



LEARNING ISN'T EASY! And Marguerite Chompin is soon to get one of the first lessons had by beginning skiers — the art of hitting the snow grooves! — and often!

Collegian Photo by Enrie Ross

## October 'Quake Series Recorded in Antarctica

The recent series of earthquakes, which was felt over much of interior Alaska, was picked up by seismographs all over the world, including 21 in the United States and Mexico. The quakes were even recorded by instruments in far away Antarctica.

The College Geophysical Observatory staff has found evidence in the vicinity indicated by the observatory seismograph to place the epicenters at the epicenter at a point 100 miles southeast of Nenana.

### 300 SHOCKS

The first series of shocks, which now have totaled about 300, was felt in August of this year but nothing more of any intensity was noticed until the shock of October 5. A series of small shocks then followed, culminated by the Force 7 earthquake felt at College on October 15.

This report on the effects of the recent series of earthquakes was prepared jointly by the staff of the University Geophysical Laboratory and Dick Biddle, Collegian staff writer.

The first impulse sent the seismograph recording north-south motion into much violent activity that the mirror was knocked off the pivots. The not-were instrument continued to record, and distinct vibrations were recorded for two and one-half minutes. For the first few minutes the movement was so violent that the light spot was unable to record any motion after the first impulse, which carried the recording spot off the paper.

A series of after-shocks then began and the quake of October 15 was almost as great in intensity as that of October 15; however, both were of short duration, although the motion was so great that the light spot did not record for about two minutes.

### GROUND MOVEMENT

The ground movement of both quakes was at least one-fourth inch at College.

The after-shocks placed the epicenter in the region where the Tanana River enters the flats. The surface evidence leads to the suspected epicenter near Nenana. This

would indicate that the main faulting took place at a depth of about twenty-five kilometers.

As the aftershocks began to fail farther and farther from College, in a line due to cross the Alaska Railroad, the Observatory staff officials that they could expect trouble with the tracks in the vicinity of Ferry. Steps were taken to send a small crew out ahead of the train for the next few months. The Observatory was told later that the rails were bent at Brown and that damage was reported at Healy and Ferry.

### CIRCULAR LETTERS

Soon after the large quake of October 15, Ernest Wolff, Observer in Charge at the Geophysical Observatory, sent out a series of circular letters to each town in Alaska requesting information on the quake. A request for information also was made by Pierre St. Amant over KFAR. Immediate co-operation and response was received from people all over Alaska. From information received an isomorph map was drawn to indicate the force of the quake as felt in different parts of the Territory. Later, Pierre St. Amant made a trip to the region most seriously affected by the quake to investigate the intensity of the shocks. He made a skidding in an Army helicopter on a river bar to examine the cracks in the ice from the river.

In general, the town of Kenai was well shaken up, although the damage was relatively light. Loss to store stocks, particularly of bottled goods, was high, but damage to buildings was not too great. Most of the structures in the town are old frame and log buildings and are earthquake resistant.

The most remarkable feature about the activity at Nenana was the behavior of well water. At least three wells equipped with pitcher pumps gave water spontaneously after the quake of October 15. The pump at the town was broken off at the ground and water continued to spout to a height of six inches for several minutes.

### WATER SPASSED

The amount of movement, can be judged from the fact that water was spashed in quantity out of a tank 10 feet 6 inches high, 4 feet 6 inches in diameter and filled with ice six inches from the top. This tank is mounted on a concrete foundation.

At Coler, the activity was intense. It was felt by everyone, including a man driving a Campbell tractor, buildings cracked and ground. Weather observers stated that they kept their feet with difficulty and were forced to hold on to the instrument shelter to support themselves.

The quake of October 18, though strong, was not quite as severe as

that of October 15. Oddly, shoes suspended from rafters were noticed to swing in a north-south direction.

### TRACKS SINK

Perhaps the most noticeable disturbance which might be attributed to the quake is a sink in the half-mile road tracks about a mile and a half north of McKinley Park Station at Mile 351.4. Here a sort of landslide caused the tracks to sink over 8.5 feet in less than 20 hours. It was difficult to see where the dirt was going, for it appeared to sink straight down. The river carried no silt immediately below the slump and the river bank was not changed noticeably. It is possible that the earth at this point is just slumping down, causing the main benefit to it spread a little, but there is no evidence that this is the case. A profile was made of the slump, which is located on a curve and only a hundred feet or so from a trestle. As the slide was being filled in, the earth beneath moved downward perceptibly. This trouble is recurrent and was aggravated by the quakes and not due to them directly.

### QUAKE INTENSITY

The following summary of the earthquake intensity was compiled from the information received by the Observatory staff. This report will be expanded greatly in the complete detailed report in a month or so, when all requested information has been compiled.

### McKinley Force

Wade	7
Fairbanks	7
Berg	8
Nenana	8
Julius	8 plus
Clear	8 plus
Gray	8 plus
Fairbanks	8 plus
McKinley Station	6

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## Lack of Funds May Force University to Close Doors Before School Year Ends

The University of Alaska, as well as the Territory of Alaska, is "broke!"

The accompanying figures tell a story of the desperate struggle for more survival of an educational institution situated in the middle of one of the richest areas in the world. It is not a pleasant story. It is one of neglect, of political scheming, of short-sightedness. It is one of the refusal of the people of the United States and the Territory of Alaska to recognize the value of such an institution to the United States and to its citizens.

Our country has just emerged from the horrors of a World War. During that four-year period, Alaska was deemed one of the vital points in it. Millions of dollars. During that same period, the federal government poured millions of dollars into Alaska to develop purposes. The federal government, in such action apparently became aware of the tremendous natural resources of Alaska and of the unlimited possibilities for necessary research.

### DESPERATE FIGHT

Alaska no longer one of the vital points in future military strategy? Have those unlimited resources vanished? We know that such is not so. We know, too, that Siberia is but 90 miles away. Yet, with all these facts so obvious, and with an educational institution of the highest type available to lead the way in vital research and investigation, the University of Alaska, with its back to the wall, fights desperately for its existence.

As of November 1, the University had a cash balance available in Territorial Funds of \$1,914,048. That's all. Since that date, additional sum of \$218,016 have been made available. Yet, the estimated expenses for the period from November 1 to June 30, 1948, total \$250,000. And these figures are the lowest on which the University can exist. How will it exist? The answer is unknown.

The University requested a budget of \$1,321,530.90 for the biennium of 1947-48. The requested budget was cut to \$682,000 by the Territorial Legislature. Of this sum, \$150,000 is "frozen" because of the inability of the Territory to pay the respective amounts later for construction purposes.

### REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska is now providing for quarterly requirements of \$248,000 for each year of the biennium. The requirements set quarterly allowances as \$69,500 for the first quarter of each academic year and \$74,500 for each remaining quarter. The first-quarter requirement was paid promptly. Only \$45,588 was paid on the second quarter

prior to October 31, and this amount was designated by pay faculty salaries.

As of October 31, cash available in Territorial Funds was \$629,688. Yet restricted University funds amounted to \$870,870, a difference of \$240,675.10. In order that the University might show a credit balance, it was necessary that the account under "Building Fund Retained" a fund representing the balance of rents paid by the U. S. Army or use of University buildings during World War II, be made available for maintenance and operation during the current period. So the University had on November 1 an available balance of \$1,040,000.

### ACCOUNTS DUE

Accounts due and to become due during the current fiscal year total \$61,902.94, of which \$45,000.00 are federal obligations. Many of these

accounts will not be available for months. They're needed now!

However, even with those accounts, and with the \$21,914,048 available since November 1, there still remains a tremendous gap between their total and the estimated expenses for the remainder of the year. The Territory, despite having passed legislation authorizing the appropriations for the University at the same time authorized territorial appropriations totaling \$1,000,000 and was able to make provision for only \$425,000. Because of this, someone must suffer. If it is the University, then the Territory will have deprived itself of one of the inalienable rights of citizens of the United States—the right to an education.

