

BERING STRAITS AGLUKTUK

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BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

BSNC plans reconstruction

In light of the November 7th fire, the Bering Straits Native Corporation Executive Committee met in Nome on November 22nd. At that time the Executive Committee authorized the BSNC staff to develop plans for a new office building to be built in Nome at Seppala Drive and West C Street.

President Charles Johnson commented that, "The time is ripe for us to build at this point. Because of our unfortunate circumstances we are forced into building as soon as possible'

The staff building plan will be presented for approval at the January 20, 1983 Board of Directors meeting in Nome.

The November 7th fire com-oletely destroyed the Kawerak building (also known as the Garrett E. Aukon Building) which housed the Bering Straits Native Corporation and Kawerak, Inc. offices. The building was owned by Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call at 11:17 p.m. Sunday evening. Thirty five fighters and all five fire fighting vehicles battled the blaze for several hours, brought it under control and prevented it from spreading to nearby buildings.

The volunteer fire fighters faced blizzard conditions with 30 M.P. H. winds and a -15% wind chill

The cause of the fire was an improperly installed furnace according to the fire marshal. By the time the firemen arrived at the scene the fire had spread underneath the building, through the first and second floors and up to the roof. The high winds contributed to the rapid spread of the

The fire was well under control by 5:00 a.m. Monday morning.



THE MORNING AFTER-Thus the remains of the BSNC/Kawerak office building that was totally destroyed by fire on November 7, 1982.

However, firemen remained on duty until late Monday afternoon knocking down smoldering fires

that kept breaking out. Several stunned BSNC and Kawerak employees watched the fire ravage the building that night. However, their fears were short

On Monday morning the staff of Kawerak met at the King Island Native Corporation Hall. Executive Vice President Caleb Pungowiyi announced that temporary offices had been set up at various locations around Nome. It was business as usual. (For specific locations of all the Kawerak departments see the enclosed Kawerak Nipliksuk).

The staff of Bering Straits Native Corporation also met on Monday to reorganize. BSNC President Charles Johnson announced that the corporation offices would be temporarily located at the old XYZ Building at Bering Street and Airport Road across the street from Bonanza. The BSNC phone number is the same at 443-5252.

Several employees of BSNC and Kawerak spent the rest of the week of November 7th digging through the rubble of the fire. Their hard work produced good results. Surprisingly most of the metal fireproof file cabinets survived the fire. As a result, the majority of records that were once thought to be completely lost were recovered.

Helen Bell, BSNC Stockholder Registrar, reports that virtually all of the 6,000 stockholder files were saved. "Other files were water-logged or singed. It will take

some time to reorganize everything but we are still able to continue normal daily operations"

The Kawerak departments have also salvaged alot of files and records. "We can obtain copies of most of our records from the villages, state and federal agencies", reported Caleb Pungowiyi.

"In our time of need, everyone pulled together to help us out", reflected BSNC President Charles Johnson. "I want to particularly thank Nome Eskimo Community, Arctic Native Brotherhood, King Island Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Nome Community Center, and the Senior Citizens. With their help and encouragement, we were able to

quickly get back on our feet'



ICC IN NOME-Hans-Pavia Rosing, Dalee Sambo and Jim Stotts met with BSNC President Charlie Johnson.

Uniting the Arctic

In mid-November, Hans-Pavia Rosing, President of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) stopped in Nome to begin promotion of the 1983 ICC General Assembly to be held in Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories, Canada July 25 -August 1

Traveling with Hans-Pavia was Dalee Sambo, the ICC Special Assistant in the Alaska Regional office in Anchorage. Dalee was born in Anchorage, however her family is from Unalakleet.

Jim Stotts from Barrow, is President of the Assembly of the North Slope Borough. Jim is one of two Alaska ICC Executive Council members. The other Alaskan ICC member is Oscar Kawagley of Bethel.

While in Alaska, Hans-Pavia, Dalee and Jim have been to Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome and Bethel in preparation for the 1983 ICC General Assembly.

The ICC is an independent organization representing the Eskimos (Inuit people) of Alaska, Canada and Greenland. The purpose of the organization is to unite, promote and protect the interests of the Inuit on an international le-

The problems caused by the discovery of oil in Prudhoe Bay and offshore oil development in Greenland in the early 1970's uncovered the need for an organization like ICC. "The people were being walked over", explained Hans-Pavia Rosing. "The most essential thing about the ICC is that we have joined in a common Inuit position and made presentations on specific issues to government. The Arctic has been isolated from the rest of the world for so long. We are not the playground of practice field for false ideas from other parts of the world".

