



**STUDENT ORGANIZATION** — Native students at the University of Alaska organized a new organization. (Left to right) its new president is Nancy Gray Okpik; Mark John, vice president; Olga Mike and Loretta Scott, co-secretaries. The new organization still has to be named.

## **New Native Student Organization**

Fifty-two students, about 25 per cent of the Native students enrolled at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks took part in the election of officers of the new Native student organization last week.

Elected were Nancy Gray of Barrow, president; Mark John of Tooksook Bay, vice-president;

Olga Mike of St. Mary's and Loretta Scott of Nome, co-secretaries; and Ralph Beans of Pilot Station, treasurer.

After the election results were announced, the group discussed their objections to the proposed transportation corridor plan for the State of Alaska prepared by

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the Bureau of Land Management.

Members of the group became concerned with the plan after BLM held a public hearing on campus to discuss the plan and answer questions.

Several students had already signed letters to Rep. Don Young and Gov. Jay Hammond before the meeting started.

Jim Kowalsky, of the Fairbanks Environmental Center made a presentation to the group about the corridor study. He also announced a Rural Transportation Conference to be held April at the university which will attempt to inform government officials of rural transportation needs.

In other action at last Thursday's meeting, the Native student organization appointed Mark John to study the possibility of joining the Associated Students of the University of Alaska and gaining official recognition as a group.

Loretta Scott, Henry Napoleon, and Ray Alstrom were selected to help the Festival of Native Arts coordinate housing for festival participants. Linda Dewitt was appointed to plan a dance to be sponsored by the group.

As yet the group has no name, but a contest is in progress to get suggestions for a name and an emblem.