It is wondered why the Congress of the United States is not aiding now in this struggle for existence. It has done just the opposite. (Continued on Page Five)

## Financial Report

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA  
BY THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE FOR THE  
BIENNIAL 1947-1949

Administration	\$100,000
Maintenance of Physical Plant	71,080.00
Mining Extension	18,000.00
Salaries—Faculty including Teachers' Retirement	228,920.00
Summer Sessions	10,000.00
Territorial Scholarships provided by Chgo.	4,800.00
104. Session Funds of Alaska, 1929	4,800.00
Agricultural Experiment Stations, Cooperative and Hatch, Adams, Purnell and Bankhead-Jones Acts	50,000.00
Agricultural Extension Cooperative with Smith-Silver and Copper-Ketchikan Acts	50,000.00
Agricultural Experiment Station Buildings, Land, Clearing	50,000.00
New Construction	100,000.00
Total	\$682,800.00

FUNDS FROZEN BY THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE  
Territorial Scholarships are paid as earned ..... \$ 4,800.00  
Agricultural Experiment Station Buildings-Frozen ..... 50,000.00  
New Construction-Frozen ..... 100,000.00

Balance Available	\$154,800.00
Total	\$528,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 31 OCTOBER 1947

Cash on Hand, Territorial	\$ 62,995.88
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### Restricted Funds

Agri. Ex. Sta. Approp. for Buildings, 1945, bal.	24,401.08
Approp. for Residences on Campus, 1945	23,987.57
Buildings Fund Rents, earned	17,779.19
Federal Works Agency	4,383.34
Sears, Roebuck and Company Scholarship	1,175.00
Survey of S. E. Branch	1,512.00
Mining Extension	4,366.70
Miscellaneous Items	2,070.10

Total	\$ 83,670.58
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ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR PERIOD BEGINNING 30 NOV. 1947 AND ENDING 30 JUNE, 1948

Admin. Miscel. Expense, equip., lab. supplies, Library	\$ 12,950.00
Adm. Salaries	36,000.00
Agri. Ex. Stations	18,750.00
Agri. Coop. Extension	18,750.00
Mining, Light, Water and Power	36,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Janitor and General Service	10,500.00
Maintenance	10,000.00
Mining Extension	18,750.00
Salaries, Professors	74,000.00
Telephone	800.00
Total	\$226,000.00

ACCOUNTS DUE AND TO BECOME DUE DURING THE  
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

Aeronautics Program (in question)	\$ 3,436.67
Agri. Ex. Station	465.00
Bureau of Standards, 4 mos.	8,024.96
Fees, including tuition Veterans—	
First Semester	12,900.00
Second Semester	12,900.00
Fees, Second Semester	2,000.00
Rentals due to Jan. 15, 1948	4,141.21
Rentals Second Semester	16,000.00
U. S. balance Veterans' Accounts	11,171.10
Watson Laboratory	918.00
Total	\$ 61,902.94

**Papa Ray!**  
A future mathematics professor at the University of Alaska was introduced to the world November 7 in the person of Bennett Charles Smith. The youngster is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fairbanks.  
When last reported, mother, child and father were all well. The professor of metallurgy and instructor in mathematics at the University of Alaska was well. Congratulations, Ray!

**CLOSE INSPECTION** — An Army Lieutenant, who accompanied the University Geophysical Observatory party to Nenana, examines cracks in a snow-covered sand bar of the Tanana River



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## Education? Or Ignorance?

Most states have several universities. Alaska soon may have one.

Inconceivable as this may sound, it is true. The Territory of Alaska soon may lose its only institution of higher learning. Why? Because the University of Alaska is without funds.

Imagine the reaction of the citizens of California if they were to read that their beloved University of California was ready to close its doors because of financial difficulties. The same horrified disbelief would exist in any state. No state in the Union would be robbed of its proud educational institutions of higher learning. Universities are declared sacred with the people of the United States. Democracy and education go hand in hand. The right to an education is woven into the very cloth of our society.

The University of Alaska, the tangible result of 25 years of hard work and constructive effort, represents to the people of the Territory the right to an education. Now, after all these years, the University of Alaska is broke.

Such a comment is not a factious one. It is a statement of bitter fact. It is a statement which tells very simply of the refusal of the people of the Territory and of the United States to realize the abuse they are giving to one of their primary privileges as citizens.

Could it be possible that those people are saying, "We are content that the Territory of Alaska, an area one-fifth the size of the United States, an area so rich in natural resources that it may someday be the entire source of supply for the United States, shall provide only a high school education for its citizens?"

Could it be possible that the people in the Territory, as evidenced by their resistance, have no desire for their children to have the opportunity to receive a higher education in Alaska? Could it be possible that the people in the States are willing to let a people revert to the land it was 50 years ago, ignored, exploited, and almost forgotten?

Yet, if the University of Alaska no longer can continue, then these questions have become trite. If it no longer can continue, then the people in the Territory may be declared by their neglect that they have no desire for their children to gain that higher education which they will need in order to combat some of the problems of the chaotic world of today. If it no longer can continue, then the people of the "United States will have said, "Alaska is no concern of ours; we don't care if there is no provision for the same type of education which our children receive. We don't see that Alaska is a vital cog in the future success of our nation and consequently are willing to let it remain in the same status which it has held in the far-distant past."

Only one fact would be necessary for all this thinking to be altered radically—and at once. That would be the first step taken by a foreign trader on Alaskan soil.

The last war proved the necessity of education. That necessity has lessened, particularly in Alaska. Yet the only source of higher education in the Territory, a university accredited with only 26 other universities in the United States as a school of mining and with only 106 others as a school of civil engineering, almost is history.

The University would continue if it could do so by alone. But food costs money. Books cost money. Electricity costs money. Coal costs money. And the University has no money.

Therefore, it is no longer the University's choice as to whether it can continue. It is the choice of the people of the Territory and of the United States.

What shall it be, education or ignorance? It's your choice.

Mrs. Grace Marks, a former student at U. of A., recently visited her sister, Nina Carter, who now is attending the University. Grace's husband, Magnus "Jiggs" Marks, is now U. of A. Commissioner at Fairbanks. Yvonne "Jiggs" Marks was the first major in anthropology at the University and spent one year with Dr. Fred Bailey at Peled. Hope excavating the old Eskimo villages which led to the discovery of the Tikal culture.

## University Graduate Phil Lovell Surprises Colleagues with Top Marks in Engineering

Dean and Mrs. W. E. Duckering recently received a letter, from Adrian Phil Lovell, graduate of the five-year course in civil engineering, University of Alaska, B. C. E. 10, telling of his work and recent success in his field. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell are now living in Stanton, Va., where he is now employed by the Virginia Department of Highways. A portion of his letter is repeated here.

"... Two weeks after I landed here, I went to the Central headquarters of the Virginia Department of Highways and applied for a job. Not knowing much about the outfit and wages in this area, I thought the minimum I would work for was and was hired at that figure. I later found that I had started at a salary considerably higher than those of some of the old-time men in the Department! I worked as an assistant inspector close to Staunton for a month and then was transferred to Richmond

for a seven-month training course in testing materials. ... On checking up on the rest of the men in the office, I found that they were all graduate engineers, most of them a year or two younger than I and I all but two graduates of Virginia schools. They were all smart men.

## EIGHT POSITIONS.

"There were eleven of us taking the course and only eight positions were open. When we began discussing the schools which we had attended, there were some good-natured remarks about the University of Alaska which none of them had heard of, being a 'cow college.' My only thought was, 'Well, this fellow who has the best foundation of all, at a surprise to all of us at the end of the course grades were given out, and to my astonishment, I received the highest grade of anyone in the group—first place.'"

"I'm now assigned to the Staunton district with headquarters here in town. Since the first of the

year, I've driven a little over 23,000 miles. Our district lies between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Appalachians and is about 150 miles long."

## MINING PROBLEMS

"On the whole, this is a pretty fine place to live and work in, but there are times when it isn't. Certainly would like to be back in Alaska. The primary thing I notice here is that people are interested in only that which concerns them personally and have little knowledge of another's personal field of endeavor. Also, I'm not being able to discuss mining and the problems encountered in that field. When I speak of thawing the ground so that I can be dredged, people here think I'm goofy."

## Oscar S. Gill Dies

The Honorable Oscar S. Gill of Anchorage, Territorial legislator and a former mayor of that city, died at Anchorage November 18. He was stricken at his home at Wasilla, Alaska, while on his way to the Legislature at a meeting of the 21st Lodge.

Re-elected last year as a member of the House of Representatives from the Third Judicial District, Mr. Gill served as Speaker of the House at the 1941 Session of the Legislature. A son, Philip, was graduated from the University of Alaska in 1932 and now resides in Glendale, California.