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From the Desk

By Charles Johnson President of BSNC

THE FIRE AND THE FUTURE

It is said that disaster brings out the best and worst in people and organizations. The fire on November 7, 1982 that destroyed our offices and those of Kawerak certainly brought out the best in the people of

The firefighters braved blizzard conditions, howling winds and soaked clothing while fighting to control the fire and keep it from consuming a large part of Nome. Many of those manning the hoses and helping out were not members of the fire department. The Fire Marshal stated that Nome was lucky that half the town didn't go up in flames that

After the fire, offers of help came from all over. We especially want to recognize the Arctic Native Brotherhood, Nome Eskimo Community, the Community Center, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, King Island Native Corporation, The Bank of the North, City of Nome, Northwest Community College, Bering Air, New Frontier Realty, BIA and the other organizations that helped us get settled in.

We have been talking for the last year about building an office here in Nome for our headquarters. Until the fire, we heard from Sitnasuak through Kawerak that the arrangement was good since we wanted to be in the same building with Kawerak. Both Kawerak and BSNC are basically serving and representing the same people. We felt we could better serve our people if we were together in the same building and we still feel

Our Executive Committee has authorized me to develop preliminary plans to present to the full Board on January 10, 1983. If the Board decides that we should build an office building, we hope to get started

We would like your ideas on what you think our building should look like. We are thinking about placing it on a 100×140 lot on C Street and Seppala Drive (one block west of Bonanza).

The building would house both Kawerak and BSNC. Perhaps we can design it so that we can show off some of our people's art work and carvings. So send in your ideas so that we can include them in our presentation to the Board.

It's time that we all pull together to make our building a reality and make our dream of a successful corporation come true.



ALL TOGETHER NOW-John Tetpon, Charlie Johnson, Guy Martin and Dan Fondell remove one of many salvaged file cabinets from the rubble.

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CIRCULATION: 5,000

Feature Employee

President's Tetpon does it all

"My fellowship at Yale University laid the groundwork for what I'm doing now. As the liaison be-tween the City of San Diego, Cal-ifornia and several citizens planning organizations, I quickly learned how to work with all sorts of groups; from committees to boards to special interest groups.

The speaker is John Tetpon, Vice President of Village Affairs for BSNC and our Employee of the Month. John was referring to his membership in the 1970-71 National Urban Fellows Program sponsored by Yale University, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities. Only 30 students were selected nationwide and John Tetpon was one of them.

After two months of intensive training in urban problems and public administration at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut, John was assigned as Special Assistant to the City Manager of San Diego, California. "I was an extension of the City Manager's office with various citizen interest groups," reflects John. "It was a challenge for sure. . .but I enjoyed it.

The Yale Fellowship was the first in a long list of accomplishments for John Tetpon. As special assistant to the City Manager of Anchorage, he was able to fin-alize the HUD funding and coordinate the design and function of the Neighborhood Community Center at 3rd Avenue and Cordova. After extensive travel from Kotzebue to Stebbins, John saw a need for unity in the area. As a result he was instrumental in organizing the annual Northwest Mayors Conference.

John has served as Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority at AFN; Coordinator of the Indian Education Act; Director, CETA/JOM for the North Pacific Rim Native Corporation; and Director of a Boarding Home for the Kodiak Area Native Association.

Prior to joining the staff of BSNC in January, 1982, John served as Deputy Director of Kawerak, Inc. At Kawerak he was responsible for coordinating the region responses to the Draft **Environmental Impact Statement** on Norton Sound Lease Sale No.

Certainly all this experience in public service is proof that John Tetpon is a valuable asset not only to BSNC but to all the regional villages as well.



John Tetpon

As Vice President of Village Affairs at BSNC, John's concern is to "unify the region." John continues, "The Village Corpor-ations and Bering Straits Native Corporation have to forget about the past and look forward. We have larger issues in the future that we must deal with together."

