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TWO TRAVEL-STUDY
TEACHER GROUPS
COMING TO WORKSHOP

Two travel-study groups of teachers, one from Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, the other from Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska, will attend the Post-Session "Workshop on Alaska", August 5-9.

Travel arrangements are being handled by the Greyhound Travel Bureau's Educational Tour Service of Dallas, Texas. Each group will travel the Alaska Highway one way. The South Dakota group, conducted by Prof. M. F. Tostlebe, will leave Aberdeen July 22 by Greyhound and come north by way of Edmonton, make a detour to Valdez, and arrive at the University on August 4. After the Workshop they will take the Alaska Railroad to Anchorage, visit the Matanuska Valley, and then fly to Juneau and Seattle. From there a bus will take them back to Aberdeen by way of Spokane and Yellowstone Park.

The Nebraska group, conducted by Prof. N. R. Diffenderfer, will make the same trip in the opposite direction. They will leave Kearney July 27, travel to Seattle by bus, fly PNA to Juneau and Anchorage, and arrive on the Alaska Railroad the same day as the other group. The Greyhound bus which brings the Aberdeen teachers north will stay over to take the Kearney teachers south.

This is the second year that Mr. Edgar F. Anthony, general manager of the Greyhound Tour Service in Dallas, has arranged to bring teacher groups to the Post-Session. Last year Greyhound brought a group of twenty seven from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

AHEWC MEETING
AT UNIVERSITY
AUGUST 12-15

The third annual conference of the Alaska Health Education and Welfare Council will be held on the campus August 12-15. Arrangements have been made with the University for dormitory accommodations to house delegates from other parts of Alaska and visiting dignitaries, including Gov. Mike Stepovich and Dr. Janet Makie of the U.S. Public Health Service, Washington, D.C. The Food Service will provide meals, and lecture and conference rooms will also be made available. About 150 participants are expected.

Jim Couch, AHEW secretary, is arranging the program. Five major panels will cover the fields of health, education, welfare, social science, and economics. Mr. Couch extends an invitation to summer session students, especially teachers from the outlying areas, to attend.

FACULTY
PRACTICING
FOUL PLAY

Wednesday, July 31, will be the last day of class lectures - the following two days will be devoted to final examinations. To mark this ebb-tide, when information flowing in one direction is supposed to reverse itself and go back to where it came from, a truce is being de-

clared between the faculty and students for one evening of relaxation. (There's a mixed metaphor in that sentence somewhere, but we'll let Dr. Wells worry about that.)

A banquet is being arranged, and entertainment is being planned. (There's nothing particularly wrong about that sentence except the loose terminology.) A play is to be given by the resident faculty, The Smell of the Yukon. (Something definitely wrong with that sentence, we know.) The cast of characters is as follows:

- Big Otto (the barkeeper) Hans Jensen
- Lou (the vamp) Sara Deal
- Slimy Sam (the villain). Bill Cashen
- Bill (the hero). Herman Slotnick
- Daisy (the heroine). Vena Clark

The plot of this masterpiece deals with claim jumping, mickey-finns, and other forms of foul play, and the three scenes shift from barroom to mountain top and back again, in that order. Laura Jones dug up the original manuscript in an old barabbara in Egegik one time when she was out hunting walrus, and saved it these many years for just such an occasion.

THREE TRAVEL GROUPS
TO VISIT CAMPUS
THIS COMING WEEK

Twenty-three members of an educational field study tour of Alaska, sponsored by Eastern Illinois State College, Charleston, Ill., will arrive here tomorrow and will be housed in Nerland Hall during their three day stay in this vicinity. The group is headed by

Dr. Albert W. Brown, professor and acting head of the Geography Department at EIST.

Another party of about the same number will arrive July 30, under the sponsorship of Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, Wisconsin, and conducted by Dr. Charles Morphew.

The NEA Alaska Tour A-2, in cooperation with Western Illinois State College, will arrive on campus July 26 for a six day stop. They will arrive by PAA, and spend one night at Nerland Hall, spend two days on a Kotzebue-Nome tour, and return to the campus July 29. On July 30 and 31 they will be on campus, visiting the museum, library, and other places of interest. Dr. Skarland will present a lecture on Alaska Natives to the group, Prof. Jensen will lecture on the Economic Geography of Alaska, and a staff member of the School of Mines will lecture on the Geology of Alaska.

OUR SMOG MUST
HAVE INSPIRED THIS
L.A. C. OF C. TRICK

We don't know who's responsible, but whoever built that sign "Welcome to College, the home of the University of Alaska" carried it about two miles too far. Coming out from Fairbanks, a tourist will be utterly confused. Just after passing this sign he sees a trailer advertising

pronto pups for 39¢, which he will probably mistake for the Food Service; then the old Fort Caribou Trading Post, which he may think is the University Museum; then he spots the soil conservation wanigans, which he may think are our main campus buildings. Next is another sign pointing out a side road to the Church of the Nazarene. Our tourist friend will probably figure that is the north boundary of the "home of the University of Alaska", turn around, and return to town. If he glances at the sign again - and it does stand out - he will read "Thanks. Come again." This he may or may not appreciate, and he may well ask, "For what?"

To our way of thinking, College is the name of the University post office and, by common usage, the community immediately adjacent to the campus. That sign should be moved up about two miles closer to home.

