staff and students wish Inger well.

**Kenny  
Moto  
Deering**

Kenny had to go home early, for disciplinary reasons. He made an honorable contribution to RAHI by owning up to his mistake and got a spectacular send off. His fellow RAHI students signed a T-shirt for him, and sent him letters to keep in touch. We expect Kenny back next year.

**Eric Newlin**  
**(Guddy)**

**Noorvik**



Eric disliked male students being a minority in RAHI, but enjoyed the freedom. He wants to get an M.B.A. from Stanford. The Elders in his region have his respect. He says he is funny, understanding, and 'very stressed out.' Advice? "Be cool and beat Upward Bound in '92." Eric likes bugging people and playing basketball.

**Michele Norris**  
**(Qaul-qutailaq)**

**Shungnak**



RAHI helped Michelle prepare for her goal of becoming a pediatric nurse. She had an embarrassing afternoon at RAHI when student council turned the boys loose on her hair as punishment for being up after curfew, but was a great sport about it. Michelle admires her aunt Doris for making her believe in herself. "Have fun," she recommends to future students, "do the best you can, and make your dreams come true." Caribou soup and pizza are her favorite foods.

**Candice Parker**  
**(Che-Ches)**

**Nome**



**Freshman**

Candice plans to major in math or go into premed with her eye on doing pediatrics one day. She looks up to herself. Her favorite foods are blacknuat, blubber, and pizza. Candice says she is "outgoing and very weird". I think we would all agree. Her advice: "Don't think RAHI is all fun, it is also very serious and strenuous."

**Fred Peterson**

**Mountain Village**



Fred's pet peeve is doing things at the last minute. He values RAHI for teaching him what to expect of college, but missed his summer vacation. He wants to teach English or enlist in the navy. Basketball, music, and walking with friends entertain him. Fred can be rowdy when the mood strikes him. "Before you have fun, make sure your homework is done."

**Dawn Ruby**

**Seward**



Dawn wants a career with an international flare, like bilingual doctor, interpreter, or archaeologist. She likes shopping as well as foreign languages. Dawn describes herself as "outdoorsy", blind without her glasses, intelligent, and active. Reconcile that with 'quiet' and you get "unique". She advises future students to turn every once in a while when sun bathing. Her grandfather is someone she admires.

**Michelle  
Sam**

**Alatna**



Michelle liked the natural science course but not the homework. Her goal is to get a master's degree in the medical field. In her spare time she likes to read and listen to music. She looks up to her mom and dad because they always help other people and finish what they start. "Shy" is how Michelle describes herself. Her favorite foods are shrimp and tacos. Advice to future RAHI students: "Be prepared for homework!"

**Michele  
Schaeffer  
(Cello /  
Mitch)**

**Kotzebue**



**Freshman**

Cigarette smoke is Michele's pet peeve. She plans to get a B.A. in elementary education and teach third grade, learn the Inupiaq language and write novels. Michele says what she feels. She likes reading and dreaming. Her funniest RAHI memory this year was Stanley's infamous, fiery birthday cake. She admires her mom and likes native foods. She advises: "Don't procrastinate! There's a time for work, and a time for play — know your priorities."

**James  
Shanigan**

**Grayling**



James said what he liked best about RAHI was the people and the positive attitudes. His funniest moment was when he was drinking a Dr. Pepper three floors beneath the can. He taught sex ed well too. He likes communicating and making people smile. His favorite food depended on the day of the week. He says he looks up to Stan the Man "because I'm kneeling." James describes himself as extremely shy. His advice: "Stand tall and have fun. Also, slam Upward Bound!"



**Gwendolyn  
Shavings  
(Gwen)**

**Mekoryuk**



Gwen likes to play basketball, knit, and write letters. What she liked best was that everyone was very nice and helpful. What she didn't like was staying in a hot dorm! Her favorite types of food are Eskimo and Italian. Gwen plans to attend college and major in criminology to become a state trooper. Her advice: "Abide by the rules, listen to your teachers/staff, and have fun!"

