

# Newsman Davies Dies at 71

News Service Manager Larry E. Davies passed away at his campus home last weekend.

Davis, 71, was stricken with a heart attack shortly after returning from work on Friday, April 30.

His widow, Edna, will remain in Fairbanks until the graduation from Lathrop High School of their granddaughter Holly. Other survivors are three sons, Daniel, Gilbert and Thomas, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel LaBare.

A member of the University staff since August, Davies was responsible for coverage of many important University activities and played a major role in publicity efforts prior to last fall's bonding election. A diligent, intelligent and perceptive man, he won the respect and friendship of many during his few months here.

He would have attended the 50th reunion of his graduating class at Willamette University in Oregon next week. He had passed the interim years working for the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune and the New York Times, from which he retired last year.

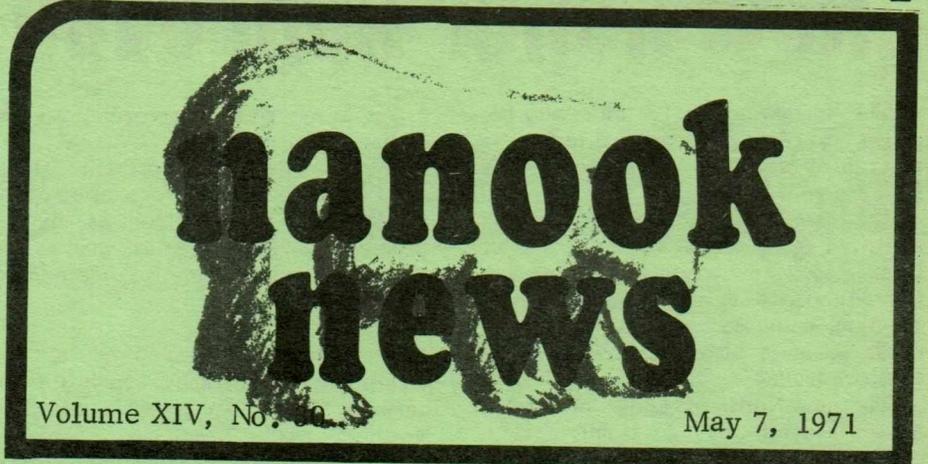
He worked with the Time's Philadelphia bureau before moving west to open the San Francisco bureau, which he managed for 29 years. As far western correspondent for the newspaper, Davies covered Alaskan events, including the first Constitutional Convention, the 1964 Anchorage earthquake and the swearing-in of William A. Egan as first state governor.

Named Distinguished Lecturer in Journalism this semester, Davies was teaching a special class in the history of the New York Times.

He had finished three books in recent years, one on Alaska, for a series which the Times is publishing on the individual U.S. states.

"Larry's assignment was to look into the life of the University and interpret it to its many publics," University President William R. Wood said. "He selected topics with the fine judgement of a long-experienced professional newsman. The resulting stories were carried not only by all Alaskan papers but frequently by as many as two hundred fifty major papers throughout the United States. No University has had better interpretive, insightful coverage than the University of Alaska has had during the year Larry Davies was on campus.

"His passing is an incalculable loss to the University," Wood continued, "to Alaska, and to the people of America. He was a wonderful friend and colleague, a great compassionate, understanding professional writer."



## Commencement Coming

The University of Alaska will confer nearly 550 academic degrees in commencement ceremonies this spring on the various campuses.

Of these, 346 degrees will be awarded next weekend here in College. At a joint commencement of Anchorage Community College and the University of Alaska, Anchorage, this weekend, 194 students will be awarded associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

On the campus, a busy weekend of social and ceremonial commencement activities have been planned, including traditional alumni gatherings and time-honored commencement rituals.

Commencement activities begin on Friday, May 14, with the yearly no-host Alumni Banquet at the Traveler's Inn. After a cocktail hour which starts at 7:00 p.m., the graduating seniors will be honored at a dinner, at which time recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award will be announced.

Activities on Alumni Day, May 15, begin early, with a 9:00 a.m. meeting of the University Alumni Association in the Nanook Lounge of the Patty Gym. Later that day, the Board of Regents will be honored guests at the annual Alumni Luncheon, which begins at 12:30 p.m. in the University Commons. Classes of 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1961 will be honored at this annual social event.