Frank Yrjö and Mrs. Yrjö are to leave for Honolulu, T. H., via Seattle and San Francisco soon, following Mr. Yrjö's recent OAA transfer from Anchorage to the Islands. Mr. Yrjö was a graduate of the class of 1942, receiving his B. S. in Mining Engineering.

## Thomas M. Donohoe Dies

Thomas M. Donohoe, youngest member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, died Sunday, November 2, while passing through Roseburg, Oregon. He was enroute to his mother's home at Atherton, California, near Menlo Park.

Mr. Donohoe was born in Juneau in 1903. His family moved to Valdez when he was an infant. His father, T. J. Donohoe, was a prominent attorney in the Third Judicial Division, with headquarters in Valdez. Associated with him in the practice of law was John Y. Ostrander and, in the case of Joseph H. Murray and Anthony Diamond.

The younger Donohoe attended public school in Valdez and later entered Stanford University. He was graduated in 1921 with degrees in political science and law. He was married in 1922 and returned to Alaska to engage in the practice of law with his father at Valdez and Cordova.

After, later both members of the firm of Ostrander and Donohoe had died, he moved to Anchorage and opened a law office. At this time his father's partner, Mr. Dimond, was appointed District Judge for the Third Judicial Division, with headquarters in Anchorage.

Mr. Donohoe was appointed to the Board of Regents on May 3, 1937, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. A. A. Shoenbeck and in 1941 was reappointed for a term of eight years. Faithful to his duties as a member of the Board of Regents, Mr. Donohoe always made a special effort to be in attendance at all meetings of the Board. His agencies were invaluable as an attorney and a successful business man. His passing is a great loss to the institution.

Robert, one of the three sons who survived him, enrolled at the University of Alaska in the fall of 1942 and finished both semesters of that academic year. Neither Robert nor Thomas, his other two sons, attended the University.

## Mrs. Dorsh Dies in Clipper Crash

Mrs. Lorette Dorsh, a resident of Fairbanks for a number of years, was one of the eight persons killed in the P. A. A. Clipper crash on Mt. Triglav near Ketchikan, October 27. For several years Mrs. Dorsh was employed at the University of Alaska as a short-course student in the Home Economics Department. Two of her sons were graduates from the University, John B. achieving a B. S. in Geology and Mining in 1934, and Alfred P. a B. S. in Agriculture in 1935.

Mr. Alfred P. Dorsh, husband of the deceased, with two of his sons, Alfred and Frank, live in Fairbanks. John B. and his family reside in San Francisco.

A baby girl was born November 19 to Mrs. Richard Mahan, the former Elsa Lehtinen, 29. Her husband, Richard Mahan, also 29, now is employed in Honolulu, where the Mahans reside. Their new daughter was christened Lynn Kathleen.

## Sullivan Wedding Held

Bertha and John Sullivan, chief engineer at the University of Alaska, were married on November 16, at the Catholic Church in Fairbanks. The ceremony took place at five p. m. with Father Lusk officiating.

The bride wore a brown suit with black accessories and a crown of Tullamore roses. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Vincent James, was decorated in a grey suit with white accessories and wore a corsage of sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Sullivan is a newcomer to the territory, having arrived only a few days before the wedding. She gives her home address as Black River Falls, Wisconsin, but she has been some time in Eau Claire, where she was employed by the Hamilton Beach Company.

The wedding party and guests, Charles E. Bunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herning, Jack Korba, and Edmund Penals, enjoyed a wedding dinner at the Manor Dining Room.

## Ernest Patty, Ex-Student, Dies in Crash

Ernest Newton Patty, Jr., former University of Alaska student, met a tragic death on October 25, when his plane crashed on Upper Birch Creek. Three passengers died with him; the crash, Patty, who was a member of the first faculty of the University when it opened in 1922, also was continued as Dean of the School of Mines until 1933.

Ernest Jr. spent his childhood in the University campus and was known and liked by all fellow students. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and graduated from the Fairbanks High School in 1909, he entered the University of Alaska, studying Geology and Mining. After his sophomore year he transferred to the Colorado School of Mines.

During World War II he was in the 488th Bombardment Squadron of the First Lieutenant, 34 Squadron in New Guinea, he performed missions; won the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Presidential Citations for his war. He returned to Alaska and became associated with his father in mining operations at Wasilla, Copper and Coal Creek on the Upper Yukon.

He was married to Carol Thelma in June 1940. They have a child, Ernest Patty III, born May 29, 1947.

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# Cheechakos Present Pertinent Comments Concerning Territory and Its University

Family Didn't Approve  
But Ellen Is in Alaska

Bob Read Misleading  
Alaskan Literature

Florida To Alaska Is  
Rob Denham's Story

Lovely Ellen Bobbitt hails from Northville, Michigan, a little town in the central part of the state. Her reasons for coming to Alaska are unique.

Two years ago, after a conversation with one of her roommates at Euphros College who had been to Alaska, she decided that some day she would make the same journey.

The campus of the University of Alaska is teeming with students and members of the faculty who had never been in Alaska before the beginning of the school year. To order that the Collegian might present the viewpoints of the newcomers with regard to the Territory and the University, Miss Carter, Collegian staff writer, interviewed many of the would-be soundbushes. Comments of three of the strangers to the Territory, as presented by Miss Carter, are to be found on this page.

Later, while pouring over a folder which advertised the highway from South America to Alaska, she noted a tiny picture of the University of Alaska at the end of the road.

The idea that there actually were young men and women who would go so far for an education caught her fancy, and after reading a New Year's issue of the Collegian, she decided to make plans to attend the University. Realizing that her parents would object to her plans, she completed all of the necessary arrangements before telling them and then departed, much against their will.

**SHARP CONTRASTS**

Ellen has learned to love Alaska and especially the sincerity of the people here. She commented that "these people are taken for what they are and aren't judged by what their parents and relatives were and are."

Certain sharp contrasts here have been noticeable to her. For example, it seemed odd at first to see the bars full on Saturday night and then the churches just as full on Sunday morning.

As for the school, Ellen feels that it is exceptionally good, considering its lack of size. She thinks that the instruction is excellent. However, she believes that the campus could have been made far more beautiful during the past 25 years.

Although she sees great possibilities for the University, the conflict between the students and the faculty on some subjects seems unfortunate to her. She feels that a couple of good leaders would solve a lot of problems.

One of her greatest criticisms in Alaskan politics. All the comments she has heard about the political situation haven't been good and she remarked that "I haven't heard anything of improvement, either!"

William O'Neill, 34, has resigned his position as assistant manager of Yukon Alutian Gold, Ltd., at Dawson, Yukon Territory, and has opened a consulting engineering consulting office at Anchorage, Alaska.

Glen Franklin, 36, and Charles Herbert, 34, both employed by The Yukon Placer Mining Co., recently passed through Fairbanks. Franklin will spend the winter in Juneau and Douglas, while Herbert will stay with his family in Seattle.

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Robbins Denham covered a great deal of territory in making his journey to Alaska, for he started from his home in Tampa, Florida. He had a dual motive in making the long trip, one being to visit his sister in Anchorage and the other to earn enough money to continue his education.

After the trip had color, particularly the last lap from Seattle to Alaska. He boarded the S. S. Alaska in Seattle and had the experience of being aboard when she ran aground near Cordova. He finally reached Anchorage and, while staying with his sister, began work for the Alaska Railroad. He came to Fairbanks in August.

**BEAUTIFUL SCENERY**

As yet he hasn't formed a definite like or dislike for the Territory, although he was impressed by the beautiful scenery and the newness and strangeness of the country. He felt that the University of Alaska is a good school but has plenty of room for improvement.

However, he fails to understand the persistent refusal of the people of the Territory to consider statehood. To him, this stubborn idea of independence is being carried a bit too far. Mr. Denham commented on the political situation and the financial status of the Territory. He feels that the Territorial Legislature, in order to build up the scholastic system, should levy school taxes on all commodities except food.

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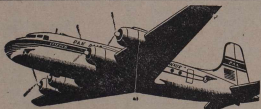
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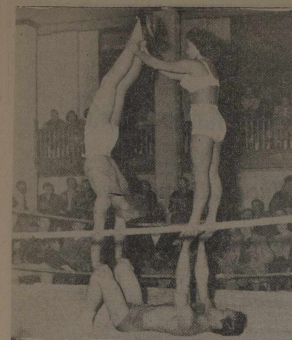
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## Matanuska Valley Project was Attacked by Critics, As the 'Wildest Dream of an Insane Administration'

This is the second installment of an article on the history and growth of the Matanuska Valley settlement, written by Dr. Clarence C. Hulley of the History Department of the University of Alaska.

