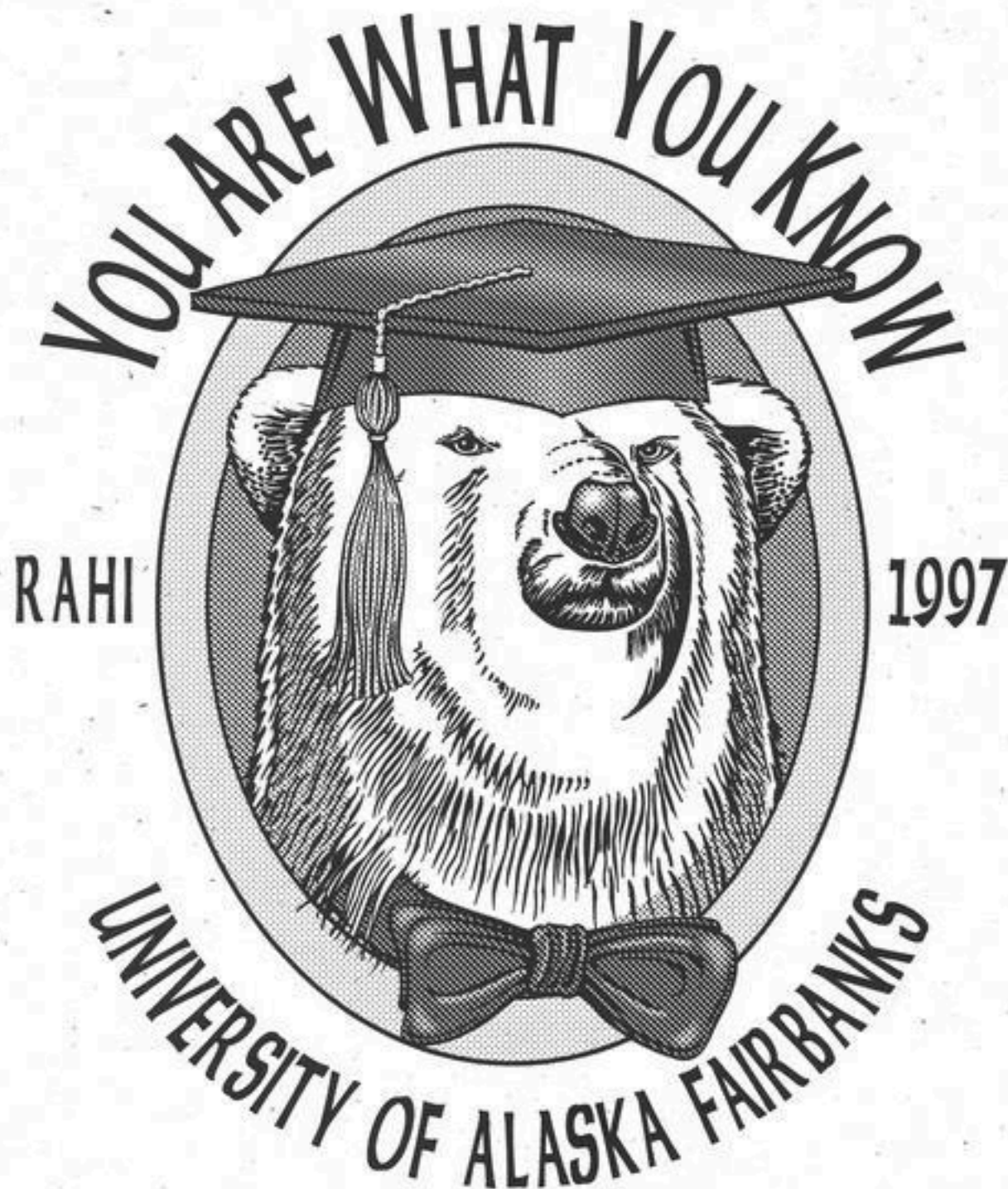


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From the Director: Jim Kowalsky

It's Later Than You Think It Is!

When I stop to think about life - my own life — I cannot help but be amazed at what a short time ago I was a young man. The time between then and now has raced along so rapidly that sometimes I am forced to ask myself what did I do with my life? What happened? Where did it go?

It seems only yesterday that I had most of my hair, had no children (my oldest is now 20), was wide-eyed and filled with the conviction that I could do just about anything including nerve wracking mental and tough physical tasks, and had nervous energy and strength to spare. It was only yesterday. . . .

The idea of time marching relentlessly forward like an invading enemy force, taking no prisoners along the way, is almost trite. Most young people probably have difficulty hearing this from older people. I too may have yawned when I heard older and wiser people tell this same message to me as a teen. Now, I find out, it's true! There is very, very little time for each of us to accomplish very many things in our brief lives.

With so much to do and so little time in which to do it, I say to all of our students, get going, get moving, crank up your efforts, set a high overall goal for your brief life, and get a move on, now! If you have a professional career in sight, figure out how your education will get you there. In other words, make a plan now and start to follow it now. The longer you take to get this whole process of setting a high goal, then planning out how you'll get there, and then doing it without delay, - well, the longer into your adult mid-life it will take to get there and to realize the joy and fruits of your labors. In fact, those who stall and stall and wait and wait, lose hair, often lose faith and direction, and watch life and age overtake them with a swiftness that shows no mercy. If you're headed for college, do it, get it over with! For most people like yourselves, getting an education is not easy - it is even difficult - but, it can be done. Many before you have struggled too, and they have been successful - it's difficult, but not impossible. Those seemingly endless drawn out college semesters will only seem like a little scratch on the surface of time as you get older and look back to those college days. Keep moving, get a plan, set a high goal, and go. Do it now. Don't wait. You do not have time to wait.

It has been great having each of you here this summer! Remember, do call on RAHI to help you with future college plans. Stay in touch. Call, write, visit, see the web page, let us know what you are doing, and ask for help getting organized for college.

Keep faith and Good luck to each of you!

1997 Students !!!!!



The 1997 RAHI Class enjoying themselves at Twin Bears Camp.

1997 Staff !!!!!



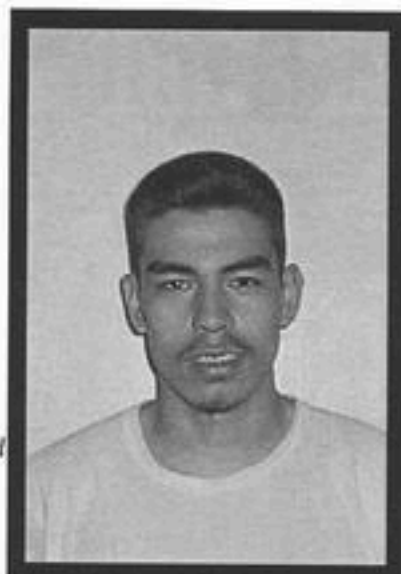
Left to right: First row: Howard Maxwell, Denise Gobielle Rogers, George Guthridge, Rebecca Kelly, Beverly Chmielarczyk, Denise Wartes, Joanna Wassillie, Phyllis Fast, Adrienne Tveit, Jim Kowalsky, Alice Aluskak, Jeff Swenson. Second row: Sam Chanar, Howard Sparrow, Greg Owens, Rick Caulfield.

Ahpa Porter
Yakutat

Native Name:
Uiuyuk

Nickname:
Porter House

Family Group:
Green Eggs and Ham



Ahpa Porter is a studly man that attended RAHI. He enjoyed playing ping pong with Skye and Joe. Many people tried figuring out how to say his name. Ahhh-Puh. Towering over everyone at 6'1" he was feared by no one and loved by all. His Munga was his pride and joy. He is a senior at Yakutat high school. Ahpa will remember mainly all the good friendships that he made during RAHI. He acted like a Munga and after RAHI he will be playing ball.

Alexia Wassillie
Napaskiak

Native Name:
Kumluilnguq or Pat'aq

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies

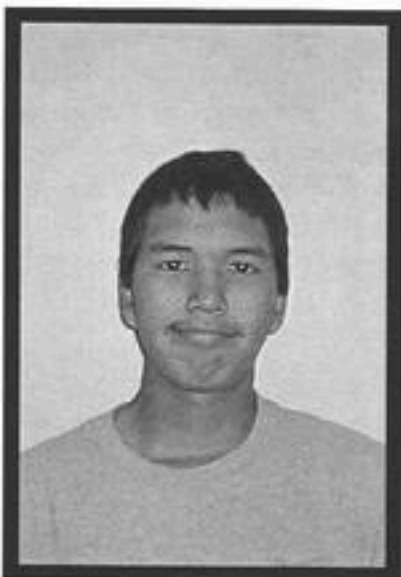


Alexia's favorite RAHI memory is yuraqing (Eskimo Dancing). She hopes to be finishing a college degree in five years at KUC or UAF. Alexia hopes to work in a crime lab. Her greatest fear in life is talking in front of a lot of people. Alexia's greatest joy is being with friends. She most admires her brother because of the way he makes her laugh. Her favorite food is dried pike. Her favorite book is *Mother Earth Father Sky* by Sue Harrison. The thing Alexia will miss most about RAHI is getting phone calls from friends. The thing that she will miss the least is homework and lights out.

Alexie Littlefish
Lower Kalskag

Nickname:
Bigfish

Family Group:
Alice in Chains



Alexie's favorite memory favorite RAHI memory is biking 40 miles from Twin Bears. In 5 years he hopes to be earning a college degree. In 10 years Alexie hopes to be traveling around the world. His greatest fear in life is almost drowning in the river. Alexie's greatest joy is going to state for basketball in 1995 and getting second place. He secretly likes to put ketchup on his eggs. The person that Alexie admires the most is Jean-Claude Van Damme because of all of the movies he does.

Alice R. Kangas
Ruby

Nickname:
Kangas kong

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Alice's favorite RAHI memory was going on our rafting trip to Denali and meeting more new people. In five years she will be going to Norte Dame working towards her degree as a pediatrician. In ten years she will be a pediatrician somewhere in Alaska or maybe in the lower 48. Her greatest joy in life will be the day she meets Shawn Kemp #40. Her favorite type of books are mystery books. My favorite movie is *Annie*. The thing she will miss about RAHI is all the friends she has made and going shopping with the "Queen" Joanna.

Amy Askoak
New Stuyahok

Native Name:
Selall'aq

Family Group:
Alice In Chains



One of her favorite memories of RAHI '97 is when she made a lot of new friends during the six weeks. One of her worst memories of RAHI '97 is when she had to go through two hours of study hall when she had nothing to study. In five years Amy hopes that she will be finishing college at University of Alaska Fairbanks. The next ten years she hopes that she will be teaching in one of the villages in Alaska.

Athena K. Vanderpool McGrath

Nickname:
Thena

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Her favorite RAHI memory was going out to Twin Bears because there was no curfew, everyone got to stay up all night. The thing she will miss about RAHI is all the friends she has made. Her greatest fear is facing the day she won't get to see the smiles on her parents' face. Her greatest joy in life will be the day she sets foot in Nashville. She most admires her parents because they are her inspiration. Her favorite food is Lasagna. Her favorite movie is *The Cutting Edge*.

Crystal Swetzof
Atka

Native Name:
Kdam Idigaa

Family Group:
Flower Power



Her fondest memories of RAHI are: the first couple days when everyone was getting to know each other, going to Chena lakes, the trip to Twin Bears, the dances and white water rafting. She will miss all the friends she's made at RAHI. She likes writing, math, and she loves Native dancing. One of her goals is to bring her language back in all of the Unangax villages. In ten years she hopes either to be teaching her language in her village or traveling all over the world as an interpreter. Crystal confesses that her greatest fear in life is her hate for heights, unless she's in an airplane. Her greatest joys are being an Unangax and Native dancing.

Debbie A. Prokopeuff
Atka

Native Name:
Anakuchax

Nickname:
Deb

Family Group:
Sams Green Eggs and Ham



Debbie Prokopeuff is an Unangax (Aleut) who really enjoyed her summer in Fairbanks at RAHI. She will miss everything about RAHI, except for the cafeteria food. She will especially miss all her friends. Debbie was born in Anchorage but has lived all her life in Atka. She says her greatest fear in life is dying a slow death. She says any movie with Ace Ventura as the main actor is number one in her book. Debbie's favorite activity is Native dancing. The thing she will miss the most about RAHI is all her friends and the fun activities they do. One of her goals is to become an all-subject high school teacher in a native village in Alaska.