"In 1991, the trust status between the Federal government and the village corporations ceases to exist. The corporations stock can be bought by anyone. . . even major U.S. corporations. We must protect our ownership of land. We need political and economic strength to prevent takeover from the 'outside' ". "Building economic strength" of our village corporations is BSNC's long range Investment Program which is run by John Tetpon. Earlier this year Brevig Mission and Shaktoolik participated in the Investment Program. Through a \$45,000 grant from the Federal Govern-ment John will be able to administer the economic program to eight more villages.

In October, John was elected Chairman of the Board of Norton Sound Health Corporation. He previously served as Treasurer.

He is Vice President of Shak-toolik Native Corporation and is a member of the Legal Issues Task Force for the Nome Comprehensive Alcohol Program.

But what does our Vice President of Village Affairs do in his free time? John is quick to remind you that "I am first and foremost an ivory carver! It's something I enjoy doing more than anything.

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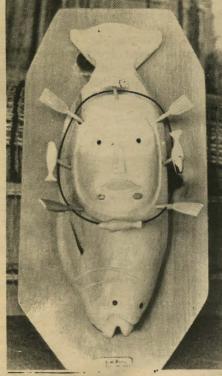
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In Focus

Board Member of the Month



MASK BY BARR-Carved in whale bone, baleen and ivory depicts a shaman. The story carved here is a witchdoctor that turns into a halibut which pursues people and other shamans



Bill Barr deals a hand to many organ-

"I make my living by carving bone and ivory, going to board meetings and playing poker". A unique form of subsistence living? As a matter of fact, yes. It describes the life of Bill Barr, 2nd Vice President of Bering Straits Native Corporation and our Board Member of the Month.

Z. W. "Bill" Barr was born in Deering to Thomas and Emily Barr. Bill

went to Elementary in Deering and graduated from the White Mountain B.I.A. School. He attended White Mountain in the last year of its operation. It was shut down in 1953.

Bill went on to graduate from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in May 1957. He then studied at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

"Even though I live in Shishmaref I spend most of my time at Cape Espenberg", bachelor Bill relates. "I help Fred, Jr., son of Fred and Fannie Goodhope, with the reindeer herd. After roundup, we dehorn and butcher the reindeer. My main job, though, is chief cook. That's where I got my figure!"

Bill learned to carve by watching his brother, Gideon Barr, Sr. "I started carving when I was twelve", he reflects. "The first thing I carved was an ivory heart. I brought it to the local store to sell. The storekeep did not want to buy it. So I brought it home and worked on it some more. The store still did not want it. Finally I went home and really polished it up. At last the storekeep agreed to buy it. . .for one dollar."

Certainly, Bill has excelled in carving since his ivory heart episode. He now carves imaginative animal figures, tusks, oosiks and finely detailed

masks. (See photo).

Bill Barr is one of the senior members of the Bering Straits Native Corporation Board of Directors. He has been on the board since it was first organized.

As the current 2nd Vice President of BSNC. Bill feels that, "It was pretty rough at the beginning but we are getting out of it. We can see the green light at the end of the tunnel. The future looks bright with the direction we are going".

"Furthermore, in looking at 1991, we must retain our land. We can't

just relax and let 1991 come and go. . . and then let others take our land

Bill is proud of the steady progress of Kawerak since its bankruptcy in 1976. "As we sat in the courtroom at the Chapter 11 proceedings in Anchorage we resolved to work ourselves out of it. Kawerak has grown from zero dollars to millions in grant money". Bill not only serves as 2nd Vice President of Kawerak, but also serves on the Kawerak Subsistence and Manpower Committees.

His involvement with village and regional affairs does not stop with BSNC and Kawerak. Bill serves as President of Shishmaref Native Corporation. He is Kawerak's representative to the Statewide Rural Community Action Program. At one point he was its Secretary/Treasurer. Last but not least, Bill is a board member of the Comprehensive Alcohol Pro-

Perhaps Bill Barr is best known for his enjoyment of the game of poker. Friends say he is a good honest poker player. It's not big time poker for Bill. It is just a way to pass the time between board meetings, ivory carving and reindeer roundups.

But watch out. Some time when you least expect it, the poker king with a royal flush in his hand, may turn up to you and say, "Come forth, come forth".