Relatively little new agricultural settlement and development in the Matanuska took place after 1926 until the early 1930's when there was some renewed interest in homesteads in the area. During 1929 and the early 1930's, probably because of the depression in the United States and partly through the efforts of Mr. M. D. Stover, settlement agent for the Alaska Railroad, a number of families settled in the Matanuska Valley on abandoned homesteads or on new land. By 1934 there were about one hundred families in the whole Matanuska area. Farming methods were primitive, only patches here and there were under cultivation and there were abandoned homesteads all over the region, and the roads were poor. The traders at the posts such as Wasilla and Matanuska charged the settlers high prices for manufactured commodities. Such was the situation in the Matanuska when the Roosevelt administration commenced to take steps to plant its government-sponsored colony in the valley.

### 200 FAMILIES

It was supposed by the "New Deal" administrators that people from the colder northern states would be the most likely to survive, prosper, and increase in the far north. This word was sent to the local relief board administrators in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to select about two hundred families from among agricultural families who were finding conditions most difficult in the face of low agricultural prices, high land mortgages, and unemployment; and who would be willing to go to Alaska to start over in a new country. The federal government would transport them to Alaska, furnish each family with forty acres of land, a house supplied with modern accessories; and the settlers would be given 30 years on easy terms to pay for it.

In February, 1935, homesteading in the Matanuska region was prohibited by Executive Order (No. 6687, February 4, 1935). Under this order all government-owned lands in the valley were reserved for the colony needs. The federal administrators also took possession of abandoned homesteads, and settlement agents were sent into the valley to select land, arrange transportation, and to make some preliminary pre-

paration for the arrival of the settlers.

The proposed project raised a great amount of controversy in the press of the United States. The enemies and critics of the New Deal declared that the whole scheme was the wildest dream of an insane administration and that it was inhumane—it would be Siberian exile to so-called Americans to Alaska, a land filled with mosquitoes and cannibalistic natives, a land where glaciers still around the country like children on sleighs on the hillside of New England.

### PROSPECTIVE SETTLERS

The selection of the prospective colonists appeared to have been left to the local relief administrators in the counties in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. There seems to have existed no uniform or systematic method of selecting the prospective settlers. Some county officials were quite exacting in their requirements—the prospective settlers had to be in their 20's or 30's, had to pass a rigid physical examination, and had to have certain standards of education. In other counties the federal administrators seem to have selected those who had been on the local relief rolls for the longest period of time. In still other cases persons not on relief, but finding times hard, heard of the plan and sought to be en-

rolled on the colonist lists.

In some cases the social workers interviewing the prospective settlers painted a very bright and quite false picture of the conditions in Alaska and in the prospective Matanuska colony. In other cases the federal agents gave the prospective settlers the true facts about the climate, handicaps, and difficulties that might be expected in facing life in the new colony.

The first contingent of Matanuska settlers, almost all recruited in Minnesota—about sixty-seven families—traveled by train from St. Paul to San Francisco in March, 1935. From San Francisco they were to go on to Seattle where they were to be joined by the volunteers recruited in Michigan and Wisconsin. The trip across half a continent in special trains provided by the federal government was a night-

mare of diapers, crying babies, general confusion, and inertia. The colonists collected from the counties of Michigan and Wisconsin for several weeks before the first contingent departed from St. Paul. At Seattle the greater part of the Matanuska colonists were loaded about the troop carrier "St. Miles" and sailed for Seward, Alaska. On arriving at Seward the whole group was crowded into a train bound for Anchorage.

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## Sturgulewski Conquers Smuk in 'Fight to Finish'

By BILL ROBINSON, Collegian staff writer.

The whimsical "Daring Dan" Sturgulewski. More than two hundred rabid rascal fans thronged the University gymnasium November 14 to see the fiercest battle to-the-finish ever waged on College Hill. In fact, so bits was the clash between "Daring Dan," dubbed "Champion" "Right!" and Dirty Dalton Smuk, the battler "from the other side of the tracks," that few by the ringside realized that it was one of the cleverest stunts staged on the campus in many a day.

### TOP EVENT

Billed as the top event on the card sponsored by the Business Administration Club to raise funds for future club activity, the bout lived up to its advance notice in sensational fashion. The mighty Smuk drove a series of blows early in the struggle, flogging "Daring Dan" in every inchable way and finished the first fall with a kick to the solar plexus that "cracked" two of Sturgulewski's ribs!

But Dan was game. Back he came, laped to the left and flipped Dalton to the mat with the old "flying mare." Dalton arose, but again was given the same treatment. This time it hurt plenty! And the subsequent slam to the canvas left Smuk with little strength. He made one final attempt to resume combat but couldn't make it. Thus, "Daring Dan" grabbed the halo as undisputed match champion of the University.

### MAIN BOUL

In addition to the main bout, the program included two three-round boxing bouts, a clever balancing act, a "man against woman" wrestling match, and a "Ladies' Day" free-for-all between Irlene Howie and Liz Lundgren.

Sydney Joseph and Platon Gerasch headed the evening card with a three-round slugging bee which wound up in a draw, as did the three-setto set-to between George Martin and Irene Hollison. The third "draw" was the result of a wild session between the Misses

## A.A.U.W. Gives Tea

The women students and faculty of the University were entertained on Sunday, November 4, by the American Association of University Women at a tea held in Fairbanks at the home of Miss Ruth Ockert.

Miss Morris Johnson was in charge of the event and was assisted by a large number of hostesses, who took turns presiding at the tea table, which was beautifully decorated with yellow and red chrysanthemums. Apples and bunches of grapes arranged attractively supplied a real fall setting.

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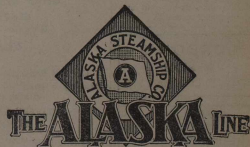
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# Officer Finds Short Course Key to Alaska

LT R. V. Palmer attended the University of Washington from 1933 to 1943, and was at home in Sequim, Washington. However, he found the States too crowded for a man just one generation removed from the frontier. At his own request, he received an assignment to Alaska in September, 1947, and at present is both Motor Officer and Supply Officer for the A. C. S. in Fairbanks.

## MINING COURSE

"I'll be stationed in Fairbanks for at least a year and I intend to remain in the Territory much longer. Alaska essentially is a mining country; most of the residents know little about the history of mining. Consequently, the ability to 'talk the language' will give me a better understanding of the country and the people. In addition, I'd like to obtain a good working knowledge of the mining industry. I intend to travel around quite a bit up and down the coast—just what I want to do—and know—I might stumble onto something."

LT Palmer's interest in the Mining Short Course is excellent in view of the small amount of time it consumes. He particularly was pleased with the attitude of the instructors, the air of informality in the classroom, and the fact that the instructors are willing to carry on discussions and answer questions outside of class. "They know the subject, they know what they're talking about," he said, "and it's the lecturer's comment."

## NIGHT CLASSES

The fact that the Mining Short Course is offered at night is also a point in its favor, since the instruction reaches many workers who otherwise would be unable to attend classes. Night classes also enable husbands and wives to share another mutual interest. (LT Palmer is married, and expects the arrival of his first child in Fairbanks in the near future. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a house for rent...?) The lieutenant's only criticism of the course concerned the inadequacy of laboratory facilities at the University. In commenting upon this situation, LT Palmer made a statement which might be remembered profitably by many Alaskans: "The District of Columbia is a tremendous potential 'natural resource' of the United States and the Territory, and it's a shame to make use of this situation."

## 4-H Club Winners Are Announced

Richard Dangler, Bernard, Flo Alice Dinkel, Wastila; and Lynn Sandvik, Palmer, the three winners of the 4-H Club-sponsored trip to the 4-H Club Congress, last week were presented medals for their district championships. Dangler was awarded the Poetry Medal, presented by Swift and Co.; Sandvik was awarded the Garden Medal, presented by the Allen-Chalmers Co. The three winners left November 21 for Chicago and the 4-H Congress.