**Edward
Littlefield**
Sitka

Native Name:
Shaakindustooow

Nickname:
BOY

Family Group:
Flower Power



Ed Littlefield is from Sitka Alaska. One of the few south-east people in RAHI. He likes all people and loves music. When he leaves Fairbanks, two weeks after everyone else, he will go back home to train for football season. He says, "That's cool." His favorite type of music is jazz. His favorite jazz album is *Max Roach Vs. Buddy Rich*. When Ed gets out of college, he hopes to travel with a jazz band or teach for some high school. His favorite saying is, "Uhh, never mind."

Freda Beaver
Kongiganak

Native Name:
Panigkaq

Nickname:
Rea

Family Group:
Alice-In-Chains

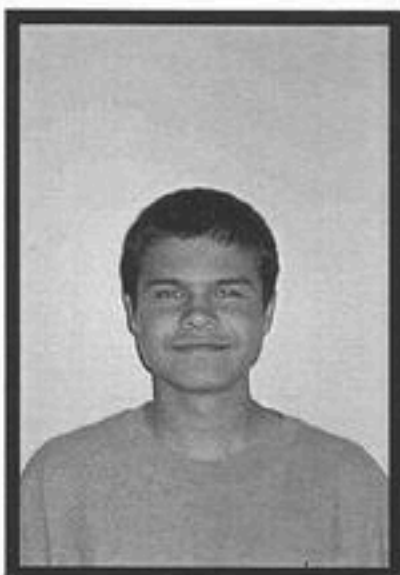


Freda will fondly remember "running away" from the TC's during neutral grounds. In the next five years, or so, she hopes to be in college. Her greatest fear is heights. Her favorite food is fried rice, favorite movie is *Teen Witch*, and her favorite activity is basketball. The thing she will miss most is Twin Bears. The thing she will miss least is the homework and study hall. She likes swimming, bead-working, basketball, and art.

Garrett Demit
Northway

Nickname:
Fonz

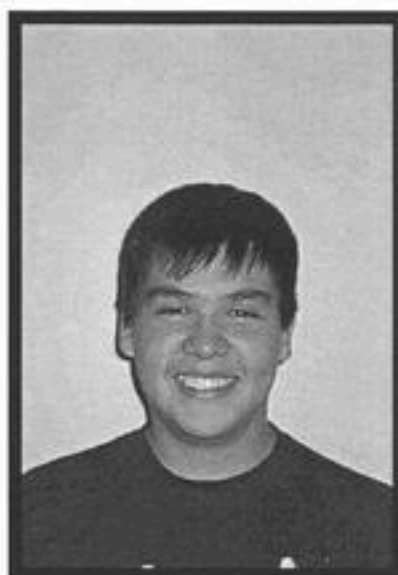
Family Group:
Alice in Chains



In five years from now Garrett hopes to be in his second year of college. He will be working toward a Secondary Teacher degree. His speciality will be math. He will miss his friends he made at RAHI most, and he will miss homework the least. Garrett says "be smart, please start doing homework." His greatest fear is saying "good-bye." His greatest joy is staying up all night and having fun. He says "if you like staying up all night you'll love RAHI."

Gavin Hudson
Metlakatla

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Gavin was born in Ketchikan. He attends Metlakatla High School. He's 17. He hates prejudiced people and believes that people get what they deserve. In 5 years Gavin will be graduating with a bachelors degree in business and/or culinary Arts and managing a successful restaurant. He's never told anyone that he really likes Saturday morning cartoons. He sees himself as a successful student. The thing he will miss most about RAHI is getting four hours of sleep and the thing he will miss least about RAHI is stress. His favorite RAHI memory is making friends.

H.B. Colgrove
St. Marys

Family Group:
Alice in Chains



H.B. wishes to attend college either at the University of Washington, or the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. His most memorable time at RAHI is when he went to Smith Lake now known as "Moose Lake" to him, Lynn and Vanessa. He also enjoyed the Midnight Sun Run and Twin Bears. H.B. loves wrestling, he says he lives for it. He was ranked fifth at state this year. His favorite sayings this year are "Your Mama", and "Resterday." H.B. will also miss talking to certain people on the phone during really odd hours of the night. He will miss all the cool people he met this year. And hopes to see you all in the future.

Helen D. Greene
Pilot Station

Native Name:
Issaq

Family Group:
Flower Power



Helen is from Pilot Station. She has 2 sisters, 2 brothers, 1 nephew, and 3 nieces. She wants to go to college somewhere in Alaska. Going to Twin Bears is Helen's favorite RAHI memory. In five years she hopes to be graduating from college, and in ten working as a teacher somewhere along the Yukon. She loves traveling along the Yukon by snowmachine and/or boat depending on the season. Her greatest joy is getting accepted to a lot of academic programs like HOBY Leadership, State NYO, Upward Bound, and RAHI. The things she will miss most about RAHI is going to ANS Dance class and doing so many activities every weekend. The thing she will miss least about RAHI is "all those dang papers!"

Heather Manumik
Bethel

Native name:
Immamak

Nickname:
Girluk

Family:
Alice in Chains



Heather has lived in Bethel, Fairbanks and Anchorage. She graduated from Bethel Regional High School and is going to go to UAF in the fall. She loves to sing but she hates studying. She sees herself as an independent person. Her favorite RAHI memory is putting together Lynn's bottle cap dress for the Midnight Sun Run. In five years, she hopes to be starting her career as a teacher at LKSD and in ten years she hopes to be married. She's never told anyone that she really likes Andrew Lloyd Weber music. The thing she will miss most about RAHI is the long phone conversations and the thing she will miss least is the long study hours.

Jamie Active
Kipnuk

Native Names:
Iggngialnguq and Aryak

Family Group:
Greens Eggs and Ham



Jamie is a fine citizen of Kipnuk, Alaska. One of her favorite memories of RAHI '97 is going to be Twin Bears and her worst memory will be going to the study hall all those hours and hours. In the next five years, Jamie hopes to be finishing college. In the next ten years, she hopes to be teaching in the Lower Kuskokwim School District.

David Joe
Dayton
Nulato

Nickname:
J.B.

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels



One of Joe's best memories is cracking jokes about Ed, another is helping Teresa Kato dunk Adrienne on the rafting trip "He jokes," and going horseback riding. Playing ping pong is among Joe's favorite things to do at RAHI. Writing a paper for George Guthridge will be one of Joe's least missed. One of Joe's favorite sayings is "I Joke." In five years Joe hopes to be going to a job fair for teachers at UAF because he will have a teacher's education. Another of Joe's least missed is the friends he's made. "He jokes."

Jon Gallen
Northway

Nickname:
Nojy

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Jon's greatest memory of RAHI comes from flipping canoes over at Twin Bears. He will miss the friends he made at RAHI the most and will miss doing homework the least. Jon will also miss playing basketball with other RAHI students. Five years from now he plans on being almost completed with college.

E. Joni Larson
Nunapitchuk

Native Name:
Ilungaq

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Joni, who hopes to be writing scripts as a career, describes herself as not yet with a million experiences. She enjoys being with her family; she admires her grandmother the most. Modern ballet dancing is one of the many things she enjoys in life. As she gains wisdom, making major mistakes will no longer be her greatest fear. The water fights, different people, and Ed are some of the RAHI memories she will miss. The thing she will not miss about RAHI is the stairs up to the third floor! She hopes the best of luck for all the wonderful RAHI people and says there are many different things to accomplish in life!

Kenneth Lee
Alukanuk

Nickname:
Big bone daddy

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Ken is from the village of Alakanuk that is located at the mouth of the Yukon River. He was born in Bethel and has lived in Alakanuk all his life. Ken is a person who has strong ambitions to earn a B.A. degree and to work for his main goals in life. Ken has two brothers and one sister. He is 18 years old as of May '97. His goals are to earn a degree and work towards important things in life.

Kimberly Whipple
Anchorage

Nickname:
Doc

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Kimberly or "Doc" is a 17 year old senior attending West Anchorage High School. Her favorite RAHI memory has been the friends that she has made. In five years she will be working on her medical degree and after ten years she will have an internship as a surgeon, but in the meantime, she will settle for a summer job as an E.M.T. She's never told anyone that she likes to talk to her animals and treat them like they are human. The thing that she will miss most about RAHI is the friends that she has made and the thing she will miss least is the computer class at 8:15 in the morning.

Lisa Isaac Kasigluk

Native Name:
Arksamquq

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Lisa is a person who loves to help others in the problems they have in life. She enjoys playing with little babies and reading the book, *Embraced By the Light* in her free time. The friends she met and all the activities is what she will miss the most about RAHI. She says that the day she came to Fairbanks was her best memory because she saw people from last year. Ten years from now, she hopes to be living a happy life.

Lonita Lohse
Lower Tonsina

Nickname:
Lo

Family Group:
Flower Power



Lonita says "She has lived in Lower Tonsina, Alaska for all of her 17 years and was born at a clinic in Glennallen about an hour from my house." She will graduate from Kenny Lake High School next year in a class of five students whom she's known most of her life, including one of her many cousins at the school. She is half German, one-fourth Ahtna Athabaskan, a little Irish, Cherokee, English, and maybe even French. As of August 5, 1995, she is a Christian who admits that she has much to learn. She has wonderful parents and a great brother, who is two years younger and over one half foot taller than she. Both sets of grandparents are great and she's learned to tolerate her enormous amount of cousins.

Lynn Arines Walters
Kodiak & Homer

Family Group:
Sam's Green Eggs and Ham



Lynn will miss everything about RAHI (almost). The procrastinating wasn't that great. She will miss all her pervy pals, late night (all night) phone calls, the fountain, "cotton," the poofster, her (best) bathroom buddy, her oh so clean room, getting wet, and all the crazy things RAHIers did. She was crazy and loved every minute of it! If she was not getting banged up, she was trying to find her "mom," goofing around, writing a paper, or laughing up a storm. In five years she plans to be in college, or something. 1.2.....3.4..RAHI!!

**Marie Apatiki
Gambell**

Native Name:
Uvegutu

Family Group:
*Sam's Green Eggs
and Ham*



Marie lives in Gambell, Alaska, and has all of her life. She likes to read a lot. She used to have two dogs but they died. She has wanted to be a teacher ever since she was little. She wants to teach early childhood education. She likes to see little kids growing up and learning. She has 2 sisters and 3 brothers. She will be a senior this coming fall, and will graduate out of high school in May of 1998.

**Melinda Cortez
Kodiak**

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Melinda will remember the two long nights of freezing in a tent at Twin Bears as her worst memory and the white water rafting trip as her favorite memory. She sees herself as a person who likes to help others. She hopes to become a music teacher at a school in Kodiak. The research papers for English are what she will miss the least about RAHI. The thing that she will miss the most is the friends that she made and all the fun that she had with them.

**Meraiah
Sullivan
Ninilchik**

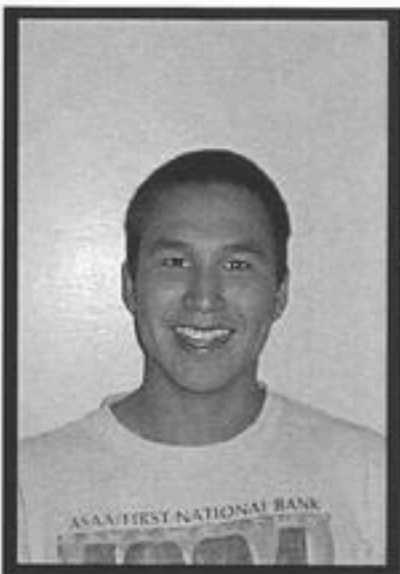
Family Group:
*Sam's green eggs
and ham*



This flamboyant young woman hopes to own her own stables someday and train her own horses. She loves doing anything fun and will try anything new. She will miss the obnoxious but cool new friends that she has met and she will miss least the disgusting cafeteria food, YUCK! Her favorite memory is just being here and her least favorite is getting eaten alive by killer mosquitoes at Twin Bears. She will never forget the Three Stooges, Ness, Perv and Plara, her best friends!