Sunday, commencement speaker William I. Jovanovich, of Harcourt-Brace-Jovanovich publishers, will keynote ceremonies which begin at 2 p.m. in Patty Gym. A reception hosted by the Alumni Association in honor of the graduating seniors will be held in the

Patty Gym foyer immediately following the commencement program.

## Buildings Bid

Peter Kiewit and Sons were apparent low bidders last week on the University's planned Resources Building on this campus. Modern Construction submitted apparent low bids on the Anchorage Library and the Anchorage Community College Expansion.

The three projects were the first to be bid under the controversial management contracting procedure, with bids submitted in percentages rather than in lump sums. The new contracting procedure is designed to cut extra charges during construction.

On the resources building, Peter Kiewit was apparent low bidder with a bid of \$309,880 on the \$3,860,000 building. Other bidders were Modern Construction at \$358,787; Burgess Construction, \$430,776; and Baugh-Barlade, \$506,625.

Richard Holden of the Planning and Institutional Studies department said last week that contracts should be awarded around May 10. He explained that the bids represent "the apparent low profit and overhead bid submitted in order to be selected as general contractor. When the contractor has been awarded the contract, he will begin consulting with the architect and engineer, will commence construction on his own portion (15%) and will accept subcontracts on the remainder, to establish a guaranteed outside price."

The general contractor may bid, where qualified, against other subcontractors, if he wishes to do more than 15% of the work.

# New Major Approved

The northernmost U.S. university has added to its curricular offerings a program in Northern Studies, leading to a B.A. degree.

UA students, under a program approved this semester by the Academic Council, can now enroll in a composite, interdisciplinary Northern Studies program, emphasizing the anthropology, earth sciences, history and ecology of northern lands.

The new Northern Studies program is administered by a faculty-student committee under William R. Hunt, chairman. Faculty members, drawn from all academic colleges, include Mark Fryer, John Cook, Donald Lynch and Lee Salisbury; Peter McRoy is research institute representative. Students Bill Evans and Mark LaPorte complete the steering committee.

As the University's unique geographic location makes it an ideal location for study of northern environments, the new program is geared to a broad-spectrum study of the environment, people and problems of the Arctic.

The committee is also studying the possibility of offering a B.S. degree in this field.

"It is expected," according to the committee's report, "that the development of the Northern Studies program will lead to the expansion of the number of regional courses by all departments concerned as well as the encouragement of more interdisciplinary studies."

After foundation courses in the anthropology, geography and history of northern lands, students majoring in Northern Studies can choose from a variety of electives including Arctic archeology, Athabaskan and Eskimo language courses; Alaskan and Russian geography; glacial geology; history and literature of Canada, Russia and Alaska; ecology, wildlife management and land resources. Engineering, economics and oceanography classes may be approved as substitutes.

Six credits of a Northern Studies Seminar will be required during the junior or senior year. A total of 33 credits is necessary for an academic major in this field, while 15 credits are required for a minor.

# Students Scan Papers; Results are Pro-Pipe

A study of 191 issues of Alaska newspapers published during a six-week period this spring shows an overwhelming percentage of stories, pictures and editorial comments favoring the proposed pipeline across the 49th state.

The study, conducted by a class of advanced journalism students shows that on the basis of a "pro," "con," or "neutral" rating, the Alaska dailies published 2,059 inches of copy favorable to the pipeline, 680 inches unfavorable toward it and 1,783 inches considered neutral. The survey made no attempt to consider the total amount and kind of material available to each paper in each category.

Editorial comment, which included editorials and columns on the editorial page, was 815 inches pro pipeline, 159 inches con and 184 neutral. The survey showed 330 column inches of pictures favoring the pipeline, 171 unfavorable to the line and 81 inches neutral.

The researchers worked in teams of three on each of Alaska's seven daily newspapers. Each student studied the assigned papers and measured the stories, not including headlines. Stories included articles on or about the pipeline, its impact, proposals and other things closely related. Each student studied the entire set of papers assigned and reached his own conclusions, then compared the analysis with others examining the same papers. When a story's relevance or impact was in doubt, the researchers consulted the entire class to decide its position in the survey.