Other district winners in Southcentral Alaska were Gloria Smith, Palmer, winner of the Dairy Foods Medal, presented by the Kraft Cheese Co.; Phyllis Holt, Richard Dangler, Seward, awarded the same medal; and Edna Meyer, Seward, winner of the Girls' Record Contest and a Record Medal, given by Montgomery Ward and Co.

John Boswell of Fairbanks was named winner of the poultry contest in Interior Alaska and received the Poetry Medal.

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# Mining Short Course States Guest Speakers for December

BY HARRY DALVIN, Collegian staff writer.  
The Mining Short Course at Alaska State University in Fairbanks, Alaska, is 1929. Its enrollment this year. The number of persons totals 80, with an average enrollment in each class of 72. This mining of the State fields has been invaded by women, is borne out by the presence of five feminine names on the University's rolls. According to the enrollment record, the attendance record is similar throughout the first three weeks is also another indication of the increased interest shown in the project.

Interviews with Lieut. R. V. Palmer and George Meyers, both of whom are taking the mining short course, were obtained by Harry Dalvin, Collegian staff writer. The interviews appear in the adjoining columns.

Divided into three main subjects—mineralogy, geology and mining, and the Mining Short Course has been made as non-technical as possible. While some of the Mining Short Course is classified as resident work, and the physical plant of the University, the library, and laboratories—has been made available to the students. No credit is given for the course, but individual certificates indicating satisfactory completion of the work will be awarded by the University.

The composition of the present class reflects the great changes which have taken place in Alaska in recent years. Previous classes have been small and have been composed primarily of prospectors and miners. Fewer classes retain a nucleus of old-timers, in addition to a large number of comparative newcomers to the Territory. Of the latter, some have heard the romantic tales of the great gold rush and have answered the same call that brought many men to Alaska in the early days. Other members of the classes are professional men whose line of work closely are allied with mining, and who feel that some knowledge of

## October 'Quake Series Recorded in Antarctica

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Estimation of the intensity under which conditions are quite different. The scales of earthquake intensity are not particularly adaptable to local conditions, i. e., there are no large buildings, very few massive structures, not many concrete or brick chimneys, no high factory chimneys, and almost no monuments. An attempt is being made to re-evaluate the Mercalli scale to Alaskan conditions.

However, it does appear likely that damage would have been done to a large number of structures, and perhaps to extensive underground water and gas mains at Nenana.

There is no way to tell when series of quakes similar to that of October will be repeated, if ever. From the view of the past, the future of the valley, it appears likely that more earthquakes may be expected. It also must be remembered that the energy released by the quake of October 1935 was not the total available energy of the fault.

## Food Selection Course Scheduled

Food Selection (H. E. 104) will be added to the Home Economics Department's offerings for the first time during spring semester 1947-48. This new course, to be taught by Mrs. Gray Trilly, professor and head of the Home Economics Department, is designed to help the individual choose food wisely and the best possible nutrition and economy.

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# Mining Terms Important To Writer

"My reason for coming to Alaska? The same reason that brought thirty per cent of the people here—I came up to spend a year."

George Nelson Meyers, now a member of the Mining Short Course classes, obtained his M. A. in geology from the Stockton Reed in 1939, after being graduated from the University of the Pacific. The record long since has given him up as lost, even though he is a member of the Pacific long enough to mail his diploma to Alaska. During the war, Mr. Meyers served in the Aleutian Islands on the staff of the magazine and since has contributed a number of articles on Alaska to national and local publications. At present, work in a biography of A. E. "Cap" Lathrop, a long-time resident of Alaska, is being sandwiched between the writing of magazine articles and his job as Telegraph Editor for the Fairbanks News Miner.

## FIRST OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Meyers is no newcomer to the Territory. He has lived on the campus for some time. In 1939, 1947 presented him with his first opportunity to take the course. Although he is not a mining man, "I still haven't time to attend the classes." Mr. Meyers feels that the Mining Short Course will provide excellent background material for the writing which he intends to do in the future. Mr. Meyers was greatly impressed by the quality of the instruction offered in the Short Course. He compared the present instruction with that of the University staff of 1939 which, he said, "was as good as any staff to be found anywhere." His only suggestion—laboratory facilities are not the best and are over-crowded.

## CHIEF VALUE

Mr. Meyers feels that the chief value of the course to men who have had a considerable amount of experience in mining lies in the crystallization and proper evaluation of their own previous experience. To emphasize his comment, he pointed to the names of many men, well-known in the mining business in Alaska, who have taken the course in previous years. "All in all," he said, "the course fulfills its purpose admirably."

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# Lack of Funds May Force University to Close Doors

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took away funds from the University! On July 19, 1947, Congress passed a bill proposed by Congressman Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois by which funds formerly made available to the University under provisions of the Hatch, Adams, Purnell, Harshbarger, Jones, and other acts, were transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture in spite of the latter's positive disapproval of such legislation. This bill also provided that any funds not yet expended by the University for these purposes be transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture, as well as the use of such equipment, buildings, and grounds of the Territorial experiment station, including its branches which were evaluated at \$750,000.00. The main offices of the Territorial experiment stations and extension services are located on the University campus.

APPROPRIATION  
It is hardly conceivable that Congress has the right to appropriate the Territorial funds for expenditure by the Secretary of Agriculture. Yet that is exactly what happened! If this had happened to one of the land-grant colleges or universities in the States, the din would have been terrific. However, the University of Alaska may have an answer for such actions before the House of Representatives is called. During the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1947, Congress appropriated \$14,812,357.00 for various uses.

## Miss Ruth Coffin Is Guest Speaker

Miss Ruth Coffin of Juneau was a guest speaker of the Related Arts Class early in November. She spoke of the Alaskan Arts and Crafts Group and the various sources of artistic inspiration within the territory. Following her suggestion, the class designed personal book plates for themselves, based on an Alaskan inspiration.

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# University Cagers Given Rough Treatment in Loan Tilts As Sportsman, Elks Quintets Rack up 48-24, 48-31 Victories

The University of Alaska cagers have a new linc—48-11. That linc dealt them a couple of terrific wallops in their quest for a second straight Farthest-North Conference basketball title. In fact, the 48 points scored by both the Sportsman and the Elks in the Bears' first two conference games were enough to drop the University five to the bottom of the standings in 1947-48 competition. For the Bears were able to tally only 24 points against the Sportsman and 31 against the Elks.

After dropping their conference opener to the Sportsman and then getting off to a ragged start in the tilt with the Elks, the Bears looked for a few moments as though they were going to fight their way to their first victory of the year. They came roaring back after trailing 23-7 in the first half to bring the tally to 25-17 as the game wound to the end of the first twenty minutes of play. However, the spurt died midway in the third quarter and the Elks then coasted to their second win in as many appearances on the Fairbanks High School basketball court.

## INELIGIBLE

The Bears have been hurt in their

first starts by the inability to place the same lineup on the floor in each game. Dave Syver, lanky forward who started the first encounter, turned in his uniform before the tussle with the Elks because of a heavy hamstring lead. In contrast, John Asp and Ray DePriest, who sparked the first-half assault against the Elks, were ineligible scholastically to play against the Sportsman. To further complicate matters, neither of the two substitutes, Jeff Jeffers, two of the mainstays of last year's tilt, has reported for varsity practice.

Now, with two losses against a zero in the win column staring them in the face, the Bears have a hard time to bide it away to become flag contenders. However, should they come up with victories over the Skelving and Fairbanks High School next week, they'll still have an outside chance to fight their way into the conference championship or to a victory in the playoffs at the end of the regular season.

## FIRST BLOOD

Ray DePriest drew first blood for the University five against the Elks in the first quarter in an errant shot in the early moments of play. Paskvan tied it up with a lung flier

but John Asp again gave the Bears a 3-2 lead by sinking a free throw. He didn't miss one from the foul line all night. The Bears were tied on, and before the Bears could slow down the assault, their speedy forward had sprinted to a 23-7 lead. The last six minutes of the game the Elks were marking up 21 points.

But the Bears didn't give up. DePriest, Asp, Stern, and Ed Huler began firing the range and by the time the second quarter had ended, the big Elks lead had been cut to 25-17. In the last five minutes of the second quarter, the Bears outscored their opponents 10-2.