**Nick Gust Jr.
New Stuyahok**

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Nick's favorite memory at RAHI will be making new friends and all the movies he's seen in the movie theaters. One other thing that Nick won't forget is the guest speaker from the basketball camp. His least favorite memory will be all the homework that he had to do. Nick's favorite activity in RAHI is playing basketball with people that he doesn't know because he learns more and just likes to play ball.

**Raelene C.
Honea**
Ruby

Nickname:
Rae

Family Group:
*Sam's Green Eggs
and Ham*



Raelene's favorite RAHI memory is of the hilarious relay races at Twin Bears and Solomon falling into the water. Worst memory? The library. She will miss her RAHI friends the most and shopping with Joanna. In five years Raelene hopes to have received her Bachelor's Degree. This accomplishment is to be celebrated by traveling all over the U.S. in a Winnebago with a big group of her friends.

**Ranee Staska
Haines**

Nickname:
Nay Nay

Family Group:
Flower Power



Ranee's favorite RAHI memories raft trip especially Dead Man's Rapid (Thanks Joanna). She will remember the day it hailed for an hour and created a raging muddy river outside the dorm. She will fondly recall the day George Guthridge overslept. She will most miss her cool new friends and the tutor counselors, especially Joanna and Alice (Bye Gizmo). She will miss Sam too, but not his camera. She will least miss the homework from English 111 and math but says that they were interesting and challenging. She wishes the RAHI class of 97 the best of luck in their future pursuits.

Ryan L'Herault
Talkeetna

Nickname:
Rye

Family group:
*Adrienne's
Angels*



Ryan is one of the stranger people here at RAHI. The hair is the beginning of an interesting career within the realms of the academia. One late evening when Howard was correcting some papers for George's 108 class, Sam Chanar came running to his room and exclaimed in an exhausted voice, "HOWARD! Something's happening in Ryan's room!" With an intense expression, he followed Sam to the doorstep of room 215. As Sam and Howard creaked the door slightly open, a blistering light welcomed them from the whereabouts of his bed. Lying on the bed was Ryan, glowing like the Sun in a desert sky. Silence stirred. Moments later, Sam and Howard returned to their rooms and quietly closed their doors. Ryan will miss all of the homework in 104 and 108.

Sara Rearden
Bethel

Native Name:
Ayatangaq

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels



Sara is a senior at Bethel Regional High School. She likes volleyball, hanging out with friends, shopping, movies, and just having fun. She will remember the fun times she had at Twin Bears, white water rafting and the water fights. One thing she won't miss is all the homework. She will always remember the fountain and everyone she met at RAHI, especially her best friends Perv or Lynerd (Lynn), Ness (Vanessa), and Mer (Meraiah).

Sauncha-Dawn Marie Romey
Metlakatla

Nickname:
Saucy

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Saucy was born in Ketchikan but has lived in Metlakatla most of her life. She will be a senior at Metlakatla High School this fall. In five years she plans to be heading off to a veterinarian school and in ten years wants to be a successful veterinarian. She enjoys reading, homework, and playing her saxophone.

Scarlett Cox
Haines

Nickname:
Red or Kat

Family Group:
Alice in Chains



She considers herself gently sarcastic, deep and loving, creative/artistic, independent, and sinful. She's had a lot of fun, and inspired her family with the name of "Alice in Chains." What she'll miss most about RAHI will be all the people she met for the first time. She would like to take this moment to spill her guts. "Going to Hell" is what she says frightens her the most in life. Her greatest joy is God. Her favorite book is the Bible. Scarlett most admires people who are honest and self-controlled. She likes math a lot. She really enjoys poetry and she sometimes writes stories. Art is her best subject. Scarlett was attempting masterpieces before diapers. But in terms of her future, she's thinking accounting.

Sharon M. Emry
Northway

Nickname:
Kink Myster / Monkey

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels



Sharon has enjoyed RAHI, but has also missed her daughter Taa-niisha who is back at home. Some of her favorite things to do are read (especially Steven King & Sue Harrison), write, draw, spend time with Taa-niisha and travel. She is a very outgoing student and will miss all of the friends she has made. In five years she hopes to be receiving a degree in elementary education. In ten years she hopes to be a teacher, be married, have at least three kids, and be happy. When asked what her most memorable time at RAHI would be she said, "It would have to be talking with my friends at odd hours about odd things," for any of you who knows what that means?? Smile.

**Shawnte'
Odden**
Willow

Nickname:
Edda Punk

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Shawnte' Odden's friends call her Edda Punk. After her freshman or junior year of college she's going to move to Washington. She's going to go to college until she's a Doctor of Psychology. Her greatest fear in life is having more than two kids. The things she does most are bs'ing with her friend Brooke and beating up Ryan. Her hobbies include: listening to Korn, hanging out with her friends, and making fun of Ryan L'Herault. Her favorite memory is the last Christmas she spent with her grandfather before he passed away. It was such a happy time that she will never forget.

**Sheila Dawn
Vent**
Huslia/Hughes

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels

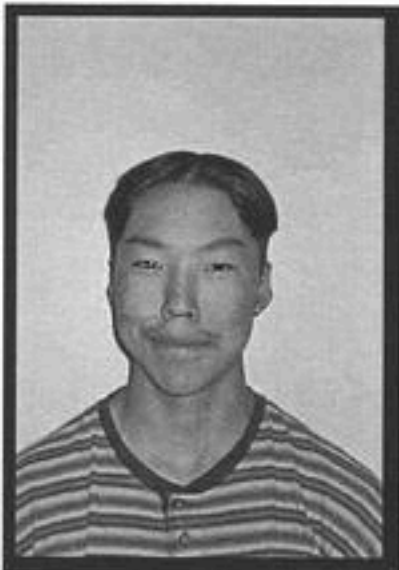


Sheila is a Koyukon Athabascan with a desire to attend and finish college. Her greatest fear in life would be not succeeding in her career goals and her greatest joy for now would be summer vacation. Her greatest memory is when her family group and her threw their TC Adrienne into Twin Bears Lake after Adrienne sprayed her family with whipped cream.

**Skye-Michael
Chayalkun**
Chevak

Native Name:
Uyurucian

Family Group:
Flower Power



Skye can usually be found hanging out with Ahpa, doing his "Eagle Call," and saying "I jokes." He believes in respecting others, helping elders. He says that people shouldn't do drugs or alcohol. Skye's short term goal is to bring his basketball team to state, and long term is to be an accountant at Chevak. He'll miss hanging out with friends, and he will least miss the papers that are due. His greatest memory about RAHI is Twin Bears. Skye has never told anyone that he likes to roll in the mud.

Solomon Yatlin
Evansville/Bettles

Native Name:
Tl'kan

Family Group:
Flower Power



This young Koyukon man hopes to finish his academic career at RAHI and then start it again at RAHI. His fondest memory while at RAHI is being undefeated in the 3 on 3 tournament and having "friendly" conversations with "Special Ed." His worst memory is failing to avoid the water while participating in Dizzy-Izzy. He will miss Jon, Garrett, and Saucy the most, but he will not miss the lady at the checkout at the Wood Center. In five years he will hope to have achieved his B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology at UAF.

Stacey Demoski
Nulato

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Stacey's best memory at RAHI would probably be the games at Twin Bears and the time when Crystal stumbled into the water, her worst would be walking up to the biosciences library. In five years she plans to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree. The things that she will miss the most are talking on the phone and her friends at RAHI, the least would be the nightly study halls because it interfered with her phone calls (just kidding).

Stephanie Marks
Tanana

Nickname:
Nee tot' Neeyo'

Family Group:
Alice in Chains



Spending time with RAHI friends will be most missed by Stephanie. Stephanie wants to be accepted to medical school in five years because she wants to be a doctor in Huslia. Steph's greatest fear in life is to be a wasted talent. RAHI's checkout policy will be the least missed by Stephanie. Huslia is Stephanie's hometown but she goes to Maudrey John School in Tanana.

Steven L. Green
Lake Minchumina

Nickname:
Steve

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Steve's favorite memories are bicycling back from Twin Bears and all the friends he made. Steve's greatest fear in life is not being there when someone really needs him. His greatest joy in life is making other people happy. He sees himself as a caring person who tries to do the right thing in the eyes of the Lord. Steve's favorite food is Mongolian Barbecue. Steve enjoys learning many things; if someone wants to teach him something, he is most likely willing to learn. Steve can usually find something interesting in each class he takes, which is useful for keeping him from jumping off a building. Steve has a very broad range of recreational interests that include everything from flying to horseback riding to water skiing.

Teresa Dawn Kato
Klawock

Nickname:
Tweeta

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels



Teresa will remember all of the friends that she's met this summer and the adverse effect that diets had on Violet and her. But, she won't miss procrastinating with the "Morning Crew," even though it was fun. You would always see Miss Kato on the phone, walking around room to room socializing and calling everyone "Freak." In five years you will see her graduated from Southern Oregon University; in ten years, she will own a couple of businesses. Teresa's greatest fear in life is: "Having to face the fear that she doesn't want to face."

**Tina Alicanne
Ambrose
Hughes**

Native Name:
Gullivik

Born: 1979
(Oct. 13)

Family Group:
Alice in Chains



This young Koyukon Athabaskan/Inupiaq lady is from a small village on the Koyukuk River, who says she will be a social worker in rural Alaska at the end of 10 years. Tina will not miss the food and always being busy. What will she miss most? "All the friends I've made and talking on the phone." Her favorite memory is: "Twin Bears, when Vanessa and I stayed up all night and when I biked all over the trails!"

**Twila Marie
Chayalkun
Chevak**

Nickname:
Yummy

Native Name:
Igvaralria

Born: 1980
(May 24)

Family Group:
Spanky's Army



Twila Chayalkun will miss her friends the most, and will not miss the bugs and classes. Her favorite classes were Alaska Native Dancing, and computers. She is half Cup'ik and half Yup'ik. She had a great time attending RAHI. In five years, she will be finishing college, and in ten years, she will be a fourth grade teacher. She mostly hangs around with Crystal, Debbie, and Stacey during RAHI and hopes to see them again someday.

**Vanessa
Williams
Juneau**

Nickname(s):
Ness, "V"

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Ness is cool, no Ness is not a fool, she goes to summer school. She wants to go to college at the University of Montana Missoula. She sees herself in 10 years as an old married fool. Her favorite sayings are: "Right on Crouton," "I'm pumped," and "Man that sucked." She will always remember the fountain, and her three crazy friends: Lynn (Lynerd), Meraiah (Mer), and Sara (Plara). She also picked up a saying from her fellow RAHlers "Your Mama." The worst memory was the homework and the 2 hours of study hall. She is a short lovable creature who is pretty loud and outgoing. Another least favorite thing about RAHI was when she had to go to the emergency room because she hurt her shoulder (thanks Jon)! The one thing she will always remember about RAHI is the friends she made.

**Violet
Elizabeth
Sensmeier
Yakutat**

Nickname:
Fibi

Family Group:
Adrienne's Angels



To all the RAHI tutor/counselors and staff, "You guys are great! Thanks for the wonderful summer, I had a blast!" The number one thing Fibi will miss most are all the memories she made with her close friends, especially the crazy ones with Teresa. The number two thing is sun bathing in the awesome weather. One time she will never forget is sleeping under the computer table at 4:00 a.m. waiting to get a computer. I got an A+! Fibi won't miss the time she was dragged from the third floor by Wayne and his gang outside and drenched with buckets of water and mud. In five years from now Violet will be in med school on her way to be a pediatrician. To all my RAHI buddies, "Thanks for all the great memories and please stay in touch." Love always, Vi.

Warren M. Hill
Chevak

Native Name:
Nayagaq

Family Group:
*Sam's Green Eggs
and Ham*
Warren has four



brothers, two sisters, and parents. He is from Chevak, located in coastal western Alaska. They have lots to take care of at home, and are always busy every day. Warren has fun working with his family. They have one cat and one dog. He hopes to be in the seat that his father is in. Mr. Hill would like to be in a great big building working on improving businesses. His favorite memory of RAHI has to be the whole trip. The only part that Warren will not miss about RAHI is the days that went so fast (as in all of them).

