

Bicultural education is topic of February conference

The Eighth Annual Alaska Bilingual-Multicultural Education Conference, sponsored by the Department of Education and the Alaska Bilingual-Bicultural Advisory Council, is scheduled February 17-19 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

This year's conference, with a theme entitled "Because We Cherish You: A Time for Celebration" is expected to draw as many as 600 teachers, students, community members, classroom aides, local school board members and univer-

sity personnel.

The three-day meeting, coordinated through the University of Alaska's Department of Conferences and Institutes, will include 70 workshops at which participants will share ideas about students from various cultures. Some workshops will deal specifically with teaching students from Yupik, Inupiaq, Athabascan, Aleutiq and Aleut, Filipino, Indochinese, Korean and Japanese cultures.

Keynote address will be given by Katherine Attla, Koyu-

kon Athabascan elder from Huslia. She will speak on the role of elders and parents in education.

A luncheon address will be given by Rosita Galang of the Multicultural Program at the University of San Francisco, Calif. She will speak on multicultural education in the Pacific Rim and will also present a workshop on teaching Filipino students.

A general session entitled "Understanding and Helping

Bidialectual Students" will be conducted by Orlando Taylor, nationally known expert in dialect issues and professor at Howard University School of Communication, Washington, D.C.

The conference banquet address will be delivered by Vince Casey, president, Alaska State Board of Education.

The public is encouraged to attend the conference and participate in Alaska's rich multicultural heritage, said Mike

partially supported by 15 school districts and 10 service agencies that provide assistance to bilingual programs throughout Alaska. Conference participants may register for one college credit for the three days through the University of Alaska.

Further information can be obtained from the University of Alaska, Department of Conferences and Institutes, 117 Eielson Building, Fairbanks 99701 or phone 479-7882.