Determination of whether a story was pro, con or neutral was based on the overall tone of the story. For example, a story of testimony at the Interior Department's public hearing on the pipeline that gave 28 inches favoring the line and 10 inches opposed was considered entirely favoring the line in its impact. Items that discussed the line but that were balanced with pros and cons were considered neutral.

# Help Wanted

The following positions are now open:

**PERSONAL SECRETARY** - (Grade 10), one position. Requirements: high school diploma; three years responsible clerical experience; typing speed of 60 wpm; bookkeeping background (classwork or experience); shorthand speed of 80 wpm.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** - (Grade 12), one position. Requirements: high school diploma; college background desirable; three to five years experience as an Administrative Secretary; typing speed of 70 wpm; familiar with dictaphone; ability to work well under pressure.

**CREDIT CLERK** - (Open salary; minimum 10A), one position. Requirements: high school diploma; three years experience as Personal Secretary; typing speed of 60 wpm; dictaphone experience.

**SENIOR TYPIST** - (Grade 7), one position. Requirements: high school diploma; three to six months office experience; typing speed of 50 wpm.

For more information contact Central Personnel Office, Bunnell 112, Ext. 7349.

## KUAC Highlights

**SUNDAY, 3:02 p.m., LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.** Lukas Foss conducts the premiere performance of his work "Phoron."

**SUNDAY, 6 p.m., THE GOON SHOW.** A fiendish plot sends the British soldiers' tea to Malaya!!!

**SUNDAY, 6:30 p.m., BBC WORLD THEATRE.** "Arden of Taversham," (anonymous), a splendid horror play.

**MONDAY, 1 p.m., MUSIC FROM MOSCOW.** The 4th International Tchaikovsky Competition.

**MONDAY, 7 p.m., THE EISENHOWER YEARS, D-Day: The Conclusion.**

**TUESDAY, 1 p.m., FROM THE MIDWAY.** "Hamlet: Mirrors and Ambiguities."

**TUESDAY, 5 p.m., HOW THE NORTH WAS WON.** "Punch Dickens, Bush Pilot."

**TUESDAY, 7 p.m., THE IMMIGRANT.** French Without Tears.

**WEDNESDAY, 7 p.m., PLAY OF THE WEEK.** "Nokhwezi" by A. Buthelezi.

**FRIDAY, 1 p.m., MASSEY LECTURES.** The Family and Dramatic Structures.

**FRIDAY, 2 p.m., CONVERSATIONS AT CHICAGO.** Crime and Social Change in America.

**SATURDAY, 1 p.m., METROPOLITAN OPERA.** Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffman."

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# PIPELINE LEAKS

Tomorrow being the last day of BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK, we feel it only fitting to mention that GORDON WRIGHT, assistant professor of music, has been named editor of the quarterly magazine, "Alaska Conservation Society Review." He takes the post from JERRY REINWAND, journalism department head. Wright is past chairman and founder of the Fairbanks Sierra Club and a member of the executive board of the Alaska Conservation Society.

The Committee on International Exchange of Persons announces that applications for senior FULBRIGHT-HAYS awards for university lecturing and advanced research during 1972-73 in over 75 countries are now being accepted. The booklet on the program for this period lists approximately 25% more awards than the booklet for 1971-72. It is available on request to the Committee, (2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20418), or may be consulted at the office of the Faculty Fulbright Advisor, Dr. Whitmore, Bunnell 203. Application requirements include: U.S. citizenship; for lectureships, college or university teaching experience; for research awards, a doctorate or, in some fields, recognized professional standing as demonstrated by faculty rank, publications, compositions, exhibition record, etc. July 1, 1971, is the deadline for applying for research awards and the suggested date for filing for lectureships.

Summer season passes for the new FRIENDS OF INDIA FILM CLUB cost only \$3.00 and cover the group's several offerings. The new film club will present, on a regular basis, musical, social, devotional and other Indian films with English subtitles. Semester passes are \$5.00; yearly passes, which include summer films, are \$10.00. For tickets and further information contact M.S.N. Rao at Ext. 7240 or 479-2356. Next film: TAMANA (DESIRE), May 8, 7 p.m. in Duckering 318.