Wayne
Kotongan
Unalakleet

Nickname:
Aggressive Boy

Family Group:
Jeff's Junkies



Wayne really likes to eat tacos and wishes he could eat them more than just at lunch. Wayne was known for being the first one to gang up on anybody. He is a wrestler and made it to state this year. It took 5 other RAHI guys to hold him down and one girl to finally give him a taste of what he deserved. Wayne will do anything to annoy people, but always ends up being the coolest guy. Wayne will miss everyone's moms, all of the friends he made at RAHI, the breezy feeling he gets when he's at dances, all the chasing around the dorm, late-night phone calls, and of course the bed he slept in for 1/2 of every day. Wayne will be in college after high school and M.M.

Views on Life in Nerland Hall

"...In the Nerland Hall there are many fun things to do. You have many options for daytime fun, water fights (which were a lost cause this summer) or nonstop flirting (which was not a lost cause this summer) or you could do the mass amounts of homework that's always due. Many things are optional, too, like goofing around during study hall, or things that are mandatory, like the ever-exciting "Aurora" show in the Northern Inua building. So in conclusion, Nerland Hall has many options for many different people, and if you roll with the punches you can have fun..." -Solomon-



"...Life in Nerland Hall, also known as *Nerland* by the Upward Bound Babies. You'd probably have to stay there a couple nights to really understand what it's like. Just think, a dorm full of teenagers, fifty to be exact, with only 7 tutor/counselors. Crazy things could happen and sometimes they did. There wasn't one boring moment in the six weeks except when you were sleeping, so some people didn't go to sleep. Maybe once in a great while someone would say, "I'm bored out of my melon!", and then someone would jump up on the piano and they would start singing at the top of their lungs. After study hall when everyone's heads were hurting from studying so hard, Sam C. would quietly wait outside for a victim, and as soon as they opened the door a water fight had begun. Before everyone headed into their rooms for lights out, (yeah right) we would all gather on neutral grounds for games and socializing..." -Violet-



"I want to learn how to live and use the UAF campus to the fullest extent."

Solomon Yatlin
Bethel

"I feel that RAHI is a time to meet life long friends, 'cause there are so many new people. I heard about RAHI from my best friend Sabrina Demmert. She really enjoyed it last year, and that's why I am here"

Teresa Kato
Klawock



"I am here to see what the real world is like out on my own. I am here to further my education so that I can become an elementary teacher and possibly make a difference in someone else's life in the future."

Sara Rearden
Bethel



"...I am earning course credits. It's a really good opportunity for me to get a jump start on college because I am planning on attending UAF when I graduate from high school. I also am getting to know the campus so when it is time for college, I can know my way around and show my friends where to go..."

Melinda Cortez
Kodiak

"RAHI also looks good on scholarships. It will be good for all of us and how we can manage time with homework and social activities."

Meraiah Sullivan
Anchor Point

"I wanted to follow the footprints of my brother, Anders, and sister, Julia, they went to RAHI too."

Alexia Wassillie
Napakiak



"My goal is to become a surgeon. I have chosen this career because I have always cherished and valued life and I want to make some kind of difference in this world. I have always worked hard all of my life to accomplish this goal and I will never give up. I have constantly kept my grades up and I always strive for excellence. I'm not the type of person to give up easily. If one solution doesn't work, I try another one. If I get a low grade on a test, I study even harder for the next one."

Kimberly Whipple
Anchorage



"I came here to try new things. Usually I take a lot of music classes and the required courses. Here I am taking mostly academic classes and only one music class on the side."

Ed Littlefield
Sitka

"I want to see what to expect in college and to meet new friends. My friends and family back home told me to get a good start on what college is all about and to get a good education."

Helen Green
Pilot Station



"Throughout the vast Athabaskan culture, the most prevailing idea is to survive.....Another important one is to respect your family and your elders. Many of these cultural values and various traditions, such as treating all animals with great respect, used to keep much of the Athabaskan youth in Alaska in-line and out of trouble.....One important aspect in the Athabaskan culture is that they believe that they are only a part of nature, and are not above it. This way of thinking is probably what kept them alive in this harsh environment for thousands of years. The strong respect for animals that the Athabaskans clearly show originated from their belief that animals and humans once shared a common language and culture. This belief and many others are parts of the rich Athabaskan culture. I'm a Koyukon Athabaskan and I was taught many of those same values and beliefs....The elders are trying their best to pass on what they know, but many young irate, spoiled, and stubborn kids are uninterested or find it boring to learn this important knowledge. I once found it more exciting to play instead of learn, but the older I got, the more I realized who I am and what I represent. I realized that I am a young Athabaskan male with the potential to become a leader among my people and to serve as a conduit of knowledge that will help solve the problems of today and tomorrow."

Solomon Yatlin
Bettles



"Growing up and learning from mistakes made is a process that every teenager goes through many times in high school. Some of the times could have been avoided and the others are imperative in reaching the level of maturity."

Lynn Walters
Kodiak

"With RAHI, the transition into college would not be so drastic. I'll also be receiving college credits for courses I take, which means I will start off with a head-start as a freshman if I attend UAF."

Gavin Hudson
Metlakatla

"I want to become either a kindergarten or first grade teacher. I have a very strong desire to fulfill my goals, which are: to graduate with honors in high school, to get into the college of my choice, and to graduate with honors in college. After I get my degree I would like to become a kindergarten or a first grade teacher."

Vanessa Williams
Juneau

"....to meet new people and learn a little about their culture and traditions. I came because I am going to be a medical physician someday and RAHI is one step closer to becoming certified. Plus, I need all the help (education wise) I can get."

Stephanie Marks
Tanana

The Envelope Please!

*The Winners of the '97 RAHI
"Bests and Most Likelies" Awards are:*

Most Athletic.....>>>	Male: Joe Female: Stephanie
Cutest Couple:.....>>>	Ed/Joni
Mr/Mrs. Congeniality:.....>>>	Skye-Michael & Lynn
Most Photogenic:.....>>>	Violet
Most Likely Sleeping:.....>>>	Wayne & Jon
Cleanest Room:.....>>>	Shawnte & Scarlett
Messiest Room:.....>>>	Joe & Ed
Most Injuries:.....>>>	Alice K.
Original Excuse:.....>>>	Sam A. ("My Cast.....")
Found Studying:.....>>>	Saucey
Mr/Mrs. RAHI:.....>>>	Male: Ed Female: Lynn
Best Attitude:.....>>>	Lynn
Biggest Complainer:.....>>>	Meraiah
King & Queen of Procrastination.....>>>	Sam A. & Tina
Best Male Roommates:.....>>>	Skye-Michael & Ahpa
Best Female Roommates:.....>>>	Stacey & Crystal
Late:.....>>>	Jon
Checked out the Most:.....>>>	Raelene
Takes longest to get ready:.....>>>	Ahpa
All around student:.....>>>	Ryan
Water Fight King:.....>>>	Wayne
Always on phone:.....>>>	Lynn
Most guests in room:.....>>>	H.B-Steve-Alexie
Health Nut:.....>>>	Violet
Best Camper:.....>>>	Steve
Most likely to get lost:.....>>>	Vanessa
Most Into the 1990's:.....>>>	Shawnte-Vanessa-Solomon
Caffeine Addict:.....>>>	Raelene
First drenched in water fight:.....>>>	Jamie A.
Most Energetic:.....>>>	Warren Hill
Biggest Flirt:.....>>>	Teresa
Best Dresser:.....>>>	Violet
Most Likely to become a T.C.....>>>	Lisa
Worst Camper:.....>>>	Raelene
T.V. talk show host:.....>>>	Sam A.
Kindest/Most generous:.....>>>	Ken
Next Director of RAHI:.....>>>	Ryan or Scarlett
Next RAHI Math Teacher:.....>>>	Teresa
Next RAHI Writing Teacher:.....>>>	Ryan
Best Native Dancer:.....>>>	Skye-Michael & Alexia
Best Bicyclist:.....>>>	Steve
Best Hair:.....>>>	Ryan
Longest Hair:.....>>>	Crystal
Fred Meyer Queen:.....>>>	Freda



White Water Rafting

The students of Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) went white water rafting on June 21 at Denali. There were two family groups that went rafting. One group was Spanky's Army and the other was Flower Power. Going to Denali was a long ride that took about two hours to go down and two hours to come back. Rafting was a lot of fun because Spanky's Army had a water fight with Flower

Power while going down the Denali River. The guy that took Spanky's Army was Jason. Jason was cool while taking us down the river because he told stories about his rafting experiences that made us laugh. Another reason why our group liked him is because when we were having a water fight he had a big squirt gun like a pump.

THE FOUNTAIN

Who will miss the fountain? Four girls that's for sure. Ness, Lynn, Meraiah, and Sara had a ton of fun in that thing. They bonded from day one, and would have kept doing it but the University Police had other ideas...Oops! The sitting contests were a blast. And Lynn definitely had a little too much fun in that thing.

Staff Slaughtered in Annual Staff-Student B-Ball Game

The 1997 student cohort put the staff in their place with a resounding 60-38 victory in the annual Basket Ball challenge. This was only the staffs' third defeat in the last 15 years, a testament to the skills and athletic prowess of the students this year. The students were led by Nick Gust, Jamie Active, Violet Sensmeier, Jon Gallen, Solomon Yatlin, and Alexie Littlefish. The following staffers put up a valiant effort (as well as a few bricks): Alice Aluskak, Sam Chanar, Rebecca Kelly, Howard Sparrow, Howard Maxwell, Greg Owens, and Jeff Swenson. Fun was had by spectators and participants alike! Congratulations RAHI students!



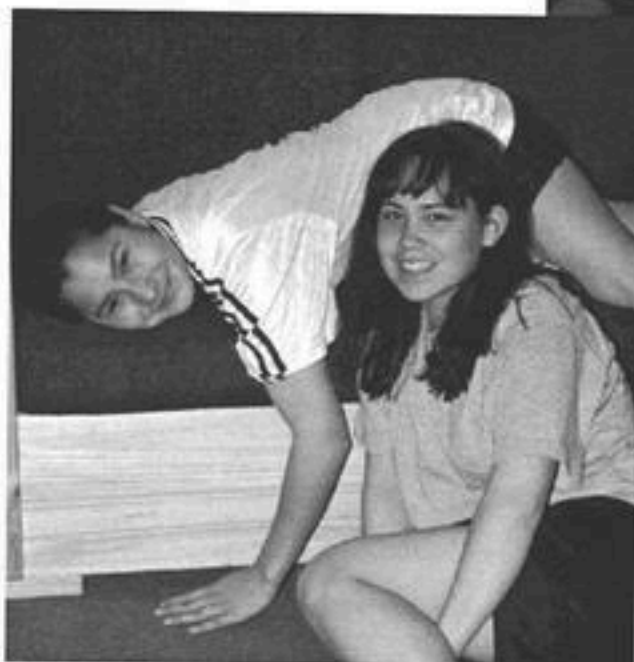
"I know college is going to be difficult, but hopefully because of RAHI I will have an easier time with college. Getting the credits from RAHI will also help save money in college." ... "RAHI also gets me used to dorm life and helps me learn to study for college. RAHI gets me used to being away from home and dealing with homesickness."

Heather Manumik
Bethel

"Another reason that I am here is because I knew RAHI would give me the chance to meet new people. I would be able to make friends from all over the state of Alaska."

... "My mother is someone I greatly admire. She has probably made the greatest positive impact on my life. She is someone who always pushed me to do my best and always helped me when I needed it. The thing that stands out the most to me is that she is pursuing her teaching degree."

Jon Gallen
Northway



"I have a great concern about the school in Pilot Station. I have attended school in Pilot Station since kindergarten. The school is small and no longer adequate for the educational need for a growing community. We need a new school. The elementary school is located in a low ground flooding area along the Yukon River. This area usually floods during the spring break up. The teachers and students have had to evacuate before school closed for the summer."

Helen Greene
Pilot Station

"I want a jump on college. I also wanted to see if UAF is the college for me. I also want to meet more new people from all over."

