

# Colleges, but no funding for Kotzebue, Valdez

ANCHORAGE—Years of effort on the part of Valdez and Kotzebue residents at last resulted in a decision by the University of Alaska Board of Regents to establish Community Colleges in these two growing towns.

Funding for the two new colleges presently does not exist, however.

The U of A Board voted to authorize the new community colleges on May 16. Funding is contingent on the university's ability to get supplemental ap-

propriations from the Legislature. Until such funding is forthcoming, the university will continue to operate extension centers in both towns.

At the same meeting, the regents decided to merge the Juneau-Douglas Community College with the University of Alaska-Juneau. The one institution will be capable of granting degrees ranging from associate to graduate, according to a report in the Anchorage Daily News.

The regents also approved President Foster Diebold's re-

commendation that a moratorium be placed on establishing any more community colleges in Alaska until a long-range community college development plan has been prepared by the university and approved by the board.

## New Chancellor

Dr. Patrick J. O'Rourke, acting chancellor for community colleges, extension and rural education, has been named permanently to that post. The new division was created about a year ago under a reorganization plan, and O'Rourke has headed the division since October 3, 1977.

O'Rourke was the founder of Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel and served as its president until he became the acting chancellor. He came to Alaska in 1964 and for six years was a teacher and counselor at Bethel

High School. From 1970 to 1972, he was director of the Upward Bound program on the Fairbanks campus of the university.

O'Rourke has a doctorate in educational psychology and higher education administration from the University of Connec-

ticut. He also holds a Masters in psychology from Indiana State University and did his undergraduate work at St. John's University in New York.

Diebold announced that he intends to move O'Rourke's offices from Fairbanks to Anchorage in June or July.