**Hannah  
Sinnok**

**Shishmaref**



Hannah wants to be an elementary teacher. She likes meeting people, talking with friends, playing basketball, and checking the boys out! She looks up to her parents and friends for support, but especially her parents. Her advice: "Start your research paper early, don't fall behind in work, and most important, have fun!" Hannah describes herself as a person who likes to travel, have lots of fun, and try out new things.

**Renee  
Southerland  
(Renny)**

**Angoon**



Renee liked the people best about RAHI. She would like to finish high school and go to college to get a degree in business or accounting. She looks up to her brother because he finished high school and college and also majored in business. Renee describes herself as friendly and talkative. Her advice: "Come and enjoy yourselves, but pass RAHI!"

**Stanley  
Swetzof  
(Stan the  
Man)**

**Unalaska**



**Freshman**

Stanley's favorite activities are basketball and the Native Olympics. What he liked best about RAHI was making friends and his least favorite was homework and leaving friends. Stanley's future goal is to become a commercial bush pilot. He describes himself as five foot, eight inches tall, athletic, kind of muscular, and fond of confusing people. His advice: "No matter how stressful it may get, never give in, pace yourself and you'll do fine."



**Ali Starr  
(Alicat /  
Alisheba)**

**Tanana**

**Freshman**

Ali's favorite activities are traditional dancing, watching movies, listening to music, and reading. What she liked best about RAHI was the chance to see what a person is up against when they go to college. Her goals are to get a master's in either broadcast journalism, telecommunications, graphic art, or English/creative writing. She looks up to no one, because she says: "I don't want to emulate anyone else but form my own style and ideas."



**Tanya  
Wassilie**

**Bethel**

Tanya likes to exercise, talk on the phone, and read Stephen King books. She looks up to her aunt Gracie, because she is an elementary teacher and is very caring and sweet but knows how to deal with situations. Tanya would like to graduate with honors, attend a good university, and get a master's in elementary education. Her advice: "Take this seriously! Stay caught up and save free time for after work."

**Angela  
Yatlin  
(Angie)**

**Bettles**



What Angela liked best about RAHI was the business class. She also enjoyed listening to Charmaine's jokes. Angela likes doing crosswords and collecting poems. She looks up to her dad because he's the perfect role model and she loves him. Her goal is to go to college and become someone. "If you don't feel right about something, don't do it. Challenge yourself!"



**RAHI UAF Freshmen**

## Dorm Life by Tracy A. Boulter



When we all arrived late one night,  
We saw a light shining bright.  
It was Phil's smiling face  
To welcome us to this new place.

When the homework on the desk was deep  
And we were tired from little sleep.  
There was Ossie feeling fine.  
Yelling, banging "Morning Sunshine!"

When the math was piling up  
And the problem had you stuck,  
Katy was there, being crazy  
And the problem was no longer hazy.

The day was over, class was done,  
The time had come to have some fun!  
Homework's done, there are no chores,  
But there's Skumpy "On your floors!"

Verne is pretty, young, and bright.  
Teaching swimming she did it right.  
She works with Prez, and Vice Prez too!  
Handing out whippings and hair-do's.

In the hall he's always there,  
He drives a car with reckless care.  
This weird one is not too coy.  
Tall, friendly, hyper Roy.

To nip trouble in the bud, she says  
"Drop dead with a big thud!"  
Our friend Hope is really neat,  
Learning English so she can speak.

Ringo can be found in bed,  
Or letting the boys shave his head  
He can not be found at night,  
He's hanging with the Ringo-brights!

There is something to offend all,  
In the library's silent hall.  
Or so Lynda's T-shirt proclaims,  
'Cause reading books are her games.

We learned a lot in College Life,  
Because Patt was sharp as a knife.  
We all thought the class was a must,  
Because we did not read the syllabus.

A fellow Canuk from B.C.,  
Out running is where she'll be.  
If you have some thoughts to share,  
Debbie can always be right there.