Alice Kangas
Ruby

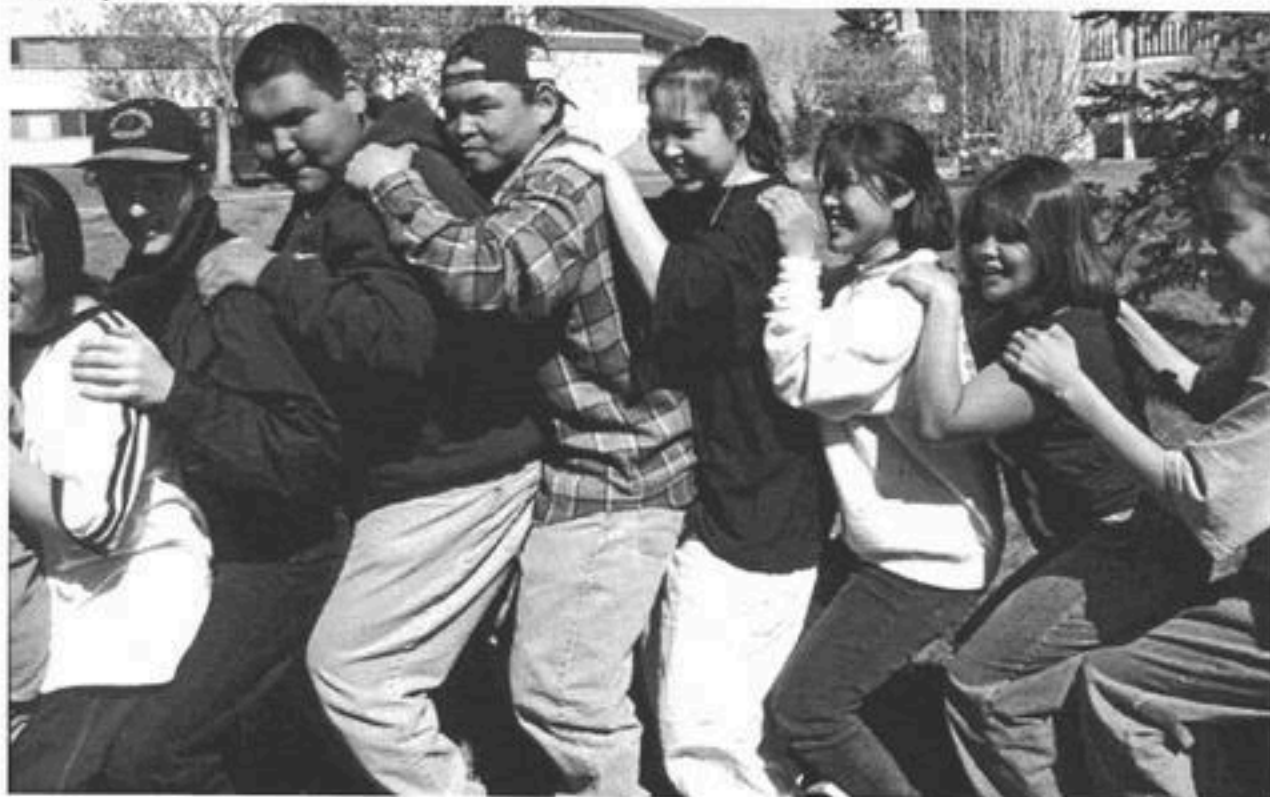
"Village life has really changed now that there is running water. No more hauling water, no more dumping pots. However, there is still a need to haul wood. Dumping pots and hauling water is a thing of the past in Nulato. However hauling wood is still done." ... "When I go home I will have confidence in academics. I will get good grades because of RAHI."

Joe Dayton
Nulato



"Whether accomplishing goals in academics, athletics, or even in everyday life, it all begins with becoming involved. Being involved means more than just being in sports; involvement in a lot of ways means going to a student council meeting, or attending your sports meeting. Later in life it could mean going to a city council meeting, voting, or watching your son or daughter perform in a play, or maybe a ballet. Involvement is really the key to being a successful person."

H.B. Colgrove
St. Marys



The Midnight Sun.....



WE ARE RAHI WE ARE COOL!
We are RAHI we are cool!
AS WE GO TO SUMMER SCHOOL!
As we go to summer school!
RAHI! 1...2 3..4
RAHI! 1...2 3..4



*Everyone:
Thanks for all of the bottle
caps!!! Without you there
would be no
recycling fairy!!!!*



.....Made RAHI Run!!!

Record Forty Two Compete in Midnight Sun Run

On Saturday the 21st, the 15th annual Midnight Sun Run got underway. The wheelchair participants were the first to start two minutes before the runners. There were about four to five thousand runners total. The number of runners has risen since it began in 1982. The first RAHI runner to come in was Nick Gust Jr. from New Stuyahok. His time was 44 minutes, three minutes ahead of Joe Dayton and Garrett Demit. Unofficial reports indicate that Stephanie Marks was the top woman finisher in the RAHI group. There was a total of 42 RAHI runners and four tutor-counselors that ran the race. We also had a group that marched and sang the RAHI march song. It goes like this:

We are RAHI!

We are COOL!

As we go to summer school! RAHI!
One, Two! Three, Four! RAHI!

Lynn Walters from Kodiak was dressed as a bottle-cap queen. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the Midnight Sun Run.



Sun Run--RAHlers Results

Nick Gust	00:44:42	Edward Littlefield	01:16:50
Stephanie Marks	00:45:44	Jamie Active	01:16:50
David Dayton	00:47:40	Lynn Walters	01:17:07
Garrett Demit	00:47:41	Ken Lee	01:17:44
H.B. Colgrove	00:48:11	Stacy Demoski	01:24:08
Jon Gallen	00:48:13	Alice Kangas	01:25:11
Alexie Littlefish	00:51:50	Helen Greene	01:25:31
Sam Alexander	00:54:29	Joni Larson	01:31:58
Steven Green	00:55:21	Twila Chayalkun	01:32:01
Sam Chanar	00:58:54	Crystal Swetzof	01:32:32
Wayne Kotongan	00:59:53	Sheila Vent	01:32:41
Skye-Michael C.	01:00:26	Adrienne Tveit	01:32:41
Solomon Yatlin	01:01:36	Lisa Isaac	01:38:57
Alice Aluskak	01:01:58	Joanna Wassillie	01:38:58
Sauncha Romey	01:02:52	Violet Sensmeier	01:43:26
Howard Sparrow	01:04:18	Teresa Kato	01:43:27
Jeff Swenson	01:07:08	Sharon Emry	01:51:42
Sara Rearden	01:09:07	Amy Askoak	01:53:03
Gavin Hudson	01:12:23	Kimberly Whipple	01:54:46
Vannessa Williams	01:14:46	Melinda Cortez	01:54:49
Freda Beaver	01:16:17	Debbie Prokopenuff	01:58:45
Ryan L'Herault	01:16:48	Rebecca Kelly	01:58:45
Warren Hill	01:16:49		
Shante Odden	01:16:49		





Rural Alaska Honor's Instit.

RAHI's 1st Ever Car Wash a Big Success!!

There were 15 people involved in the RAHI Wash: Sam C., Rebecca, Alice A., Debbie, Crystal, Amy, Raelene, Jamie, Lisa, Helen, Tina, Stacey, Warren, Nick, Wayne, and Solomon. Raelene and Amy spent most their time holding up a car wash sign at the street corner. They saw and heard some interesting stuff from people passing by! For example, someone suggested that he be washed instead of the car, two hippies screamed out (with claps and shaking fists) "Wooh! Yeah, aw-right!!," and one car passed by with a passenger that showed them a handful of CD's. Many of the students took their turn with the signs and then helped the whole gang wash the cars and trucks. Rebecca helped keep everyone hydrated by providing sodas for

all. Debbie got drenched by both Wayne and Warren (Wayne and Warren helped with the hose of course). Crystal was the official money person/cash register. Alice took care of drying out the wiping towels. Tina and Helen washed tires. Solomon, Nick, and Tall Stacey helped with the tops of big cars and trucks. Rebecca had to persuade Nick to join the car wash crew before the car wash, and it turned out that Nick had lots of fun! Sam took some good pictures of the event. We all had an excellent time washing cars and trucks!! A GREAT BIG



THANKS to all the students and staff who participated in this fun event!!!! The money we raised will be donated to the Pioneer's Home.



"I am learning what it is like to live in a dorm setting and to be assigned college assignments."

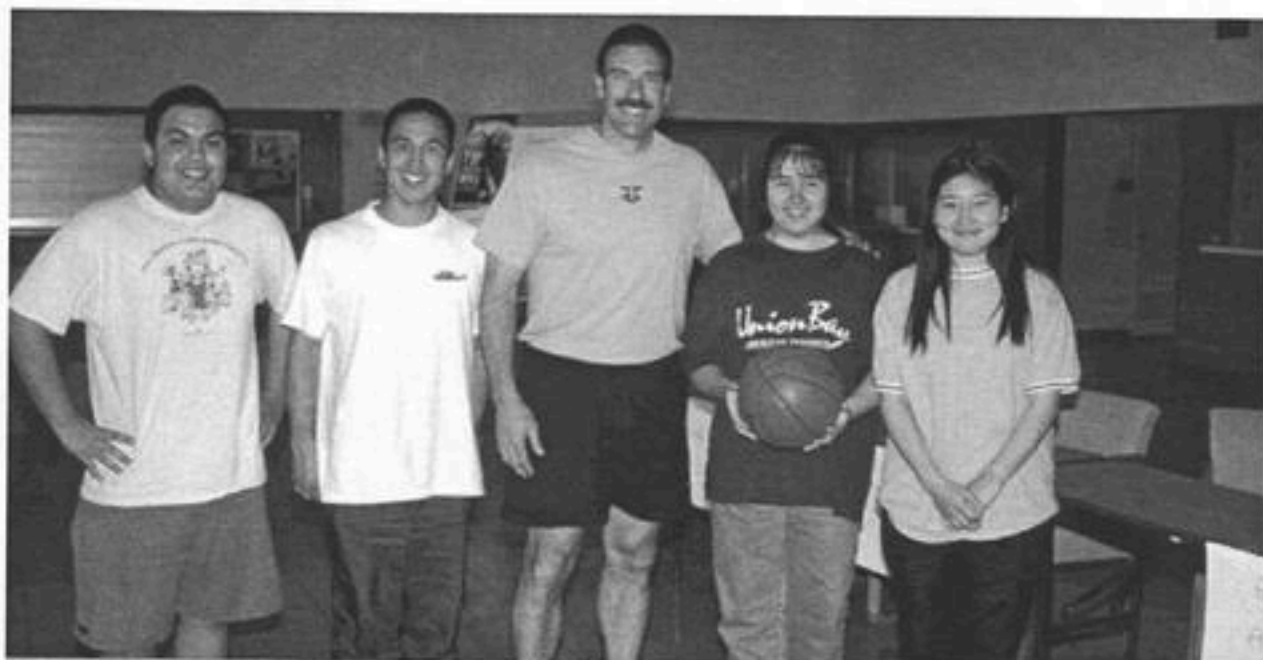
Raelene Honea
Ruby

Sometimes you feel like a nut.



Sometimes you don't...





"I get nine college credits before I end my high school career in my home town. Being away from home is good because my home will always be there, but people will look up to me after RAHI--not only as a student, but as a role model and leader towards our community."

Nick Gust
New Stuyahok



"I would like to continue my education to show that even a rural student like myself can graduate from college and make a difference--to show I can do anything."

Kenneth Lee
Alakanuk

"I came to RAHI last year and had a lot of fun and earned college credits. I wanted to do that again to get a jump start in college. I was hoping I'd get all my paper-work done while I'm here to be ready for college."

Lisa Isaac
Kasigluk

"RAHI is known for having difficult classes with a nice college setting."

H.B. Colgrove
St. Mary's





"I am here because I have a goal in life that I want to accomplish and in order to accomplish this goal, I need to attend a University... I am here at RAHI because I like UAF, because I like Fairbanks summers, and because I love trying new things."

Kimberly Whipple
Anchorage

"I'm also here to get some credits early."

Stacey Demoski
Nulato



"I want to get to know UAF and Fairbanks before I decide to go to college at UAF. I also want to get a head start in college, so I won't struggle in college."

Alexie Littlefish
Lower Kalskag

"I've met a lot of great people and I'm having a blast."

Lynn Walters
Kodiak

"The only way I can be successful is through hard work. MEHS (Mt. Edgecumbe High School) and RAHI offer challenging classes. This is why I'm here."