NEWSPAPERMEN
WOULD CALL THIS
"BOILERPLATE"

Reception has not been good from the Moose Trail this week, and only sporadic bits of conversation have been recorded. Best talkers are still the old buck, the Horned One, and his nephew, a young buck, the Non-Horn. Liberally translated, this is what they are saying:

"I see they're still tearing things up and moving things about on the campus down yonder", remarked the Horned One.

"Not as bad as last year, though", replied the Non-Horn.

"Oh, I don't know about that - this year they're even moving people. Did you ever see such carryings-on as there were a few days ago?"

"That was quite a bit of carrying, I'll admit", the Non-Horn replied, "but now except for that house sitting alongside its foundation things look pretty orderly. I must admit, though, I don't get the picture of the Wigwam house."

"They're backfilling again, that's all", explained the Horned One, somewhat testily.

"Shucks! I thought they were making a swimming pool. Really should have one on these hot days, you know."

"Don't let that kidney-shaped front porch deceive you. That's a new design just brought out from Harvard."

"The carpenters call it Knight's Nightmare", the Non-Horn chuckled. "I wonder what they will call the rock piles they're erecting."

"Those are retaining walls, son. They prevent slides."

"Bet the kids slide on them anyway."

"Now hold off on this banter, son!" the older moose interrupted. Your remarks sound like a freshman editorial in the Polar Star. Remember that the ways of mankind are strange. Moreover, this is a university - a company of scholars - and these fellows are great experimenters. That's a part of higher education, to try things that the common people already know won't work."

"I'm sorry, Uncle," replied the Non-Horn, "I guess I haven't your degree of tolerance for humanity yet. But will you explain that mis-shapen bedspring they are erecting on top of the hill?"

"That, son, is a radar disc - one of only two of its kind in existence."

"So they made the same mistake twice! What's it used for?"

"It catches the sound of radio waves from outer space; radio reception from the stars, you might say."

"Have you been reading those science fiction magazines again?"

"Not at all. I happened to overhear the TV program the other night when the Geophysicals told all about it."

"Sounds pretty far-fetched to me -- is this another Harvard import?"

"As a matter of fact it's from Stanford."

"Never heard of it."

"Stanford is a very good university! The new dean came from there."

"Young?"

"Relatively speaking, yes. But let's get back to that radar equipment . . ."

"I think I'd understand it better if we go up and look at it again."

"Good idea. Let's go."

With this the two moose departed from the Old Moose Trail for the radar site near the USCGS station, and the recording device remained silent for the rest of the week.

* A N N O U N C E M E N T *

Prof. Arne Randall's class, Art Activities for Elementary Teachers, will present a puppet show on Thursday, July 25, with showings at 10:00 and 11:00 in the recreation room of the Student Union Building. Demonstrations on puppets and other art activities will be given by members of the class. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served.

AROUND AND ABOUT

THE
CAMPUS

Conversation piece of the week: Our Weather.

It is unusual. Since Tuesday we have been smoked in, and at times it was thicker than ice fog at 50-below. Forestry officials estimate that about a million acres of forest is burning in Interior Alaska, and the winds have shifted much of the smoke to the Tanana Valley. At its worst, visibility was down to 1/8 of a mile, and even instrument flying airliners were grounded.

Dr. Walter Wood, Director of the Arctic Institute of North America, and Walter Sullivan, reporter for the New York Times, were campus guests this week. They were here to confer with staff members of the Geophysical Institute on projects being conducted under the IGY program.

Dr. Wood, who was awarded an honorary D.Sc. at our 1955 commencement, brought news that the Board of Geographic Names in Washington, D.C., is naming a four-mile glacier in the Brooks Range "McCall Glacier" in memory of Dr. John McCall, professor of geology and glaciology at the University of Alaska, who died of polio in November 1954.

Col. Kenneth C. Haycraft, FMST of the University's ROTC, is all smiles this week. Authorization has been received from the Department of the Army for the U. of A. to participate in the ROTC flight training program. Only 47 other universities have this authorization. Now qualified advanced ROTC students can receive nine months flight training during their senior year and qualify for careers in military aviation.

Otto Croy, of the Federal Extension Service, Washington, D.C., is on campus this week conferring with local Extension officials. Mrs. Croy is accompanying her husband on his tour, which will take them to the Kenai Peninsula and Palmer before they return to his headquarters in early August.

Dr. John L. Buckley, head of the Wildlife Research Unit, was presented an award of merit last week by Ross L. Leffler, assistant secretary of the Interior, for the initiation and development of the military conservation officers course in Alaska. A check of \$300 accompanied the award document.

Robert P. Isaac, administrative assistant to the Commissioner of Education, arrived last evening from Juneau, and is staying with John S. Mehler, University librarian. Mr. Isaac will use SU 208 as an office during his stay, and can be contacted through Dean Cashen's secretary, Mrs. Norma Hammond, telephone 4682.

Earl H. Beistline, dean of the School of Mines, showed the color motion picture "Alaskan Gold" and lectured on placer mining to a group of summer students last evening. He will present the film again tonight to members of the Science Institute.

The Honorable Ross L. Leffler, assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, was a guest of the University of Alaska at a luncheon last Saturday. Mr. Leffler, accompanied by his wife and Mr. Clarence J. Rhode, Regional Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, is on an 8,000-mile tour of Fish and Wildlife Service installations in Alaska, including the Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University. Other guests at the luncheon presided over by Vice President Wiegman were members of the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, local members of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and University faculty and administrative personnel connected with the Wildlife Research Unit.