### Reflections on RAHI past by John Henry

It seemed like only yesterday -- days passed by unnoticeably as time merged into the far reaches of the forgotten moment. It is, in many respects, like a new adventure: a never ending story. Each page explores a new area in life -- never seen, never experienced. To go boldly where no man has gone before. College is a new frontier, a new life, and a new challenge.

I've learned that the winner, in the end, is not always the strongest or most able, but the one whose attitude screams, "I can, therefore I will." Each page I read, I gained one more page, added to the others, bringing me nearer to the end. Despite the stereotype that I had laid out in my mind, of college being a bigger leap for mankind towards a new educational setting, I have ironically discovered that it bears, in many respects, a kinship to my past setting. RAHI added spice to high school.



John is in second year engineering, at UAF, and a former valedictorian for RAHI.

## Student Council by Verne Seum (staff advisor)

*Give the people a voice and they will give their loyalty. The students of the '91 RAHI session have given more than their loyalty, they have given their hearts. Their voice is the '91 RAHI student council, and the students are now more than a body of people, they are a family.*

The objective of RAHI student council is to give a structured voice to the students of this intense and academic program. The council consists of two representatives from each of the seven family groups. Others from the student body may join student council by running as write-in candidates during the election of officers.

The members of student council are: Michele Schaeffer, Candice Parker, Dawn Ruby, Barb Adams, Kristen Borden, James Shanigan, Paul Michael, Stan Swetzof, Cindy Gonu, Maricia Luper, Eric Newlin, Donna Long, Charmaine Clarke and Angela Yatlin. Those in office are: Kristen as Public Relations Officer, Charmaine as Sgt. at Arms, Maricia as Treasurer, Donna as Secretary, Stan as Vice-President and Dawn as President.

The most outstanding action of this year's council is providing silly consequences to rule violators. The most memorable punishment befell Michelle Norris, who had her hair done by the "studly" RAHI boys. She was an incredibly good sport and wore her hair like Pippy Long-stockings for a full day.

Through actions like this, the students learn that the rules serve a purpose and cannot be broken, while at the same time not making dorm staff into the bad guys. This keeps the relationship and respect between the dorm staff and the students open and in good standing.

*(Editorial note: One of dorm supervisor Phil's sage bits of advice to students is to stay out of the hands of student council! They are tougher than staff on their victims! Violations include being late for classes and not observing 'lights out' or 'on your floors' orders. A rash of punishments were meted out on slave day -- unfortunately too late to get into the yearbook -- but let it suffice to say RAHI entertained the folks at Wood Center cafeteria with their singing, drag outfits, wild hair, questionable adornments and face paint.*



Math 107  
by Michele R. Schaeffer

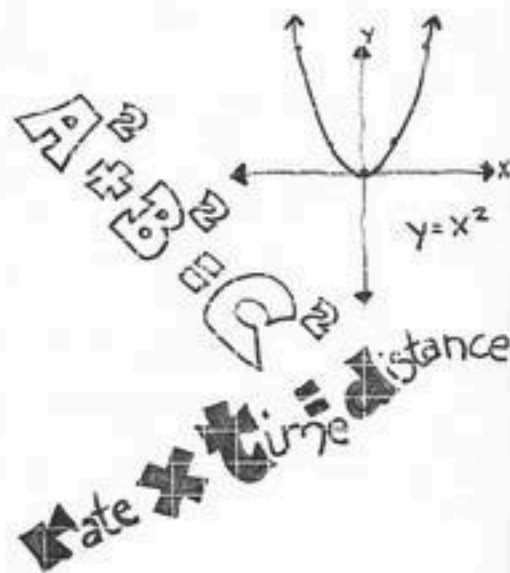
Math 107 is another name for precalculus. We learned things like: inequalities, synthetic domain, logarithms, partial fractions, matrices, graphing and geometric sequences.

It is a tough course but if you manage your time, and do the homework, you can pass the class.

This year there were two students (college freshmen) in the class, myself and Candice Parker. Our instructor was Dr. Chuck Cooper.