Wayne Katongon
Unalakleet

*"I'd find myself starving real quick (and broke too) if I had to rely on a mail plane bringing my food. How much work do you think you could do on a head of cabbage anyway?"
..."I want to see what the University offers and how it is set up."*

Steven Green
Lake Minchumina





"One of the most important things you need to do when attending a college is to wake up on time for class. If you sleep-in every day, there will be some classes you will fail."

Garrett Demit
Northway



"I started my high school education at the small rural Athabascan village of Huslia. When you're in high school with 36 other students you basically have to take any class that they give you; just as in elementary school."

... "Knowing my culture, to me, is knowing where I came from. Knowing where I came from is important because if I didn't know, I would most likely be lost of what I have to know to survive. I would like to learn more about stories like Raven, the Creator of the Universe, or how we were the first people across the land bridge. I did a lot of learning when I lived in Huslia, the community where my dad is from, like arts and crafts, and regional gatherings such as potlatches, funerals, and good time get togethers."

Sheila Vent
Huslia



"I need to pursue a college career. I see a real need in my community and the faster I get there the more effective I will be to my daughter's generation (she's almost three)."

Sharon Emry
Northway

"Cultural identity is difficult for many young Native Alaskans to obtain in today's modern society. Native dancing in Rural Alaskan villages, coupled with learning one's Native language, improves cultural identity greatly. It also improves villages by providing an activity that is free of alcohol and drugs, which is a problem in many Native villages. In my village, Atka, 100% of the school students participate in Unangan (Aleut) dancing and it has been very good for us. It has improved social skills and has provided initiative to get good grades, since that is a qualification for traveling on dance trips. Most importantly, though, it has given the students a sense of confidence and a feeling of pride in who they are. It has also made the people of the community proud of them....I'm in RAHI because I want to be prepared for a lot of work and become accustomed to long hours of studying. My two brothers attended RAHI before me."

Crystal Swetzof
Atka



"I want to be an elementary teacher. I will need a writing course, teaching course, and elementary education. I also need to know how hard the classes are, what they are like, what kind of essays, and what kind of questions to expect."

Twila Chayalkum
Chevak



"I will be a social worker, to help families and children. I am here because of encouragement and support from family and friends."

Tina Ambrose
Hughes

"I have the chance to get a head start on my future and to reach my goal that much faster. I am also making life-long friends while I am getting a good education."

Violet Sensmeier
Yakutat



Rural Development (RD 200)

One of the most interesting classes here at RAHI has to be Rural Development! All of the students in the class have come to be friends and enjoy each others' company. Mr. Caulfield is a great professor; he is open-minded and very understanding, making it easier to get through this class. All of the field trips were a relief (getting away from campus) and, they were very inspirational and educational. We had a lot of work and a lot of reading to do, but with a class like this it was well worth it!!

-Sharon-

More on Rural Development 200

Rural Development is the best elective offered at RAHI this year. Everyone in our class is good friends. We go on field trips once every week. They are informative and usually interesting. Mr. Caulfield is the best and most fun teacher. We learn a lot in that class and rarely get bored. Mr. Caulfield has a lot of opinions about the subjects concerning Alaska, but is open-minded about all of our ideas. He really helps us to understand why Alaska is what it is today. Without this class there would be people in RAHI who didn't understand how Alaska settled, was claimed, and all the other good information. If I had to choose my most adventurous class, RD 200 would definitely be my top choice!!

-Lynn-

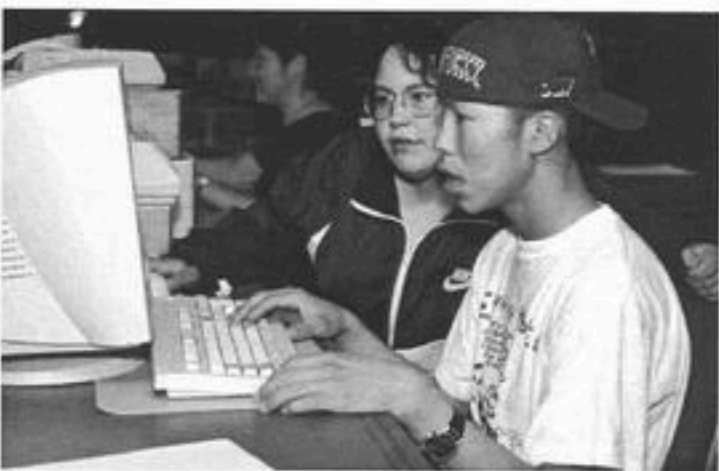
DEVS 104

DEVS 104 class, instructed by George Guthridge, taught the students how to write a research paper and practice grammar. Everyone in it wrote two papers this summer, one on smoking and ectopic pregnancy, and another on marine life. The papers were written using everyone's favorite formula, $x\%z=y$. The students were also shown what to expect for English 111 and how to write for that class.

-Saucy-

DEVS 108

Just about every student at RAHI took DEVS 108, Study Skills. During the first half of the program we learned how to manage our time while at college, what classes to take, how to take notes, and how to study. During the second half of the program we focused on Super Learning, which helps us memorize. Using this method, we memorized the counties, major cities of the world, major cities of the U.S., the states of the U.S., the provinces of Canada, 20 Portuguese words, and American history and literature. -Saucy-





Math Class DEVM 065

This year, the math class was interesting. Greg Owens was the math instructor. Greg has a weird way of teaching his class, but if you want to know anything about math or its history ask Greg. I believe Greg should join the opera tour. Greg sings once in a while during class. He would sing out the equations he gives to the class. He thinks it helps the class learn the material better. Greg is a great guy. He helps you whenever you need it and he knows his math. -Garret-



CIOSF 105: Computer Applications has been a fun, beneficial class to be in. We learned how to make home pages, surf the Internet, use the e-mail system, and how to create this yearbook. Computers 105 was made even greater with the unique and fun teaching style of Howard Maxwell. -H.B.-



CIOSF 103

I felt that CIOSF 103, -Computer Survey was a good class and I have enjoyed taking it because it has taught me a lot about computers. We learned how to use the e-mail system, and we got our own accounts to use while we are here. We learned how to use the Internet, and we got to use it a lot. The computer classes completed the RAHI home page (in Netscape) and the yearbook. Overall I think that it was a very good class and Howie taught it well. -Lynn-

English 111

The purpose of the English 111 class is to develop better communication skills through writing. The instructor, George Guthridge, teaches the IDPER Method that applies to any paper. Students learn many ways to make essays higher in quality. The class turns students into obsessive-compulsive proofreaders. That's the effect English 111 has—it embeds into one's mind a deep paranoia that attacks two minutes before turning in papers. A bit of advice for anyone taking English 111, **never procrastinate**. If, for some reason you do, have fun regaining your sanity. -Shawnte Odden-

Biology 108

Biology 108 this year for RAHI was fun and interesting. The class total was about fifteen this year. The students this year learned a lot about the adaptations of plants and animals at high latitudes. The students have gone on three field trips, one to LARS (large animal research station), one to the biology department greenhouse. We also went to see Loren Buck talk about ground squirrels and their adaptations to life at high latitudes. I thought the best field trip was the LARS visit. The supervisor of the station took the students on a tour and talked to them about musk ox, caribou, and a few breeds of birds that were at the station. The students were also allowed to walk in the caribou's cage. A few students even had a chance to pet caribou. All in all, the class was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time learning. -Mernaiah Sullivan-

Swimming

We've done a variety of things and learned a lot in Jeff's class. At the beginning of the year we started learning the techniques in simplicity. Pull-breath, kick-glide. We did the Cooper's Test to decide how well we swim. From there he split us into two classes based on our skills. I was in the slightly advanced class and we took a few days to split out between each stroke, such as: breaststroke, free-style, backstroke, etc. Soon we were learning how to do simple dives and then more advanced, and so on. We learned safety tips and rescue aids. Now we're working on synchronized swimming. It's a lot of dumb fun. Well, overall it's been quite an experience. We will be doing exercises to earn American Cross cards. -Scarlett-

"We derive who we are and what we believe through our culture. Because of this we need to understand culture to understand ourselves and others. Beliefs and ways of life are passed down through oral tradition, dances, songs, and stories. The key to culture awareness is communication and information. Information is the base of all societies, bonding each human to the next. To keep the traditions of our ancestors alive we need to find more efficient forms of maintaining and communicating our culture. As new technology comes into Alaska's interior, some fear that computers will eliminate what remains of our culture. Rather than thinking of new technology as a hazard to our culture, we should use it to our advantage. We shouldn't avoid the use of computers, but work with them to enhance the level of preservation of our culture. One way to use technology to our benefit is to record these important aspects of a culture on the computer, videos, and cassette tapes. If we were to record them on a computer then a home page could be developed and people around the world would have a chance to learn about our culture."

Raelene C. Honea
Ruby

"In the past sixty years, we have become very open-minded about everything. Although we may not realize it, we are beginning to slowly revert to a more simple way of life in these last few years of the millennium. According to the pattern, we will become the reverse of what we are now when we reach the 21st century. We may become more technologically advanced but socially we are likely to become more conventional and traditional than ever."

Melinda Cortez
Kodiak

"I want to move up in my learning and I want more options in the world. The whole world is getting to where you need to get a degree in college to get a decent job."

... "The summer comes and my brother Chance and I go working out by boat. When summer comes we take care of transportation for the Fish and Wildlife and also bring in boxes and equipment for them. We bring barges in from the Bering Sea to our home town. It's really exciting work out in the boats."

Warren Hill
Chevak

"A degree is very important to me, without it I believe I wouldn't be able to get the job that I would like. I've been looking into the medical area, for instance, a dentist, and without a good college education I wouldn't be able to accomplish that goal. A degree seems like a big accomplishment and I'm sure it is. I've heard my older brothers talking about college and getting a degree but none of them actually went or had the desire to go. If someone were to give me a chance at college and earning my degree I would jump at that chance and hold onto it.....I would someday like to pursue my dream of becoming a dentist. I believe RAHI can help me get started on earning my college degree."

Athena Vanderpool
Mcgrath

"I feel RAHI would help give me a better chance of getting into college because I could receive college credits. It would look good on my application. Another reason to come was because I had a friend, Heather Scott, who came last year and said it was a really good experience."

... "Charity is a true kind of giving unto others. It is not about the things you do, it is the happiness you give to others when you show you care. If you have done something, but have not done it willingly, it is worthless. People who are a great example of charity devote much of their time to others. I think parenting is an act of charity, although I wouldn't tell this to my parents."

Scarlett Cox
Haines

"I want to strengthen my writing ability and to learn good study habits. I also want to prove that I will be able to adapt to college and to get a quality education."

... "One issue that is important to me is the future of the Gwitch'in Nation. I believe for it to survive we must educate our people and preserve our way of life. I know that if a young Gwitch'in person gets an education with an understanding of the western society they will be able to see the rich culture they come from and realize how important it is to keep it alive. Also, with an understanding of the western society and the Gwitch'in culture these people will be able to help their community deal with issues involving outsiders."

Sam Alexander
Fort Yukon

"Metlakatla Indian Community is located on Annette Island Reserve, fifteen miles south of Ketchikan. It was settled by Tsimpshean Indians from old Metlakatla, British Columbia, Canada, led by Father William Duncan of the Anglican Church of England. Over eight-hundred Tsimpsheans arrived on Annette Island on August 7, 1887. The land was granted to them by President Grover Cleveland. . . Today Metlakatla's population has grown to approximately one thousand six-hundred residents. The majority are Tsimpshean."

Gavin R. Hudson
Metlakatla

Meet the 1997.....

Adrienne Tveit



Adrienne was born in Kodiak, Alaska on November 11, 1977. She is 19 years old, blonde, with brown eyes and has an outgoing personality. Her favorite activity is going on ambulance calls. She loves the feeling of being able to save a person's life. That's why she is on the dorm staff; just in case of an emergency she's there to put her skills to use. Her biggest fear is not living life to its fullest. In five years she plans on working as a P.A. and hopes to be married. In ten years

she plans on having a family and going back to med school. The person she admires most is her mother because she is strong-willed and determined. Adrienne's favorite food is McDonald's chocolate cones, and her favorite movie is *Back Draft*. Her favorite RAHI memory is rafting, hmmm I wonder why?? What she will miss most at RAHI is all the familiar faces, and what she will miss least is the discipline. Don't worry auntie—we will miss you also.

