We had another fun, busy month here at Eileen’s house! March was busy, especially with the Festival of Native Arts held on campus and the Alaska Native Studies conference that took place in town as well. We had residents who volunteered with FNA and RA Heather Hopson & RD Denali Whiting spoke at the ANS conference. We also met to talk about safety procedures at the dorm and took a break from studying to have a BBQ and have some fun playing mini golf at Glow Putt.

The picture above is a group photo taken at Glow Putt when we took the residents to play mini golf. The picture below shows resident Terrell Jones grilling and resident Rachel Ayaprun enjoying the beautiful spring day.
Before spring break, Eileen’s house held a mandatory meeting for residents to review safety procedures. Our main focus was to review evacuation plans in case of a fire alarm. RA Heather Hopson scheduled a fire drill this month with the UAF Fire Department. It is important that our residents know the safety procedures and are all on the same page, especially because our dorm consists of 4 separate buildings. The fire drill was a success and good practice for staff and residents to handle emergency situations.

Festival of Native Arts

This year was the 42nd Festival of Native Arts. The theme was “connecting as one” and was filled with various activities and a lot of dancing! We had several residents volunteering and working to put the festival together – FNA is a completely student-run event from planning to fundraising, security, finding vendors, MCing, and more. This photo was taken by Heather Hopson and shows the GILA/GSCD Ptarmigan Hall Dancers.

Safety meeting
Eileen Paniego MacLean was a former state representative and a UAF graduate. After receiving her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UAF in 1975, MacLean began a long career of teaching in rural Alaska and providing community service throughout the state. She received her master’s in education from the University of Copenhagen in 1983, and has a long list of community service positions to her credit, including president of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, director of the Inupiat History, Language and Culture Commission and executive director of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission. Recognized across Alaska as an advocate for Alaska Native rights and education, MacLean was elected to the North Slope Borough Assembly, the North Slope School District Board and the Alaska State Legislature, who honored her for dedicated public service after her death in Barrow on April 24, 1996 at the age of 46.

The Eileen Paniego MacLean House was established to provide students from the Arctic region and other rural areas of Alaska with a safe, inviting, and supportive community environment that would be helpful in the transition from small, tight-knit rural communities to the hustle and bustle of university life in the city of Fairbanks.

The Eileen Paniego MacLean House offers students the opportunity to live in a small community with a cultural focus, allowing them to feel at home in an academic and urban environment, while at the same time supporting their academic efforts and celebrating their successes.

Upcoming events...

- Springfest at UAF April 23-25
  - Thursday April 23rd
  - Kick Off BBQ @ 11:30am Wood Center Upper Patio
  - Poetry Reading Arctic Java 7:30pm
  - Nanook Theater : Hunger Games Mockingjay part 1
  - Friday April 24th
  - LIVE Springfest Service 9am
  - Mud Volleyball 12-4pm Nenana Parking lot
  - Concert Board Presents : Sammy Adams @ SRC 8pm
  - Club Tropic Dance @ Hess Rec 10pm
  - Saturday April 25th
  - Student Awards Breakfast 9am @ Wood Center Ballroom
  - Field Day 2-6pm
  - Nanook Theater The Hobbit @ Hess Rec 9pm

- Finals May 5-8
- Dorm closes May 11 at noon
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