We really enjoyed the class and if you plan on taking it we hope that you do too!

*(Editorial note: Michele and the other freshmen attending RAHI took credit courses toward their UAF degrees. In addition to Chuck's Math 107, Joan Worley taught English 111 especially for RAHI. A few RAHI freshmen also attended regular summer session courses.)*



**MATRICES**

Logarithmic  
Functions

Exponentials

MATH by Verne





**Engineering Specialty  
by Alan Dela Rosa**

If you don't mind having a baby musk-ox chew on your clothes, surveying the musk-ox farm, going into a field of caribou and musk-ox where there is dung all around, and enduring the smell of decaying organic matter in the permafrost tunnel -- then the engineering specialty is the right choice for you.

The permafrost tunnel was our first field trip, and the natural science group came along. Nobody enjoyed the smell inside the tunnel, but after a while everybody got used to it. It was cold, dusty and dark in the tunnel and we saw fossils of animals.

Nils Johansen, our instructor, told us that they have found the bones of sabertooth tigers, prehistoric elephants, and other regular animals of today, in there. Some of the bones were 30,000 years old, and there were 12,000 year old pieces of wood, also.

At the musk-ox farm we observed damage caused by thawing permafrost and wrote a report about how to prevent it. The class was divided into two groups, each of which came up with their own company name, logo, and report regarding the thermokarst problem at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Large Animal Researching Station (musk-ox farm).

Permafrost is simply frozen ground. When it thaws, the land beneath it could either be stable or unstable soil. If it is stable, then the land will not collapse when a heavy object does across it. Unstable soil will collapse when a heavy object like a musk-ox or a vehicle goes over it.

At the Fort Wainwright military base we talked about maps, distances of an enemy or vehicle, and the tools they use.

After that we went to the top of Ester Dome which overlooks the city of Fairbanks. We bumped into a moose near the road at Esterdome. It didn't stay long so we continued back to the dorm.

Before we presented our team project, we practiced in front of a movie camera and improved greatly. I don't know who will be keeping the tape of ourselves, but whoever does will remember what fun we had.

Nils Johansen has taught the engineering class a lot this year and his assistant, Karen Boyle, was there if we needed help or advice. They would always help if we needed help or just be there to listen to us, or for us to listen to them.

I enjoyed the engineering class this year because we went on field trips instead of staying in a building all the time. It is all right if we got smelly from the musk-ox farm. We still enjoyed visiting Tundra, that cute baby musk-ox.



## Native Studies by Maricia Luper

Luci Abelta's Native Studies course has been beneficial. I learned that Natives are powerful and all we need to do is to communicate with one another and unite.

Our guest speakers touched on important topics that led me to conclude that we do need to work together to protect what we have left.

The class was split into small groups and focused on topics that were later presented to the whole class. This teaching technique allowed each student to gain knowledge through practicing their public speaking skills.

If I had not taken Native Studies I probably would not see the root of the problem of our split worlds, which we are struggling in. We consist of children, teenagers, adults — including elders — all under a common roof. We can strengthen the roof or allow it to collapse on us.

Even if it takes court case after court case to get the federal law to recognize what Natives believe in, we'll get to our intended place in this biased world.

By learning about our cultures and the history of our people, I have begun to see a vision that is sad. I am also proud because I see hidden potential in all ignored Natives that in time can and will burst into a different freedom.

To me, the world is one great big ball that was once shared, but now it is divided into "discovered" mud. History repeats itself, but will the world be shared in peace instead of rules?

Some way, somehow, someday, we will all have to turn the mud into beautiful, open land of unlimited opportunities; rely on each other once again. It is the dominant culture who makes laws. Is being dominant a sign of inequality? That is up to all of us.



Native Studies' guest speaker attorney **Lloyd Miller** of Anchorage, addressed the issue of native sovereignty. Mr. Miller has worked extensively on tribal jurisdiction litigation, alcohol and gaming regulations, ANCSA corporate matters, land claims, hunting and fishing cases, and a host of other Native issues. He is the founder of the Alaska Native Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association.