Alice Aluskak

Alice is the mother of "Alice in Chains," and is also known as "Gizmo." Her Native name is Cucriak. She is from Napakiak and likes to eat fresh king salmon soup and boiled fish eggs followed by sulunaq. Five years from now she hopes to be graduating with a degree in Japanese studies, Yup'ik language studies, History, Anthropology, and a Secondary Education. Five years after that she will be in rural Alaska teaching. (Teaching what you ask? Go ask Alice.) One of the best things that Alice likes doing is watching her grandma cut fish. Some other things that Alice likes to do are biking, and taking steam baths (gossiping of course!). One thing she's most afraid of is BUGS!! (Don't forget the "Bright Lights!") The person she most admires is her grandmother, because she's a very strong, highly respected woman who is very family-oriented. When Alice leaves RAHI she will miss talking with the students. She will not miss walking around with one contact in. Her favorite colors are orange and blue. She likes listening to any kind of music except country. Her favorite movie is *Gremlins* (I joke); she doesn't have a favorite movie.



Beverly Chmielarczyk (Little Hop Gatherer)

Beverly's Yup'ik name is Qaltayak. Her friends in Kwethluk gave her that name. She has one daughter that is a purebred canine (in other words a mutt) named Nichit (knee-chee). In the future she hopes to have two-point-five kids, one boy, one girl, and point five unknown.

Beverly is currently reading the *Unbearable Lightness of Being*, a book that is giving her some insight into communism in the sixties. It was something that she read in the past. Bev recalls finding the following expression on a bathroom wall: "A squid eating dough in a polyethylene bag is vast and bulbous."

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Right now Beverly's latest word is "atavistic," which means genetic throwback; her latest pet word is privy. In her free time *(kernit)* she listens to Counting Crows, her current favorite band. Her fave Counting Crows quote is, "Snap her up in a butterfly net Pin her down on a photograph album." She also collects trade beads. She does some beading but doesn't feel *(the)* too comfortable about the quality. If Bev was going to be a fruit she would be a peach because they're hard core. Her favorite kitchen utensil is a wooden honey dipper. Her favorite smell is the smell of cottonwood tree buds in the spring. Her favorite *(frog)* RAHI memory is Warren singing "I love you Baby" while standing on the piano. During the next year she is going back to her teaching job in Kwethluk to teach the seventh through ninth graders *(Ryan was here)*.



Rick Caulfield

Rick Caulfield is an Associate Professor in Rural Development at UAF. He moved to Alaska in 1975 from California, to take a job with Fish and Wildlife doing research in rural communities. Rick went to the University of California at Berkley and earned his B.A. and B.S. degree in Natural Resource Management and Political Science. From 1976 to 1979 Rick studied subsistence economies in the Upper Yukon of Alaska. For five years Rick worked for the Division of Subsistence for ADF & G based in Fairbanks but worked in Upper Yukon in Arctic Village, Venetie, and Fort Yukon. He earned his masters degree in Cross Cultural Education in 1984. Rick was offered a teaching job at UAF on the Bristol Bay Campus in Dillingham. In 1989-90 he went to England to work on his Ph.D. Rick spent a year with his family in Greenland working on his doctoral dissertation which focused on whaling in Greenland. Rick returned to Fairbanks, where he currently works with the Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development. His wife Annie works with the Resource Center for Parents and Children as a counselor.



Denise Gobielle Rogers

Denise Gobielle Rogers is the biology teacher in RAHI. She was first introduced to the program by one of her professors. That was three years ago and she still thoroughly enjoys her job. Her interest in biology stems from her childhood. She has a Master's in botany. She was first introduced to botany by her grandmother. In five years Denise hopes to be teaching in rural Alaska with her husband. After a stint teaching in Alaska, she wants to move back to the East Coast and teach, where she has strong ties.



She will eventually start a family. In her free time she enjoys biking, backpacking, identifying wildflowers, canoeing, and fly-fishing. She likes animals (obviously). Overall Denise is a great teacher and an asset to the RAHI program.

George Guthridge



This year George Guthridge taught freshman-level composition, developmental English classes and study skills for RAHI, and novel writing for Summer Sessions. During the regular academic year he also teaches business writing and education courses in multicultural education and the teaching of writing. When he's not teaching, George en-

joys writing science fiction and fantasy, camping, karate, watching movies and the opera, snorkeling, exploring caves, and traveling in Thailand with his wife, Noi. She and George were married during RAHI two summers ago; this July 12th they will be remarried, Thai style, in Bangkok. In August George will begin a sabbatical at (hot!) Arizona State University, where after a 25-year hiatus he will continue his doctoral work in composition theory. He is an Associate Professor at UAF's Dillingham campus.



Greg Owens

Greg Owens, is our RAHI math instructor and academic coordinator who was raised in Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin. He's married with four children. Greg has coached and taught math and English for the past 17 years. Former places that Mr. Owens taught are in St. Mary's, AK, Missoula, MT, American Samoa, and UAF. Nickname he picked up while living in Samoa was "three diamonds" a fine quality of tuna in the South Pacific. Mr. Owens' interests are fishing, biking, and reading. The observations on this year's RAHI students are that they are gifted, but need to make sure they utilize their gifts. Advice from Greg is to find your passion and

pursue it. But, no slackers allowed. Greg willingly gives his time and expertise to RAHI leadership throughout the fall and spring of UAF semesters, as a leading willing consultant in the planning for the next RAHI year. He also serves on the RAHI Admissions Committee. Since 1983, Greg has had 13 years as an associate with RAHI, missing only two sessions. RAHI is most fortunate to have such a dedicated guy who both teaches and helps steer the program. Who

else can keep us all laughing in those tense moments plus his positive outlook? Friends, these are his trademarks.



Howard E. Maxwell

Howard E. Maxwell is currently the teacher of both of RAHI's computer classes. Howard has been working with the RAHI program for six summers now, starting in 1989. His schooling includes 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. Howard's interest in computers grew during his time at UAF, explaining his beginning of a computer consulting business. After graduating from UAF 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 four year old daughter named Mackenzie, and a one year old son named Andrew. Howard is currently teaching anthropology, archaeology, and computer classes at UAF. He is also an Alaska-certified high school history teacher. Howard's favorite sports are hockey, soccer, and golf.



Howard Sparrow

Howard Sparrow walked into RAHI with an amazing empathy for birds that no one else has ever seen. When the students first arrived there were nearly seven birds sitting on the lawn, and when Howard raised his arms in welcome the birds flew in unison into the sky. People have tried to explain this but the plausible answer that they could come up with is that Howie just has really bad B.O.

As the enigmatic leader of Spanky's Army, Howard set up a small system of spies to keep tabs on all the people in RAHI and to counteract any moves that were made against his power base. He tries to pretend that he's just a laid back counselor who would rather listen to music and read "Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman," than really take discipline into his own hands, but the student network has information that Howard was seen talking incriminatingly with several other counselors on multiple occasions.

Even with this knowledge, Howard will be a counselor who is missed when we leave. We're not really sure why, it could be his, "Oh, is that what they call it these days?" -- Jokes. Or it could be his wacky sense of self and the world around him (which could be attributed, in part, to the fact that the entire universe fits under the nail of his thumb). It could be many things, but most likely it's something that was in the food he sometimes gives away.

Jeff Swenson

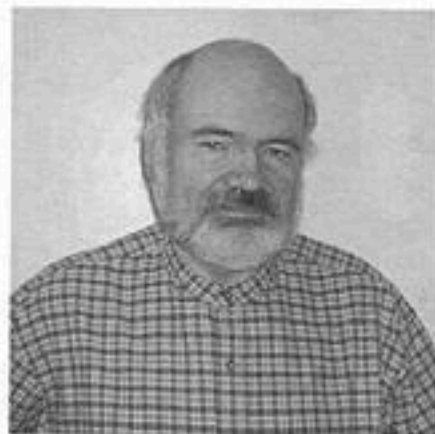


Jeff Swenson is twenty-seven years old, born in Ham Lake, Minnesota. He is a Master's graduate of Literature at UAF. Jeff's sense of humor is a result of his Italian, Polish, and Scandinavian backgrounds. His parents are living in California, while his older brother resides in Minnesota. Jeff now lives in a little cabin on Goldhill in Fairbanks. He plans to get his Ph.D. in Literature sometime in the future. In the meantime, he has been a teacher's assistant for two years, about which he stated, "I love it!" The most interesting thing about his job as a teacher's assistant is experiencing students' reactions to literature. Jeff believes in the

power of literature or the written word. Ernest Hemmingway, who writes about war and manly things, is one of his favorite writers. One thing he enjoys doing in life is Mt. Biking, but one thing he hates in life is cantaloupe! When Jeff retires, he plans to buy a 30 ft. sail boat and sail the Caribbean! Think that was all on Jeff? Well, Jeff is also the swimming teacher for RAHI. If you have taken his swimming class and he divided you into different groups, the group names he would give were off the wall. And you'll always hear him say, "Go to it." Jeff started teaching swimming in Minnesota in a little pool called Roosevelt Pool. He's been doing it now for 11 years. First, he started as a life guard, because he liked swimming and it was easy. Then he became a swimming instructor. He's enjoyed teaching swimming for RAHI. His favorite part of teaching swimming is taking little eight year old kids who can't sit still and making them into tired kids. Way to go Jeff!!

Jim Kowalsky

Jim Kowalsky, aka "Big Jim," has been Program Director of RAHI for 12 years. He believes in the rights of indigenous peoples to govern themselves. A goal of his is to keep RAHI moving forward in times of tight budgets. Jim doesn't have much leisure time during RAHI, but he rides his bike about 100-150 miles a week (to and from work) and he's been a musician playing trumpet for the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra for 26 years! He enjoys the Twin Bears trip every year. Jim sees himself as a leader, who "often needs leaders to follow."



Joanna Wassillie

Joanna was born in Nome, Alaska, on June 25, 1969, so that'll make her over 40 or something. :) She lived there for one month and was then adopted and went to Pilot Station, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Wasilla and St. Mary's. The best part of being a TC is yelling at all of the people. (Just kidding!) Another benefit (and drawback) is enforcing the rules RAHI lays down. Joanna's most rewarding feeling

she receives at RAHI is getting to know different types of people. Joanna has just become engaged (as we all know) and she is VERY excited about it. She likes to paint her nails, but says that she's not very good at it. She is good at sleeping, but nothing can get in the way of painting her nails. The most boring thing to the craziest thing Joanna has ever done is sit in Jr. Comp class to getting engaged! Joanna is one of our wacky TC's in the lovely Nerland Hall. She puts up with us complaining about going to bed and running around the halls in the morning. Everyone knows Joanna as the weird lady who wears all the bizarre clothes. Without Joanna and her veggie eating habits, who knows where we'd be. We'd for sure have no candy or animal cookies during study hall!!

Phyllis Ann Fast



Born in Anchorage, Alaska in 1946, Phyllis Fast is of mixed descent with a Koyukon Athabascan mother from Rampart, Alaska. Her father was born in Liberal, Kansas. Phyllis graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1968 with a B.A. in English, and then from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 1990 with an interdisciplinary M.A. in Alaska Native Literary Forms. Since then Phyllis has completed all degree requirements except the dissertation for a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University. She is returning to Harvard in August, 1997, to make the final effort for that degree. Phyllis has been teaching at the University of Alaska Fairbanks since 1995 as an Assistant Professor in Alaska

Native Studies. Phyllis began studying art in 1966 through the University, and continued her studies with a series of drawing and watercolor workshops during the 1980's. She had combined her skill in mainstream American art forms with her knowledge of traditional Native American symbols to teach Alaska Native Art History at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Many of her works have been in various juried competitions in Alaska and elsewhere, including Greenland. Collectors include Cook Inlet Region Inc. and the CIRI Foundation.

