

UA, Borough Seek Native Teacher Trainees

Schools need teachers. Alaskan schools need Native teachers.

In many Alaskan towns and villages are people who started college and for different reasons did not finish. Sometimes a girl marries just short of finishing her education.

Sometimes economic demands require that a student go home. Once in a while, someone gets a full bachelor's degree in one field, only to find they're not happy doing what they're doing.

If you are one of these people, if you are any student who is close to one year of finishing college, if you are an Alaskan resident, and especially if you are an Alaskan Native and you are willing to make a long-range commitment to teaching children in Alaska, there is a new program that is looking for YOU.

A new project, funded by the Federal government and co-operation in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and the University of Alaska, is seeking teacher trainees for the elementary grades.

They are especially interested in finding Native teachers and in seeing that more men come into the field of primary education.

The trainees will spend the school year in public classrooms with accompanying course work based on the individuals needs. Rather than being University centered, the program is classroom oriented, with trainees spending at least half their time working directly with children.

As they acquire practical, working skills and pass certain progress tests, they are given credit for college education courses.

Financial aid will be available for some students at \$300 per month for nine months, and university fees will be paid for all participants.