## 15-POINT LEAD

In the third quarter, the Elks put the game on ice. However, inaccurate shooting by the Bears gave the visitors their chance to get safely out in front. The Bears controlled the ball practically all night, but the Elks' defense but could count only three points. Then the Elks, ahead by 29-18, suddenly came to life with four quick field goals that put a fifteen-point lead at the end of the quarter. The fourth canno was almost; however, the Elks got their points early in the period and with four minutes left had a 30-point margin in work on. From then on, it was easy.

Dick King, one of the University stars of the past, split high point honors with teammate Dave Huler, scoring twelve points. Most of King's scoring was done when it could do the most damage, late in the third period and early in the fourth. He played only a few minutes of the first half.

Asp and the University seniors with nine points, five of them coming on free throws. Huler was next with seven points, all on free throws.

The Bears didn't do much chawing in the opening game against the Sportsman. After staying with the visitors during the first half, the University cagers fell apart in the first periods both on offense and defense. As a result, the Sportsman piled up 19 points in the third quarter, meanwhile holding the Bears scoreless, and then outscored the University 10-5 in the final canno.

Lack of practice obviously had hurt the University five plenty. The Bears were down on their feet. They weren't getting rebounds, they weren't fast-breaking, they weren't passing accurately, and their shooting was atrocious. They made but nine baskets in 49 attempts, a percentage of 22.4.

Harry Cashen, with two field goals and a free throw, led the Bears scorers with five points. Lack the ragsy Sportsman center, dropped in 13 for the victors, while Hader, the fastest player on the floor, and Klusick each notched 10 points.

## FREE TOSS

Lack started the scoring parade with a free toss, but Stern came back with two from the foul line to give the Bears their only lead of the game, 2-1. Lack tied it up with another gratis shot, and a crisp another free toss put the Sportsman in front 5-2. Growden made two free throws, but the Bears, from the floor to keep the Bears in the ball game. The Sportsman then sprinted to a 9-3 lead, but Hader cashed his only two fielders of the night to deadlock the score at 9-9 at the quarter ended.

Englund and McCormick exchanged under-the-basket shots to keep the count tied at the quarter ended, then free throws by Klusick and Growden put the Sportsman on top. Frank Cashen made it 13-12 with a gratis shot, but Burglin's 3-2 shot tied the score. Then the Bears' 16-12. Syver's free toss and Paskvan's jump shot made it 16-15. Growden topped in an errant fielder and Bell made a free throw to give the Sportsman a 19-15 lead at the end of the half.

## 19 POINTS

From then on it was a rout. Klusick opened the second-half scoring with a free throw, and by the time the game had sounded for the end of the third period, the Sportsman had snuck eight fielders and four free throws, while every University shot either bounced off the rim or failed to come close to the hoop. The quarter ended with the Sportsman in front 38-15.

Loren Lansbury hit the basket twice in the final period, while Merle H. Thomas and Ed Huler added one-goal apiece and Harry Cashen a free throw to give the Bears nine more points. But the sport wasn't enough and the Bears wound up on the losing end of the 48-24 score.

The tilt was a rough one, 39 fouls being called. Stern and P. Cashen both went to the bench via the fifth foul.

## A. S. U. A. and Chorus Present Program

A Thanksgiving program was presented on November 26 by the A. S. U. A. and the Music Department. Fred Husher, President of the A. S. U. A. acted as master of ceremonies.

The program featured Michael Cammino and Margaret McMahon as speakers, one number by the Vocal Quartet, and two songs by the University Chorus. During the course of the program, the audience sang two hymns.

THIS ONE MISSED! An attempt by Dave Syver (8), University of Alaska forward, to drop two points thru the hoop failed on the rebound off the edge of the basket in the first half of the Bears-Sportsman Farthest-North Conference battle November 11. Ready to grab the rebound are Bell (7) and Burglin (4) of the opposing five. The Sportsman won 48-24.

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## Bears Find Competition Plenty Hard To Handle

By PHIL STERN, Collegian staff writer.

The University of Alaska basketball team faces in its Farthest-North Conference games a type of competition far different from that engaged in by colleges and universities in the States. For the conference teams vary from fives composed of business men who are playing for sheer love of the sport to the Fairbanks High School quintet, made up of youngsters who are getting their first taste of fast basketball.

In the States, basketball in the larger schools is a business proposition. The better teams are nationally known. They play before crowds of 30,000 and think nothing of traveling from coast to coast to fulfill a 20 or 30-game schedule. Their players are the best obtainable, and many instances are the equal in ability of many professional players.

Here, the situation is far different. Members of the basketball squad of the University did not come here just to play basketball but to advance their education by pursuing courses of their own choice. Furthermore, the University is not in a position to emphasize athletics. As a consequence, the five members of men who are participating solely for the enjoyment and thrill of competition. Since there is but one University in Alaska, the University team has to travel considerable distances to play other colleges. Schools outside could afford this, for their basketball teams normally pay for themselves even on some times. The University could lose money on each venture.

## EXCELLENT PLAY

There are those who feel that the University is deprived of competition by other colleges, but play in the Farthest-North Conference is excellent, as are their first two games.

The squad members are happy to be playing in such a league and accept the calvary of play as being part of the college life. If, when the team does improve, a trip to Anchorage or Juneau might be arranged.

## Jayvees Rip Faculty 56-18

The University of Alaska Junior Varsity basketball team opened its season with a bang November 17, handing the Faculty a 56-18 thrashing. The Jayvees outscored the Faculty in each quarter of the game.

The Cub owners were pored by Hal Sherman, speedy forward, who scored 13 points. Howard Marlin was runner-up in the scoring parade with 14 points. Dick Jackson led the Faculty with six markers.

Jackson opened the scoring late in the first quarter with a flier which gave the Faculty their only lead in the game. After his score, the Cub began to hit the Faculty with regularity and packed up 21-11 lead at halftime. From that time on, the Faculty never seriously threatened the Cub margin.

ranged in order that the University squad could meet top-flight clubs in those areas, the players would have an added incentive for a successful season.

Here are the opinions of some of our Varsity team members: Roger Burke: "Of course, we would like intercollegiate games, but it is impractical here at Fairbanks." Ray Wineke, Ray DePriest, and John Asp: "We agree we would like to play more college teams, but we figure that we will have to defeat the teams up here first." Frank and Harry Cashen, Jack McCormick: "We have played business men and service teams all through high school and also college. We know they can provide us with all the competition we need." Ed Huler: "We'll play any team available, but playing outside of town is, I'm afraid, in the future." Merle Thomas: "I have never seen another college team play. I wish it could be arranged that that probably will be in the distant future."

WHERE TO, DICK? Dick McCormick, Bear forward, looks as though he's ready but has no place to go. But the diminutive speedster's floor work kept the Bears in the bell game during the first half before the Sportsman cided the tilt with a rousing third-quarter rally. Guarding McCormick is Growden (5) while in the background are Bell (7) and Harry Cashen (13), guard and acting captain of the University quintet.

## Beginning Skiers Show Patience, Fortitude In Learning Art of Falling Gracefully

By MARGUERITE CHAPMAN, Collegian staff writer.

Since the first snow flurries, all types of ski togs have become common sights about the campus. Many look as if they had been taken from the pages of a fashion magazine, while others have seen years of service. However, clothes do not make the skier, as one player sees as he watches the enthusiasts on the hill in front of the main building. Furthermore, who can see the attire when arms, legs, and skis poles are flying in all directions?

## THE BEGINNER

This slope has its hazards for the beginner, the biggest danger being that of falling before one comes down onto the road which curves around the foot of the hill. The experienced skier can accomplish this by any one of many maneuvers; the less efficient can stop his descent by snowplowing. For the beginner there is but one sure if painful way—he sits down!

The new skier never very little to say on an subject, but one remark in common to all is, "They tell me that if one doesn't fall, he isn't learning anything." Being a beginner myself, I remark no further explanation of this.

I submit the following sentiments from fellow students:

## HARD WORK

Elton Howie: "Skiing is lots fun. I've gotten over my fear now, but I still find it easier to fall than to stand up on my own skis."

Al Bruck: "What is there to say, except—either you try or you don't."

her comment, she quoted teacher Liz: "Yes, if you could learn to sit upright instead of sitting on the skis, you would be much better off."

Lynn Meyer: "I love it."

LEONARD BOOTH: Pat talks from Kodiak, Alaska, but she has never skied before. However, under the teaching of Liz Lundgren, who is the best skier on campus, she feels she is making progress. Pat thought that she was not one way to stop—the hard way. Although somewhat discouraged with his lack of progress, he is not ready to give up the attempt.