Rebecca Kelly

Rebecca Kelly, *Paangelria* (her native name), is the Native Dance Instructor, who has been married to Eric for 5 1/2 years now, and she has two children: Nayamin, 4 years old, and Maaya, 2 years old. Things she likes to do are: dancing, making arts and crafts, crossword puzzles, word games, Scrabble, Boggle, Trivia, Jeopardy, berry picking, fishing, visiting with relatives, shopping, watching movies, boat riding, beading, and sewing. She really loves green eggs and ham, and she does not like to be negative. She wants to have a positive attitude as much as she can. The greatest fear in life would be for her not to reach her goals, and also the fear that her children will not learn their native language. Her greatest joy is being with her family. Some people that she admires are her parents, because they raised her the best way they can in the



Cupik way. She admires her mother, because she taught her how to Eskimo dance and she admires her father because he always participated in everything that her village was doing. Her father was considered chief mayor of Chevak for over 25 years. Mrs. Kelly was raised at camp by her parents, whom she admires because this was something most of her peers never got to do. Rebecca hopes to become a good Cupik teacher, be part of an immersion program, tell and learn about stories, teach arts and crafts, teach Eskimo dancing, learn how to make a kayak, and travel all over Europe. The thing she will miss least about RAHI is being away from her family. The thing she will miss most about RAHI is getting to know the students.

Sam Chanar

Sam Chanar, *Angal'gaq* (native name), is from Toksook Bay. Sammy was born in Bethel and is now 29 going on 30. He has spent most of six years going to college at UAF. He



likes to capture moments with cameras. Sam has earned a degree in Rural Development. He hopes and wishes for a peaceful and happy life. Sam has been in school since the 90-91 school year. He graduated in the spring of '97. He is the leader of Sam's Green Eggs and Ham. His



favorite RAHI memory for every year is taking photographs. In five years Sam wants to start paying his loan he used for his schooling. His greatest fear in life is being photographed. Sam most admires Minolta because it does not use as much energy as Canon does. He likes spicy food. His favorite movie is *Brave Heart*. Sam favorite activity is water fights with Wayne's help. Sammy hopes to earn a Master's degree in cultural development. Keep smiling for Sam.

Denise Wartes (RAHI Mom)



Denise Wartes does everything for RAHI and she's been with RAHI for 10 years now. Before RAHI, she was the secretary to the Dean of CLA. 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 and occasionally eating one of her favorite foods, turkey or caribou. Sometimes she enjoys watching *Forest Gump*. Hopefully by the year 2000 she will have her Bachelor's Degree.



Margaret S. Cary Baker (left) helps Alice Kangas in the Writing Lab—8th Floor Gruening Bldg.

Margaret Baker (shown left) is a 3rd-year MFA student in poetry at UAF. She holds a BA and an MA in English. Her favorite summer activities are biking and canoeing. Her favorite winter activity is reading. In addition to teaching reading for RAHI, Mary is the summer Co-director of the UAF Writing Center. Next fall she will be teaching a literature and working as a writing tutor in Rural Student Services and in the Writing Center.

The ANS Class at RAHI!

ANS 101 is Alaska Native Studies because it's about Alaska's history and Native People of Alaska. The professor is Phyllis Fast. She teaches a lot about Alaska's Native People. She has great books that have a lot of information that is easy to pick up. Overall, this class is a good class to take because a person will receive a lot of information in a short period of time. When I go home I can tell people that I know what ANCSA stands for, NAGPRA, and a lot about the Native People of Alaska.

RAHI trip

In an effort to find out what it takes to travel in rural Alaska, the RAHI ANS 101 class interviewed each other to find out how to get to each village, what it would take to be there, and what were the interesting events available in each area. This is the result:

It costs approximately \$3,533 per person to travel from:

Juneau to
 Yakutat to
 Fairbanks (via Anchorage from Yakutat) to
 Hughes to
 Nulato (via Galena from Hughes) to
 McGrath (via Galena and Fairbanks from Nulato) to
 Kalskag (via Anchorage and Bethel from McGrath) to
 Bethel to
 Chevak to
 New Stuyahok (via Bethel) to
 Atka (via Dillingham and Dutch Harbor) to
 Juneau (via Dutch Harbor and Anchorage)

It costs a group of 14 RAHI students \$49,462 to travel to each place, and will take either 25 days or 5 years if we took the time to see everything during the right time of year.

Phyllis Fast, ANS 101 (Alaska Native Studies)



Native Dance

This year's Native Dance class for RAHI '97 was taught by Rebecca Kelly. She is originally from Chevak, which is a Cup'ik village. There were about 30 students in the Native Dance class and all of them came from different backgrounds within Alaska. The class is held at the Hess Rec. Center on upper campus and classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The kinds of songs and dances that they learned are from different ethnic groups in Alaska. The groups which the students learned about were the Cup'ik, Tlingit, Athabascan, Yup'ik, Unangax, and Tsimshian. The names of the songs that students learned were: AyagaluangaTengaalunanga (Cup'ik), Yuugiiyama (Cup'ik), Tsu Heidi (Tlingit), Agayagarraa (Inupiaq), and others from the several other Native groups.

-Amy Askoak-



RAHI Cruises to Twin Bears for Weekend Fun

By Steven Green, Alexie Littlefish

RAHI staff and students traveled to Twin Bears for a weekend camping trip and Fun Olympics on June 13. In preparation for the camping trip, all the students had to complete their notes for the English class thesis paper. After getting approved by Guthridge it was "grab a sleeping bag and go." The majority of students arrived at Twin Bears around 8:00 p.m., but some were in as late as midnight. All students were able to participate.

Tents were brought along, but most students stayed in small cabins at the campground. Tents were pitched across the lake from the cabins, which was where some of the tutor counselors were because they probably thought it would be safer from midnight dunks in the lake and similar actions. After everyone found a place to stay the fun started. Canoes and mountain bikes were brought along. Students on the canoes had water fights; some canoes got swamped. In the mess hall cards and board games were played; the games lasted almost all night. A fire built and s'mores were made, while stories were told. In the evenings, and before the games started on Saturday, students would play basketball, ride bikes, and paddle around in the canoes, which was probably the biggest hit at Twin Bears.

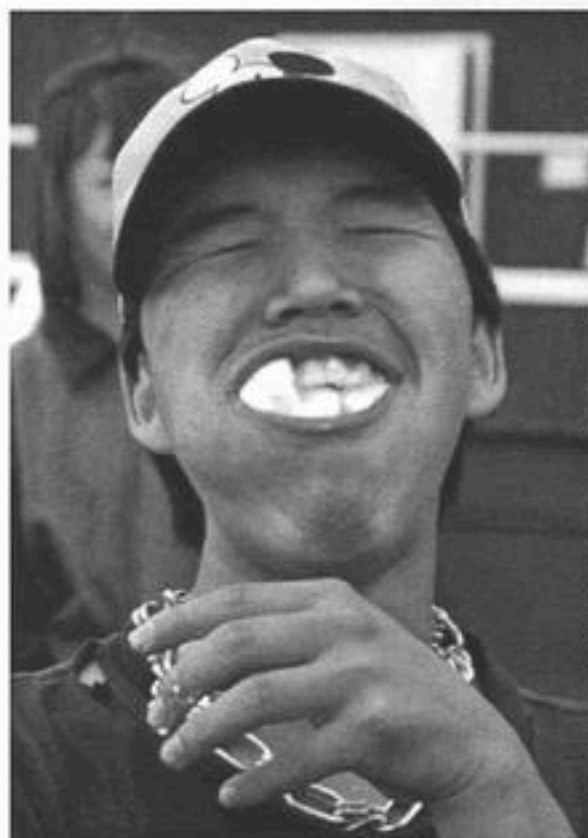
Saturday was the big day at Twin Bears because of the Fun Olympics. RAHI math teacher Greg Owens directed the Olympics which had many different events. Events started at 2:00 p.m., and were in this order; Volleyball Pass, Orange Pass with the neck, Balloon Popping, Egg Toss, a Relay Race, a no-paddle Canoe Race, and Canoe Swamping. The major competition of the evening were the skits because it was worth double the points. Six groups competed in the events. Winners were in this order: Jeff's Junkies, Spanky's Army, Adrienne's Angels, Alice in Chains, Flower Power, Green Eggs and Ham. After the Olympics, a large dinner was held, which almost all the teachers and staff attended. A long night of games and fun ensued, and lasted until 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning had everyone packing up and getting ready to go. A few "hardcore" students decided to bicycle with Jim Kowalsky back to the University. These were Alexie Littlefish, Steven Green, Sauncha Romey, and Joe Dayton. Most everyone agreed that it was a blast going to Twin Bears.

"I came to RAHI to get some understanding of what college is like and to take classes to improve my skills. I had no idea of what to expect when I went to college but now that I've had some experience, I'll be better prepared when I do go to college." :-)

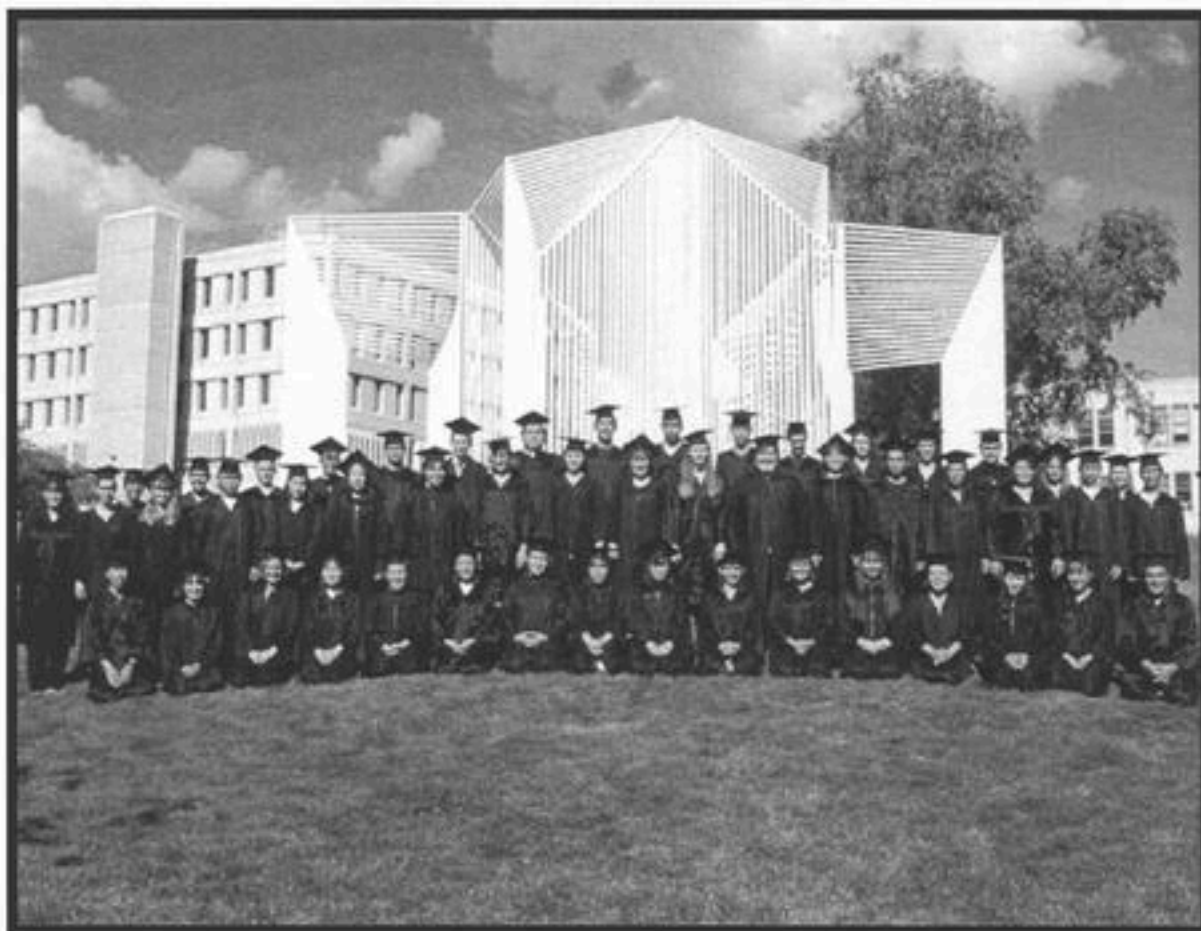
Saucy Romey
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Hats Off to the Graduates!



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