*"All of the problems of today: FAS, suicide, language extinction, AIDS, teen pregnancy, dropouts, family violence, and many more, are all related to alcohol in one way or another. Over half of them are causing language extinction. In some way these are affecting me too, but in a good way. I want to learn all I can so in the future years I can, like my dad, be there and help do whatever I can for my village. I want my kids to know the Athabascan language; know about their culture; have a safe, alcohol free environment to live in and be proud of their village not for what it is now."*

*Rachel Maillele*

## Natural Science Specialty

*information volunteered by Samantha Hoover*

Doug Schamel's natural science team started the summer off with a trip to the permafrost tunnel. In class, they dissected fetal pigs, squirrels, and a road-killed hare. The group investigated the amount of bacteria in ordinary fluids like bottled pop and (oh no!) water from the dorm, using a sterile growth medium prepared in petri dishes. Luci Abeita teamed up with Doug. The major project was an investigation of the plants used in traditional Native medicine.



## Business Specialty

Dale Fodness put his business students to work devising a marketing strategy for RAHI. Students interviewed program director Jim Kowalsky, pondered the competition, and came up with a strategy. Dale was helped by writing teacher Joan Walser. One of the best perks of being "in business" was the trip down the Chena on the riverboat to observe how the enterprise was managed. A bush pilot demonstration, the Athabaskan village, Mary Shields' team, the roiling waters at the "marriage of the rivers" and a salmon snack on crackers were included. Students learned the mechanics of the market place and confronted some tough issues in business ethics.





### **AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE** by Charmaine Clarke

In the educational elective, we were taught how to think and speak for ourselves, which may seem easy but in reality is something a lot of students have difficulty with. Learning about the problems in your own educational system and how it is up to you to fix those problems is not your every day high school experience, yet it was what we were informed on throughout this whole program. We were treated like we mattered and what we did was important, which is something that most of us have never experienced before.

This is a very enjoyable program to take as we not only did many things to make us aware of the problems, but we learned them effectively. Field and study trips made the course enjoyable. We also got a chance to voice our opinion on how to correct problems in Native education. It is important not to just sit back and expect something to fix itself. You have to reach out and grab what you need, not wait for it to come to you. If you wait too long, it may be too late. 26

## College Knowledge by Dawn Ruby

College Knowledge shed light on a different style of college life that isn't publicized as much as the glamorized social scene. When I heard of College Knowledge I thought the course would cover generalities of academics and social life, but instead I found myself compiling a valuable file.

Many high school counselors are vague about what documents and information you will need to get into college, or the work place. College Knowledge has helped me put together a file that has financial aide information and forms, a rough draft of my resume, an idea of where to go for career counseling, a scheduling guide and information, and registration forms.

Through the numerous guest speakers from College Knowledge and Speaker's Forum, I have gained an understanding of how a college system works. In high school there is very little you, yourself, have to worry about. You don't have to pay for room, board or tuition. You abide by your family's rules, and the school work load isn't that great. In college though, you have

much more freedom and more responsibilities. You, and only you, are responsible for yourself at college.

Time management, I have learned the hard way, is the key to success. Many key speakers and RAHI tutors (especially Patt and Mr. Guthridge) stressed that. Proper time management will see you through college with only some minor bumps along the way. Bad time management, however, has many negative effects: low to failing grades, excessive stress (see anyone in RAHI going around 'doi, doi, doi' you know they are under stress), and sometimes ill health. This only tops up what you must normally deal with when you get here: homesickness (look at the phone bills when you get home folks!), and peer, academic and social pressure.

This course has helped many of us learn about our stress related problems. I know that I, for one, plan on going to college and I feel I can say "Thanks, Patt" for all the help you have given us on our way.