## Faculty Wins, 19-12;

## Vets Top Clubites 16-9

Vets Dorn and the Faculty racked up the first victories of the Intramural basketball season Monday, November 24, Vets Dorn turning back Club Dorn 16-9 and the Faculty vanquishing Main Dorn 19-12.

Harry Balvin led the offensive thrust of the Vets Dorn five, pouring in eight points and grabbing high point honors for both games. Owen Rey tallied five for the losers, Jimmy Yokum, speedy guard, shared the spotlights with Balvin during the Vets Dorn five.

In the Faculty-Main Dorn tilt, the Faculty ran up a quick 6-2 lead and were never headed, as a cold Main Dorn quintet failed to fear the lid off the Faculty. Thomas, with seven points, and Bell, with six, carried the offensive burden for the Faculty. Merley nudged the range in the third quarter, and gained six points for the losers.

## NOT IMMUNE

And it is interesting to note that even the old timers are not immune. Following the start of the season, that several were limping. So, come on, you new recruits, there is a good balance in the health insurance account and we, too, can become skiers!

Letty Hatcher: Letty took to skis in a matter of a few days ago. Her instructor, George Paul, remarked, "I've been around the world twice and haven't seen anything like it!" Letty says: "I regret that the conditions used to illustrate her statement cannot be portrayed here!"

"Brother, oh brother, those loads certainly get in your way when you try to move 'em! I get these two runs up here crossed and these two ends back there crossed!"

## LEONA NUBARTH: "Although 'One'

is not strictly a beginner at the sport, I think that her off-the-record comment is quite apt. She says: "I recommend Sals's Liasment."

## THE CLIMB UP isn't much fun, as Del Bessenen discovers

under a long and pull from the bottom of the hill, but she's learning and enjoying as are hundreds of other skiers to the snow-bound hills of Alaska.

## Ski Tow Engine Now In Operation

Jeff Jeffers, president of the Ski Association,

Club, reports that the club now has the tow in running condition. A three ski classes have been started under the supervision of Coach

Ray Chery. By the way, the real winter ski weather is here, all interested skiers have a pretty good idea of what the real winter of hitting the snow contacted regarding membership in gracefully.





A LOVELY TIME was had by all at Civil Engineers' Ball November 1 in the University gymnasium. A full house turned out for the first semi-formal dance of the school year.

# Census Shows Yuletide Trips Will Cut Campus Population

BY NITA CARTER, Collegian staff writer.

With Christmas just around the corner, many of the University students are making plans for the live-day Christmas holiday. However, because of the distances involved and the short time available, long trips definitely are limited.

Still, Christmas is Christmas, so when December 23 rolls around, there'll be quite a few taking off from various points in the States and in the Territory.

Here are some of the plans of the would-be wanderers:

Virginia "Jenny" Hall will make the longest hop, all the way to her home in Whittier, Calif. While there, she hopes to catch up on the latest movies which have escaped Fairbanks.

Audrey Woods will hike to Sev-

## Hem Lengthening Clinic Is Slated

A hem-lengthening clinic will be held Thursday evening, December 31, at 7:00 p. m. in the clothing laboratory, Main building, Room 30, to help the campus women bring their present dresses and suits up-to-date. 1947 fashions show a definite lowering of hemline. So many women have asked how best to make old clothes fashionable that Miss Frances Jensen, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, will present suggestions for lengthening dresses and remodeling even when there is insufficient time to let down.

Miss Jensen will also demonstrate the usual process of letting down a hem for those who wish to learn the latest methods of attempting to do so. The laboratory will be available until 9:30 p. m. for those who wish to remain and work on their own garments. If students don't wear or bring their problem outfits, an attempt will be made to suggest ways of making them more fashionable and becoming. The clinic will be open to all students.

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Child: "Sure, what the hell else would I be?"

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## Marion Skiolvig Leaves Alaska For France

Mrs. Marion B. Skiolvig, who for the last three years was associate editor and business manager of the Collegian, left Tuesday, November 4, via Canadian Pacific Air Lines, for the United States. She planned to visit her mother and brothers in California for a short time and then sail for France December 18, on the French liner 88, de Oranoe.

Upon her arrival in Paris, she will be married to Andre Salado, a recent visitor in Fairbanks. Mrs. Skiolvig and Mr. Salado together survived the harrowing experience of the evacuation of Paris in 1941.

Although strafed by German planes many times, they escaped to southern France without injury.

Mrs. Skiolvig eventually reached Portugal after leaving Paris and from there returned to the United States. After returning to the west coast, she joined the Red Cross and was sent to Kodiak, Alaska. She came to Fairbanks in 1944 and then joined the University staff.

In the meantime, Mr. Salado was absorbed in the chase of war-torn France and for more than a year was not heard from. Mrs. Skiolvig finally located him through the Red Cross in France.

It isn't the life that makes people skip—the what they mix with it!

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# Bob Highlights Birch Hill Ski Session, Picking New, Speedy Slope for His Spectacular Descent

BY HARRY BALVIN, Collegian staff writer.

The crew of ski enthusiasts who jumped to Birch Hill for a frigid session with the torture-boards will go down in University history with the rugged old-timers who made this country.

In a fashion somewhat reminiscent of the covered wagon days of the Old West, the party made the grueling five and one-half mile trip up the Steese Highway in near-record time. Eye-witness accounts of the departure from the campus indicate that the topline jeep and its quarter-ton trailer looked very much like a double-jointed cooing bird ridden by a group of tenacious fleas. The warm-up shack at the slope and a cup of hot coffee (courtesy U. S. Army) looked like money from home. In fact, the weather was so cold during the first trip that it became necessary to carry liquid refreshments (327) inside shirts to keep the contents of the containers from freezing.

Comeby relief was provided by Bob Marovelli, who in the best La-

st and Harry tradition, skused the slope, set his ruler, mixed an army vehicle, shot across the road, chell, Al Service, John McCull, Chuck Piper, Bob Marovelli, Bob McCull, Ed Hunter, and Phil Spaulding.

When asked if more trips were being planned, the boys answered with a question—“Are you a skier, Bud?”

## Cookery Class Tea Enjoyed

In response to many requests, the Home Economics Department held a fall open house tea Thursday afternoon, November 6. More than 200 guests, both student and faculty, enjoyed the variety of cakes and fruit bread sandwiches made by the Foods and Cookery class under the instruction of Mrs. Oray Tully, head of the Home Economics Department.

Although members of the Foods class prepared and served the tea, other students in the Home Economics classes volunteered to assist in the reception, rooms and in preparation for the open house.

Maxine Albin, Shirley Ashbrook, Charlotte Munier, Martha Huppich, Lela Steinhilber and Jean Waters prepared and served the refreshments and arranged a tea table of green and yellow on a lace cloth. Volunteer assistants included Eleanor Bryant, Virginia Hall, Susan Helgesen, Irene Olsen and Ellen Bahr, who with Miss Frances Jensen, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, acted as hostesses.

Several student guests pleased themselves by exchanging over the “delicious coffee” and “super cakes”—though tiny! Also, comments were made on the freshly laundered curtains for which thanks should be offered to Bernadette Amarak, Eleanor Bryant, Beatrice Morgan, Marjorie Malcolm and Jean Waters.

General Robert E. Lee started the first classes in journalism in the United States.

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THE UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM was the scene of great activity during the month of November. Left, Marilyn Schuster's golden voice provides a musical backdrop for a dance scene at the C. E. Hall. Right, brass and leather shine at the first full-dress review held

## Seniors Jane and Margaret Tell All to Collegian Writer

### Janie Graduates to Become Housewife

BY BOB MANDERSON, Collegian staff writer.

Everyone is from the States. Well—no, not everyone is a Statesider. Meet Jane MacKinnon. Here is a senior girl who can truthfully be called an Alaskan. She has lived in Nome, and then in Juneau, and now in College, for a total of 13 years.

Her looks? Well, you won't mind looking twice! For further references see her in News Hall during visitors' hours. But wait, fellows, there is one matter to consider. Jane acquired herself a husband last June.