WILL FORM

BSNC IS REQUESTING THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS FILL OUT THE WILL FORM FOUND ON THE BACK OF YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE IT NOTARIZED AND IF THERE IS NO NOTARY AVAILABLE YOU MAY HAVE THE POSTMASTER STAMP IT OR TWO WITNESSES MAY SIGN. UPON COMPLETION SEND TO THE NOME OFFICE AND A PHOTC-COPY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE AT HOME PLEASE WRITE AND A COPY WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

BSNC in Anchorage

BOARD MEETING HIGH-LIGHTS

The BSNC Board of Directors met on October 20, 1982 in Anchorage at the Cook Inlet Native Association Board room. MAPCO AGREEMENT

Doug Hirschman of MAPCO was introduced to the Board. Hirschman presented the mineral agreement for President Johnson to sign. The agreement had been previously approved by the Board and covered three sections in the Mount Distin-Glacier

Creek area.
FIVE YEAR PLAN
President Johnson presented
the revised Five Year Plan which was recommended by the Executive Committee at their October 8, 1982 meeting to present to the full Board for their approval. Major changes in the plan were to develop a placer mining leasing program as well as a plan for greater involvement of the village corporations in the affairs of BSNC through merger, reorganization and other means. The Five Year Plan was approved. 7(i) SETTLEMENT AGREE-MÉNT

President Johnson informed the Board that he and John Tetpon will be travelling to Bering Straits villages in November to discuss 7 (i) Settlement Agreement and the settlement of the BSNC law suit. Charlie stated that an attorney has been successful in convincing some of the village corporations to appeal 7(i). Also that same attorney has been successful in convincing some villages that they own the gravel on their land. The Board approved a proposal by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation to allow them to exchange some land for offshore rights within the framework of the 7(i) Agreement. NEW STAFF

Guy Martin was introduced as the new Village Land Manager. Mr. Martin replaced Roy Kenick, who resigned in October.
MARTIN OLSON SCHOLAR-SHIP

The Martin Olson Scholarship Committee met in October, 1982. This was their first meeting. They met to draft a Martin Olson Scholarship Application and to organize the Committee. No action was taken. Members on the committ-

ee are Suzanne Wassmann, Chairperson; John Tetpon, Staff; and David Olson, Advisor. David is a son of the late Martin Olson. AFN DELEGATE

AFN Convention Resolution Committee Delegate - Paul Johnson was appointed as the delegate for the AFN Convention Resolutions Committee. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Blanche Walters, Chairman, presented the Audit Committee report. They met in September, 1982. Action was taken by them to recommend to the full board to perform a 9-month interim audit on BSNC books, because of the change of fiscal year and to end

June 30. VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLANS John Tetpon, Village Affairs Vice President reported that the funding for developing eight village strategic plans was funded by the Administrative for Native Americans and that the plans are to be done by Olympic Associates, Bering Straits Native Corporation, and University of Alaska-Anchor-

VILLAGE AFFAIRS A meeting of village presidents was planned for October 21 where the 7(i) agreement, the bank settlement suit and an investment plan was to be presented. Tetpon stated that several villages had asked that a plan be developed for them to invest with other villages into real estate or other investments within the region.

Tetpon also reported that a meeting of all of the village Boards was being planned for this winter in Nome to go over some of these

REGIONAL PLANS
President Johnson reported that he, John Tetpon and Kawerak Executive Vice President Pungowivi had met with C&RA official Larry Kimball to lay the ground work for a regional priority plan. With participation from the state, federal government and local governments, funding for this area would be made more available as in the NANA area.

Editors Note: Our paperwork from the Anchorage Board Meeting was lost in the fire. Please keep in mind that these Board Meeting Highlights were written from memory.

To the children of the Bering Strait Region:

We want to feature you, our youth.

Please write a story or draw a picture about

Christmas in your village.

We will print it in our paper

Send your drawings or stories by

December 16th To:

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Kokochuruk at the AFN

Provided by Tundra Times/Bill Hess

"I live subsistence all my life!" spoke Job Kokochuruk, an Elder from the Bering Straits Region as he opened his speech to the AFN convention. Before him sat a large crowd who had gathered to pay tribute to those Alaskans who have lived in this state the longest, the Native Elders.

This crowd could get noisy at times, as people wandering in and out of the large ballroom gathered in darkened corners to exchange information and friendly conversation. But when Job Kokochuruk spoke, most everyone listened, and the noise changed from a background convention-hum into frequent and enthusiastic bursts of applause, mixed with cheers and laughter.

and laughter.

"When our forefathers saw the foreigners come to our land," Kokochuruk recalled, "They received them with mercy. Now, they are established here through the goodness of the people..."