Congratulations to the determined bikers who pedaled 32 miles out to Twin Bears, braving hills and gravel spills: Big Jim the Head Dude, his son Christopher, Greg O., Ringo, Ossie, Deborah, Cindy G., Sam A., Anthony A., Dawn R., Melanie H., Maricia L. and John Henry.

Patt handed out RAHI T-shirts to the Siberian athletes, as a conciliatory international gesture, when she discovered them eating Wood Center food. "I'd like to see RAHI do a student exchange with them some day!" Patt said with enthusiasm. We hope that should this come about, our students will not have to get to Siberia the way the Russians arrived: paddling across the channel in an open whaling boat.

## RAHI RAP

Deborah got a thrill out of being a "puller" for the blanket toss, but Ossie couldn't talk her into competing in the Race for the Torch. She explained, "Canucks are made for endurance not for speed."

The Dizzy Izzy event at the Twin Bears Fun Olympics claimed nearly as many victims as the mosquitoes did. Hope went down for the count, James A. spit crackers in John Henry's ear, trying to whistle and Debbie was spared a crash into the bushes by Lynda's timely save.

Roy proved to have the biggest mouth, in the "chubby bunny" contest. He stuffed in at least 18 marshmallows. He was never found by students in the "find the counselor" event, because he was under a raft on the lake with the prize envelope between his teeth. Maybe he just wanted to get away from it all. Fortunately the beavers weren't nipping.

Donna Long was in one of the canoes at Twin Bears which tipped over, and went into the lake, cast and all. She had to lie on her back with her leg in the air to drain the water out of it. When her cast was replaced they found specimens which might have been of interest to the natural science class.

George G.'s mid-term proved it's important to read the instructions. Melanie got a chuckle out of those classmates banging their desks, crawling under them, clucking, shouting, or darting out for drinks of water. It was all there in writing. Nearly every other question gave orders for clowning. The very first instruction, however, told students to read the *whole* exam before beginning. Melanie did that, so she read the instructions at the end which said not to bother with the silly questions.

Elaine Beans was the giggling nun during Michele Norris' academy award winning delivery scene; Mary Lou got stuffed (with bananas); Sharon grossed everyone out with her inspired portrayal of a "booger digger"; Michele S. and Candice shared a pair of pants to lip synch "I'm a man" with Stan; Ruth got watered by Nuts the elephant; a good time was had by all.

Let's hear it for age and experience! Thanks to rebound Roy, long-throw Ossie, past-staffer and Lady Nanook Sue Stanton, energetic Deborah, defensive Scumpy, fast Joe Slats and gloriously red-faced Greg, the staff defeated superior numbers 56 to 32 in the student/staff basketball match. When Sue slid and dunked the ball, students were heard to mutter "Who is she anyway?" Thanks Sue. Lest we forget, a staffer recorded the score in the wet cement step outside McIntosh Dorm. For the record, the girls won their game against Upward Bound and the boys had a frustrating night of it.

UAF's new chancellor spent her first night on the job dining and dancing with RAHI students who demonstrated traditional Yu'pik dancing and Athabascan singing in her honor. Ossie presented her with a drum made for the occasion and Wanda gave her a dancing lesson. The Canadians sang "Oh Canada" and Greenlander Mia welcomed her in Danish. Hope said "hello" in Chinese. Michele N. greeted her in Inupiat. Renee spoke in Tlingit.







"I am an Eskimo" - Ozzie ©91

## RAHI student athletes in World Eskimo Indian Olympics 1991

*as reported by Ringo*

### Elsie Jumbo (Freshman)

One Arm Reach ..... 4th place

### Candice Parker (Freshman)

Alaska High Kick ..... 3rd place

Blanket Toss ..... 1st place

Grease Pole Walk ..... participant

Muktuk Eating Contest ..... participant

One Foot High Kick ..... 2nd place

### Ringo Jimmy (Dorm staff / UAF student)

One Arm Reach ..... 4th place

Kneel Jump ..... 4th (or whatever)