Outside of her studies Jane has managed to keep plenty busy in her four years at the U. of A. She was secretary of the A.S.U. for two years, 1944-'46. During her junior year she served as act club secretary. Last year the Business Administration Society chose her as their secretary-treasurer. Jane was last year's college representative for MADDERNABLE magazine, an honor won by writing a winning story.

What does Jane MacKinnon do in her spare time? She looks for food. "That's right," she claims to often have serious attacks of "hunger pains."

"Fishing and fishing are two things which rank high in her likes, and she is reputed to be very good in both. Last summer she caught a prize salmon at the Union Pier in Juneau. The prize—a sleeping bag and a hook line. For the latter Jane found no use.

Cannot sailboats are what she dislikes most in this world. She prefers to fight for her fish with a rod and reel, not a can opener.

What does Jane want most in this world at the present time? A nice comfortable little house or apartment in Juneau, where she and her husband, Skip, can be together.

Jane plans to make her home in the Territory, in Juneau, perhaps, where Skip is at present employed by a laundry company.

### Mac's Future Plans Include Marriage

BY BOB MANDERSON, Collegian staff writer.

You boys met her at the library desk. You girls know her well in News Hall. If you lived in Long Beach, California, perhaps you knew her then. By the way 1928 is Margaret McMahon.

Margaret came to the University about two years ago. The schools in her native state of California all were crowded, and the U. of A. seemed to be her best bet. After being graduated she hopes to make her home in the Territory.

For two and one-half years during the war, she was in the Coast Guard. Now after four years of college, Margaret hopes to continue her study of anthropology in Sweden or perhaps in Hawaii. Her fiancé, Bill Ellis, is an instructor of physics at the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. Last summer Margaret and her room mate, Leona "Onions" Neuharth, made the newspaper by cycling through Canada and Washington. "The weather was very comfortable," she said, "and we had a grand time sleeping out and cooking our own meals. Everyone was friendly to us, especially the Canadians."

Many things were considered when she was asked her dearest wish. At the present it is a degree, any degree. She just wants to have a sheepskin with her name scribbled on the dotted line.

Margaret's pet peeve is people who continually "moosh" cigarettes. Ranking second, she says, is the concept of "some people."

Like the absence of large cliffs in the Territory, she hopes to make her abode in this vicinity. "There are so many opportunities here," she stated. "Every place down home is too over-populated and jammed together."

Margaret hopes for better student co-operation in the years to come. "This year seems to be more school spirit than last, but still there isn't enough," she thought. Also, being an amateur golfer, she expressed a keen desire for a University of Alaska golf course.

## Would-be Sourdoughs Learn Alaskan Slant on Agriculture

BY BILL ROBINSON, Collegian staff writer.

The Agriculture Laboratory course at the University of Alaska was designed to acquaint students fresh from the States with the problems they will face here in Alaska. They plan to go in for agriculture in the Territory. The course also familiarizes them with the duties and functions of the Department of Agriculture and gives them the sources of information pertaining to various agricultural subjects.

Guest speakers are one of the main features of these classes. Various speakers are selected from those responsible for agricultural enterprise in the area. Mr. Levin C. Oldroyd, director of the extension service, was the most recent speaker. Mr. Oldroyd discussed the experimental station, extension service, and other U. S. Department of Agriculture Bureau and Agency. He told the class the part these offices play in keeping a balanced agricultural economy. Some of the other recent guest speakers are: Mr. George W. Gasser, Commissioner of Agriculture, who spoke on the history of agriculture in Alaska; Dr. Fred Wagner, who discussed the financing of agricultural enterprises and Bagnette, who lectured on dairying, its problems and possibilities in Alaska. Scheduled to speak in the near future are a representative from the land office to talk on homesteading, available land, and regulations governing homesteading.

### AGRONOMY CLASS

The agronomy class is studying cereal classifications and making a detailed study of grains adaptable to Alaska. The class also is going to classify these grains.

On November 14 the agriculture lab was held at the Tanana Valley Co-op's rear cellar. Dr. Davis, man-

age of the farmers co-op, discussed the functions and problems of the co-op. The lab group also heard a discussion on potato diseases, which are so serious here in the Tanana Valley. The class learned how these diseases affected the farmers economy and the steps being taken to eradicate these diseases, thus making potato farming profitable in the area.

On the evening of November 22 at the Old Fellows Lodge, Mr. J. T. Bell, professor of agriculture at the University of Alaska, spoke at a meeting of the Tanana Valley Farmer's Co-op. Mr. Bell talked on the problems and possibilities of chicken raising in Alaska.

### Student Mixers

The Social Committee of the A. S. U. has received a letter from the Student Affairs Committee regarding permission for the various living groups to sponsor "Student Mixers." Since the committee asks that a list of all affairs planned be submitted to them at one time, Student Council members have been requested to present the information to their respective living groups for discussion.

A meeting of the Social Committee will be held in the near future to schedule the events which the dorms wish to sponsor.

## School Organizations Begin Work; Denali Staff Meets; New Club Formed

### C. E. Society

The C. E. Society, recently reorganized, has just completed its membership with the American Society of Civil Engineers of Nome. The society is now officially the Yukon Chapter of the A. S. C. E. There are sixteen active members of the local chapter at present, and induction of new members takes place this month. Candidates for membership must have completed their freshman year.

The object of this chapter is to afford an opportunity for the members of the C. E. classes to become acquainted, to promote a spirit of competition among them, to acquaint them with topics of interest to C. E. students through the medium of addresses by competent speakers, and to foster the development of the activities of the various organizations on the University campus.

At the first meeting, the Collegian staff writer, interviewed members of each of the various groups listed below. Brief reports on each organization follow.

Speakers, and to foster the development of a professional spirit. This year the Society plans to have several guest speakers and hopes to have educational movies for its members throughout the year.

### The New DENALI

The staff of the "Denali," student yearbook, this year plans to have a 128-page book by graduation time. The staff is continuing to cover all academic departments and student activities, and is supplementing the material with photography by the staff. There also will be individual write-ups of each student and faculty member. The feature story of the "Denali" will discuss the four geographical divisions of Alaska.

There was some confusion as to the date of publication and the price of the "Denali" last year, but this year the staff will make sure that it does not happen again.

### Mining Society

The Mining Society is composed of students majoring in mining, geology, or metallurgy. Most members of the Society are associated with the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers (A. I. M. E.) Member Bruce Thompson is an A. I. M. E. counselor associated with the Bureau of Mines.

President of the Mining Society is Darrell Killiffen. Mihel Thompson is vice-president; Stanley Reford, secretary; and Leonard Boyd, treasurer.

In the spring a star banquet is held, at which former members of the Society and A. I. M. E. members meet the present members. In addition, the Society has several lectures and movies for the benefit of the members during the year.

Alvin Pold, 22, now is district traffic manager of Pan American Airways at Fairbanks. For the past few years, Al has held a similar position with Alaska Airlines.

Clarence Carlson, 29, is employed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is stationed at the Fishery Products Laboratory, Ketchikan, Alaska.

"What two raw materials are imported from France?" "Books and plays, sir!"

### Major "Organ"

The Latentman's Club, formerly the Major "A" Club, has been reorganized to include men who have won awards in Junior Varsity sports. The officers elected this year are:

president, John L. Hedde; vice-president, Loren Lansberry; and secretary-treasurer, Frank Chasben. Robert Isaac, Director of Athletics, is the faculty advisor.

The purpose of the club is to foster a better understanding and appreciation of athletics on the campus. The club also makes studies of sports of new interest among the students and handles the sale of some athletic equipment and University emblems and pennants.

Freshman athletes have been replaced by Junior Varsity teams this year.

We hear that a certain Hollywood actress who had been married to a divorcee had been without a blessed event got a divorce last week and married a producer!

Statistics show that Yale graduates have 13 children, while Yavapai graduates have 17. Which merely goes to show that women have more children than men.

## B. A. Club Holds Dinner Meeting

On Tuesday, November 18, the Business Administration Club held a dinner meeting at 5:45 p. m. in the University Cafeteria.

Guest speakers Dr. Bunnell and Dr. Fred W. Wagner were introduced by the President of the Club, Harry Chasben. Dr. Bunnell spoke on the subject of "Talent and Talent." Dr. Wagner praised the fine standing of the Business Club.

A report by the treasurer, Frank Chasben, listed that the proceeds from the "Main Event" program put on last week by the Club, were very encouraging. The accurate figures are not yet available, but approximately \$125.00 was realized.

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