**THINGS COULD BE WORSE DEPARTMENT.** The faculty of Alaska Methodist University last week "reacted with no great surprise," according to an Associated Press wire story, to news that April paychecks will not be forthcoming as scheduled. It was made public at that time that the college had only \$30,000 with which to meet its \$100,000 April payroll bill. Acting president William Davis is attempting to raise the needed funds to meet the financial emergency.

Marine Science librarian ESTHER DEWITT (Ext. 7531) reports that 1248 Betty Crocker coupons have been collected for TOMMY DAVIS of San Jose, California, who is dying of a kidney disease and needs an expensive machine to save his life. She will continue to act as campus collection agent for the coupons.

Anyone interested in doing volunteer DRAFT COUNSELING should see Carolyn Parker, SUB Room 3, or phone 479-2327 in late afternoon.

We just can't help remarking that Friday night's performance of DIDO AND AENEAS was truly earth-shaking. Operagoers were startled to feel the theatre shake as Dido plunged the knife into her breast in Act III. Many remarked on the terrific stage effects possible in the new theatre, effects produced in this case by a well-timed minor earthquake.

TWENTY-FIVE (count 'em) pairs of prescription eye glasses are now being held at Lost and Found, SUB Information Booth. Please identify and reclaim!

A new sport — PARACHUTING — has been introduced to the campus and 15 student parachutists are preparing to make their first jumps, according to Jim Wallace, a journalism major and Air Force "alumnus" who was elected president last week of the UA Sport Parachute Club/Team. Dr. John C. Gilmore, head of the department of health, physical education and recreation, welcomed the new activity but emphasized that the University could give it no financial support. "Sport parachuting," he said, "is one of the growing activities of cross country sport clubs. Our athletic department can only give it moral support and act in an advisory role." The new UA club is affiliated, Wallace made known, with the United States Parachute Association, the National Collegiate Parachuting League, and the Gold Nugget Skydivers of Fairbanks. Officers of the UA club elected to serve with Wallace are Chris Smith, vice president; Carol Muller, secretary, and Bill Coates, treasurer. The club roster numbers 20, of whom five have had experience in jumping. L. Stanley Zielinski, acting head of the art department, a veteran balloonist and parachutist, and Mary Gatzkiewicz Woods, a computer program analyst who has more than 600 jumps to her credit, are the club's advisers. A safety officer is to be appointed. The training is being conducted by experienced jumpers from the Gold Nugget Skydivers and the equipment used is from the same club, but, Wallace said, "we hope to have some equipment of our own by fall."

**FLYING NANOOK OF THE WEEK INCONSIDERATION AWARD** goes to the many hale and hearty drivers who ignored a "reserved" sign in the Duckering parking lot and forced injured geophysics professor Howard Bates to walk a painful and hazardous distance to his class. The reserved sign was torn down after a mere two weeks by a particularly inconsiderate award-winner. Once again, we would like to remind campus drivers that the reserved parking spaces are assigned according to need. Please observe them.

Anyone reading the April 17 issue of the Kenai Peninsula CHEECHAKO NEWS would have been startled to see a photo of Geophysical Institute researcher and geology professor DR. ROBERT FORBES under a headline "Volcano Blows Cool — Damage is Widespread." The story went on to describe in vivid detail the eruption of Mount St. Augustine, from the mouth of Cook Inlet, and the ensuing destruction from tidal waves. Reading further — a full eleven unnerving paragraphs further — we found that the events were hypothetical, and the article sprang from Civil Defense emergency exercise, at which Forbes was speaking. An eruption is possible, of course, and contingency plans are being laid.

On campus last week were GEN. GEORGE LINCOLN, head of the U.S. Office of Emergency Planning and PAUL McCracken, economic advisor to President Richard Nixon. With a party of other government officials, Lincoln and McCracken were touring Alaska and the proposed pipeline route. At the University, they met with ISEGR Director VICTOR FISCHER and economist ARLON TUSSING, as well as with University President William Wood and Vice-President Kenneth Rae.

A fine of \$10 will henceforth be levied against persons driving MOTORCYCLES ON CAMPUS SIDEWALKS, the Traffic Committee announced recently. In addition, persons parking cycles on sidewalks will be subject to a \$5 fine.

# Raft Race May Be Postponed

In the event of a major spring flood on the Tanana River, the 4th annual Great Tanana Raft Classic will be postponed until high waters recede, Admiral Merritt Helfferich assured an estimated 600 raft captains at the pre-race meeting on campus recently.

