

CULTURAL CENTER

COLLEGE—An associate professor of education at the University of Alaska has been selected to head development of a model for a cultural and educational center for native students.

He is Dr. Victor J. Pudlowski of the University's Education Department, said Dr. Arthur S. Buswell, vice president for Public Service.

The project, proposed by Public Service, has been given \$50,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Pudlowski came to the University last year from San Francisco State College where he was a teacher in curriculum courses and seminars.

He will prepare a preliminary proposal for the center by July 1. Buswell said the project will plan for a pilot program to begin next fall.

The center would be operated for Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians who are 17 to 20 years old and wish to pursue their education in the cultural arts.

In the project proposal to the BIA it was noted that the center would give selected students an opportunity to complete their high school education. They would draw on their own heritage to develop skills necessary to participate fully in today's society, the proposal said.

Studies have shown that native students have a 60% drop out rate in elementary school and about half of those eligible finish high school.