And now that they are established, Kokochuruk pointed out, they bring in changes, and regulations, some of which can be very harmful to those who greeted

WHERE ARE YOU? BSNC NEEDS CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDERS:

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them with friendship. Kokochuruk then addressed his comments to non-Natives who seek leadership positions over all Alaskans. "No man can become a great

"No man can become a great leader unless he has a moat of kindness rather than force. Whoever wants to lead us must remember this." Kokochuruk recalled a saying which came down to him through the white world. "Mercy and truth preserves the king and his throne."

his throne."

"We the Elders need the mercy of all through subsistence. When they are going to vote on that measure (Proposition) Number 7, we encourage them to think upon the people of this land, their main source of survival. It could be in jeopardy."

The people of the villages, Kokochuruk said, are used to the animals and fish of the land. Their systems are used to it. Life would be hard if their access to the wild foods were to be limited.

"For those who come from outside of Alaska, I think they would be disappointed if a few of us collected together from our great state and went to the Lower 48. We would be speaking our own language, talking in our own dialect. . .if they can't understand this, we would say they're uncivil-

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The first ICC General Assembly was held in Barrow in 1977. At that time the framework of how the ICC was to be organized was planned.

At the 1980 ICC General Assembly in Nuuk, Greenland, 600 people including delegates from Alaska, Canada and Greenland were in attendance. At Nuuk over thirty resolutions were passed. As a result several committees were formed to facilitate the purpose and progress of ICC. The committees formed covered the areas of resources, development, culture, education, language, environmental protection and economic relations.

The 1983 ICC General Assembly at Frobisher Bay will once again serve to strengthen and unite the Inuit of the Arctic. Rosing's greatest hope is that someday the Siberian Eskimos of Russia will also be included in ICC activities. At this time ICC is working through diplomatic channels to invite Russia to attend the 1983 gathering.



OH BOY—"This Village Land Manager's job is alot more work then I expected," quips Good Guy Martin.

ized! Then we would start to tear down their farms, making our own regulations. If they can't understand our Eskimo language, we would have them go to our schools.

That way, I believe they would open their eyes right away!"

Kokochuruk stressed that his forefathers welcomed the outsiders "with great joy," and believed that they would bring great improvements to the land.

"This measure Number Seven it discourages us," Kokochuruk stressed about one change many newcomers seek to impose upon the land. If it passes, "They're going to create a great problem. What Alaskans have never faced in our history. A very vital part of our existence is in big question now.

"To live, we have to hunt! We find a certain part of our land to be extremely cold. We need fur (for clothing warmer than can be bought in stores).

"It requires strong meat, oil and everything, to withstand the hardship we have to go through. White man's food, we like it! But after two or three days, we find it is not strong enough. I like to eat something that sticks to my ribs!"

"We need your mercy through subsistence"



"THIS IS THE WAY I FILE STOCK CERTIFICATES," laughs Bunny Larsen

NSHC elects officers

The officers of Norton Sound Health Corporation's board of directors was elected by the full board on October 15th. The results are: John Tetpon of Nome, Chairman; Charles Soxie of Unalakleet, Vice Chairman; Darryl Trigg of Nome, Treasurer; Marge Hunt of St. Michael, Secretary; and Joe Dexter of Golovin, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Four executive committee members were elected to serve one year terms. They are: Wayne Penayah, Savoonga; Roger Silook, Gambell; Jane Perkins, Nome; and Annie Olanna, Brevig Miss-

The City of Nome representative seat is currently vacant. The Common Council has been asked by hospital administrators to appoint a representative by the next NSHC Board Meeting which will occur the week of December 6th.

News from Sitnasuak

The Bureau of Land Management transferred 36,880 acres of land under interim conveyance and 42,181 acres of patented land to Sitnasuak Native Corporation, the village corporation for Nome, in three separate conveyance actions recently. The action represents the first major conveyance of Sitnasuak under terms of the 1971 Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

Bering Straits Native Corporation received title to 79,061 acres of subsurface entitlement from the conveyance. Sitnasuak is one of 17 village corporations within the Bering Straits Region.



LINE BY LINE—Helen Bell, BSNC Stockholder Registrar hangs up the snow-soaked stock certificates to dry.



ONE WEEK LATER—The stock certificates and salvaged files were quickly replaced by desks and BSNC employees and board members and business as usual.

W Walls is