Even without a flood, the Tanana River will be dangerously high and swift on May 22, scheduled date of the Raft Classic. For this reason, extra precautions in construction and navigation were urged to prevent rafts from overturning in the icy waters.

Fifteen rafts overturned during last year's Classic, when conditions were considerably more favorable than those expected this year.

Rules and procedures for the 1971 Classic have been announced by the Raft Classic committee, an anonymous group of local residents who seem determined to maintain the event's spontaneous charm. The committee's list of rules is as short as was considered consistent with the size and potential danger of the event.

Major procedural change in this year's Classic will be the disqualification of the first ten rafts to arrive in Nenana — "for trying," Helfferich says. The new ruling, cause for much comment amongst competitive racers, was made to assure that a spirit of leisurely enjoyment will prevail.

"It's not in the spirit of the Raft Classic to try to win," Helfferich claims. "Although we do envision rafts trying to row upstream to stay in eleventh place."

Each crew member must sign a release-of-liability form, copies of which will be available at the Chena Pump Campgrounds at the drawing for starting position, scheduled for May 9 at 3:00 p.m. Forms may be mailed to Box 5-769, College, before May 14; after that date, they can be turned in at the check-in stand at the Campground. All releases must be turned in by 10:00 p.m. on May 21.

Registration of rafts should include captain's name, address and phone numbers, names of crew members, and a \$2.50 donation for clean-up of start and finish lines. Registration letters can be turned in at the May 9 drawing or may be mailed to the address above.

Raft construction guidelines remain constant. Floatation gear must be a

minimum of four 55-gallon oil drums, with no other mode of floatation allowed. Prows constructed of other material than oil-drum metal are forbidden.

As in the past, motorized means of propulsion are disallowed, although paddles, sails, oars, rudders or other human or natural means are permitted. There will be no official steam class.

Because of high water, rudders and oars, or other means of steering, are strongly recommended. For the same reason, at least two crew members are required, although more hands may be necessary to avoid collision with the numerous trees, reefs and islands which mark the 60-mile course to Nenana. Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn.

The state police have informed the Raft Classic committee that no parking on the Nenana Highway, bridge or approaches will be allowed; cars violating these regulations will be towed away. An area near the Alaska Railroad tracks will be available for parking.

Drivers should, however, take care to avoid parking on the tracks, as six cars were forcibly removed from the tracks by a passing train last year.

In addition, racers and celebrants can expect that liquor laws will be rigidly enforced within the city of Nenana.

A spotter-plane, supplied by the FAA, will patrol the Raft Classic to insure that small craft do not buzz rafts, a practice which could cause considerable danger.

## COMING EVENTS

### FRIDAY

ASUA MOVIES this weekend are TAMING OF THE SHREW and GOLDFINGER, at 7:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday in Schaible Hall. Admission charge is \$1.00 or ASUA membership card.

### SATURDAY

SPECIAL OLYMPICS for handicapped children, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in Patty Bldg. pool and Beluga.

FRIENDS OF INDIA FILM CLUB presentation today is TAMANNA (DESIRE), a musical drama starring Biswajit and Mala Sinha; today at 7:00 p.m. in Duckering 318. Tickets available at the door, for \$1.50.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION today at Alaskaland, 1:00, 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. will be Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale RED SHOES. Productions tomorrow will be at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Drawing for starting positions for annual GREAT TANANA RAFT CLASSIC, Chena Pump Campgrounds, 3:00 p.m.

FAIRBANKS YOUTH SYMPHONY MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT, today at 4:00 p.m. in the Regents Great Hall, under the direction of Richard Port. The group, consisting of young people from schools all around the area, is sponsored by the University-Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra, the University music department and the Division of Statewide Services.

### MONDAY

Mining extension course in GEOCHEMICAL PROSPECTING begins tonight at 7:00 in Brooks building auditorium. The two-week course is open to all interested persons, without fee, who preregister by calling 470-7295. Classes will be held every weekday evening; a weekend field trip is planned. Students will learn how to sample and analyze water, soil, vegetation and rock for trace quantities of soluble heavy metals, and to interpret the results of their findings.

### WEDNESDAY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES MEETING on fringe benefits, Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.