Scissor Broad Jump ..... participant

Toe Kick ..... 5th place

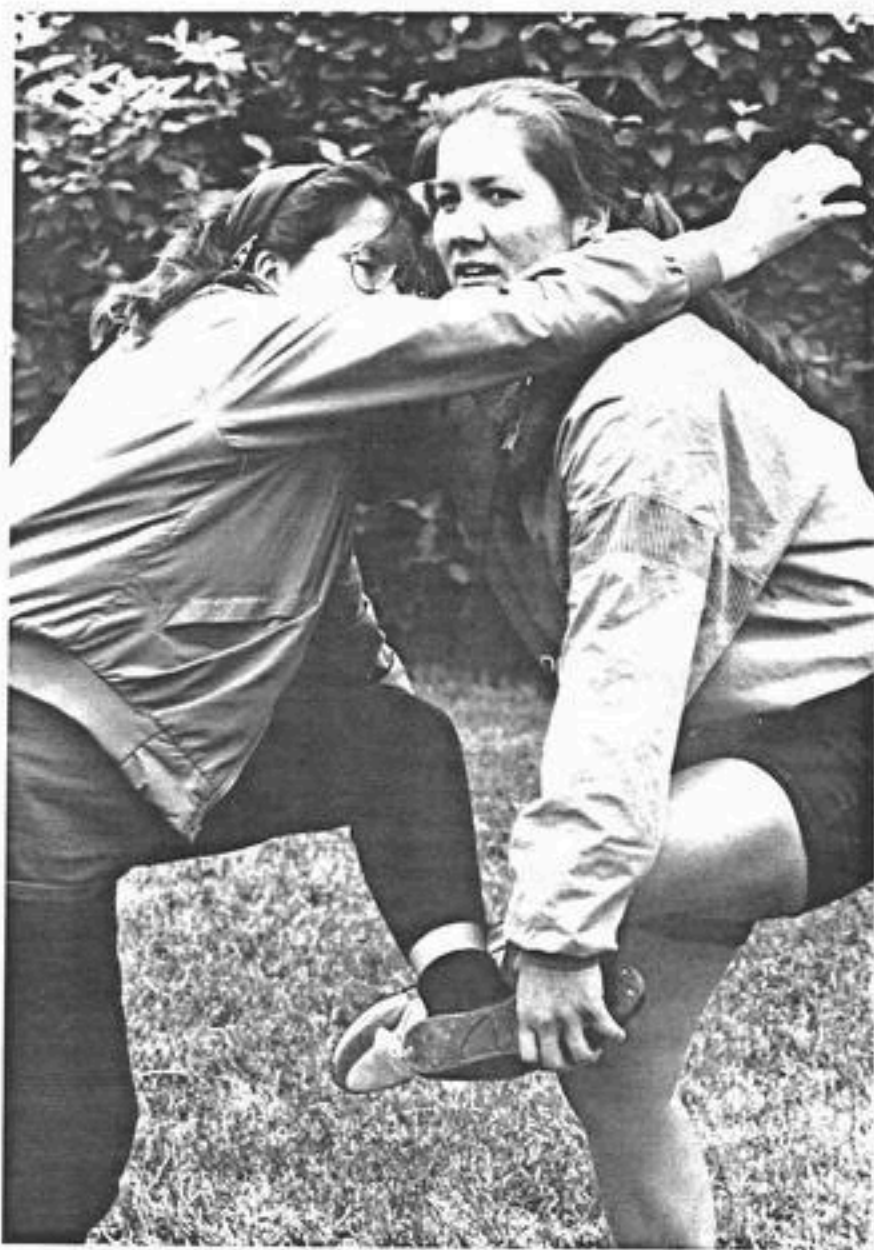
### Phillip "Ossie" Kairaiuak (Dorm staff / UAF student)

Race for the Torch ..... participant

*(Editorial note: RAHI policy makes participation in WEIO contingent on good academic standing)*





