

Harold McCracken Writing Awards entries due May 1

FAIRBANKS — Entries for the 1975-76 Dr. Harold McCracken Writing Awards will be accepted until May 1, 1976 according to competition chairman Charles Keim, University of Alaska, Fairbanks professor of journalism and English.

Keim pointed out there are three categories in the competition — fiction, non-fiction, and poetry — and a first place prize of \$50 will be awarded in each of the categories. Entries will be accepted from students enrolled in any part of the UA system or the Alaska Methodist University.

In general entries should be "significant reflections of the broad panorama of life primarily in Alaska," Keim said. However he said the judges will not automatically rule out writings about the north country reaching beyond the 49th state.

Manuscripts must be unpublished. However, manuscripts which have been submitted for publication may be entered in the contest so long as they will not appear in print prior to the May 1 deadline for receiving entries.

Entrants should indicate if they want their poems considered as a single entry or as a collection.

The author's name should not appear on the manuscript but should be included on the outside of the envelope. Entries with self-addressed envelopes will be returned.

Keim said, "Winning the McCracken writing awards will be a highly significant achievement for any student writer." It was established in 1968 by Dr. Harold McCracken, director emeritus of the Whitney Gallery of Western Art at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo. Some of his 30 books contain extensive passages about Alaska.

McCracken first came to the state when he led an Ohio State University expedition to the territory from 1915-17. He mined in Alaska from 1919-20, and led an OSU expedition to film big game here in 1922 and 1923.

He received an honorary

Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alaska in 1966 "for distinguished achievements which added greatly to the knowledge of our state."

Judges for the contest will be UA, Fairbanks Professor of

Journalism Jimmy Bedford, AMU Professor of English Dr. O.W. Frost, and UA, Anchorage Professor of English James R. Wilson.

Entries should be double-spaced, typed, on 8½ x 11-inch

paper with ample margins and mailed to Charles J. Keim, Department of Journalism, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Questions about the contest should also be addressed to Keim.