

Bethel Channel 7 Grant

The Office of Education has approved a \$40,345 federal grant to Bethel Broadcasting, Inc. to assist in the activation of a non-commercial radio station on Channel 7 at Bethel. The total project cost is \$53,793.

The grant for the Bethel radio station is a result of the availability of local matching funds out of a grant made possible to the University of Alaska through the efforts of Senator Mike Gravel on October 20, 1969.

The initial grant from the foundation for the needs of others provides for two radio earth stations to work with the ATS-1 satellite. A portion of this grant was set aside by the University as matching funds for a federal grant.

The Bethel radio station will be able to retransmit radio pro-

gramming from the University of Alaska relayed via satellite through the two small radio earth stations.

A live radio program from the University through ATS-1 was accomplished on April 28, 1970, from the first of the intended two earth stations.

"The savings was largely the result of ingenuity on the part of engineers at the University," Senator Mike Gravel said.