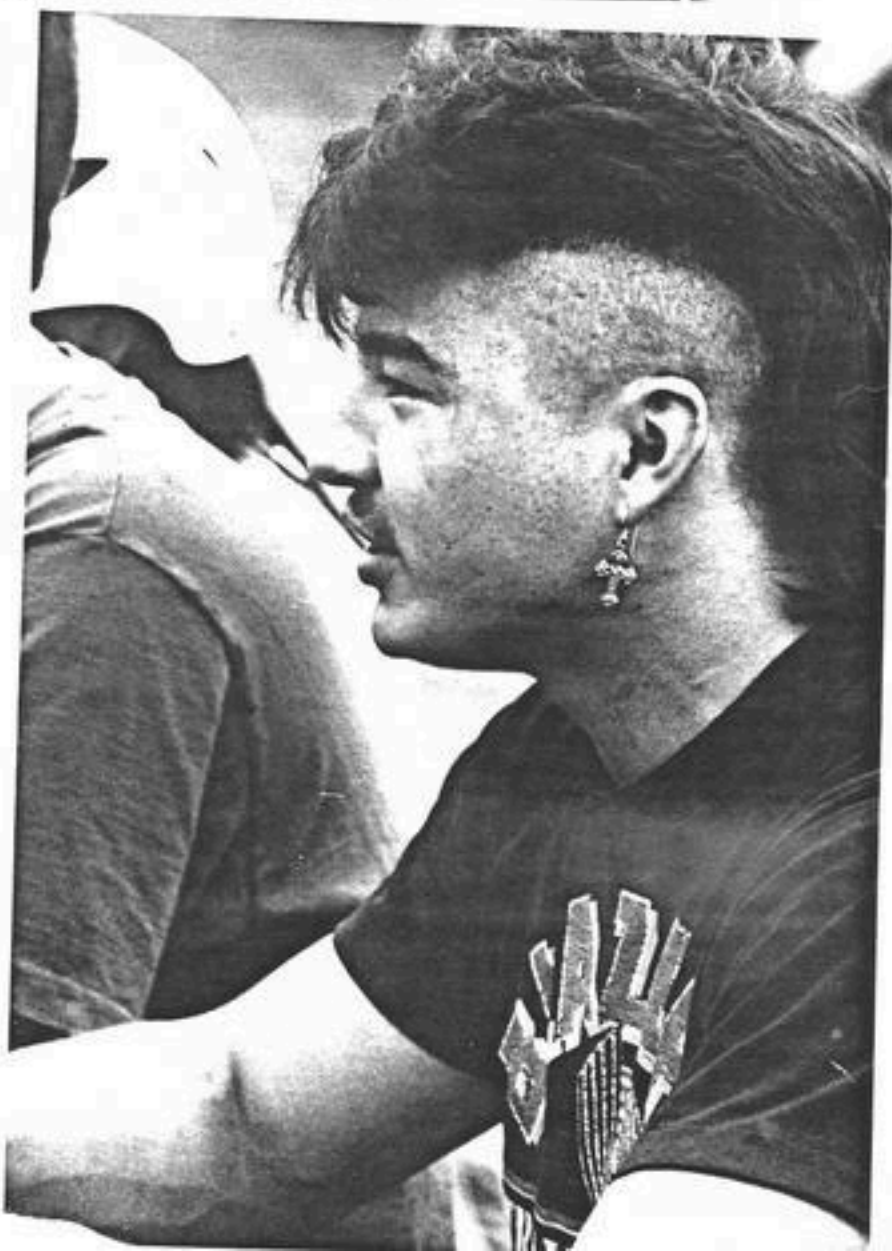




Special appreciation is owed to residence supervisor Phil Charette, for his sincere, caring attitude. Phil helped maintain morale when the going got rough. His farewells for Kenny, Daniel and Lavern will not soon be forgotten. Nor will Lavern's welcome back. He also tells good stories around a camp fire.

***Challenge Yourself!***





**Bow Tie Day**  
(Fridays)

RAH!  
TRADITION!  
BY VERNE

(Stan the Man) →





*"Don't study hard, study smart." George Guthridge*







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