

# UA Alumni

## Honors Bettie

## Harrop Clark

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska Alumni Association, at its annual board meeting here Saturday, elected Robert "Pete" Weimer of Anchorage as its new president.

And the Alumni Association honored retiring Alumni Services director Bettie Harrop Clark as its distinguished alumnus of the year Friday evening at its annual banquet.

Weimer, a member of the class of 1960, is a major with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and is currently stationed in Anchorage.

Elected vice-president was Rodger C. Hughes of Fairbanks. Hughes who graduated in 1962, is vice-president of Foster & Marshall, Inc. of Fairbanks.

William Cashen, who will replace Mrs. Clark this summer as head of Alumni Services and Career Planning and Placement, was named executive secretary of the association.

New board members taking office Saturday were George Rayburn of Fairbanks, Eugene Cox of Anchorage, who was re-elected for an additional three-year term, and Alice Snodgrass of Palmer. Mrs. Snodgrass was not present at the meeting due to illness.

The award given to Mrs. Clark at the banquet Friday came as a surprise to her. She had been told by the association no such award would be made this year.

The banquet is held annually to honor graduating seniors and welcome them as new members of the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Clark was active during her college years here in student government and campus affairs. Following her graduation, she served in Seattle as director of volunteers for the University of Washington Hospital and as Red Cross aid station chairman, and instructor, but eventually returned to Alaska.

She was appointed head of the Alumni Services and Career Planning and Placement Office in 1961. She revitalized the Alumni Association and established a university-wide graduate counseling and placement office.

Mrs. Clark was also honored at Sunday's commencement exercises when she was granted "emeritus" status by the university.

Keynote speaker at the banquet was Dr. Dan Dafoe, the university's vice president for public service.

Dafoe commented briefly on discontent facing both the University of Alaska and other educational institutions across the nation, saying it could prove healthy for education.

"Progress develops where we have the points of tension and conflict," he said, "not where things have already been settled."

Dafoe said he was a firm believer in the university's state-wide system. "I believe thoroughly in the concept," he said. "For Alaska it is the best way to go."

He said many other states with separate universities, colleges, and community colleges are now searching for a means of coordination — "Most other states are trying to get where we are."

He concluded with a quote from Dickens: "These are the best of times — these are the worst of times . . ." but said he was confident "this university will surely emerge as the great university which is essential if Alaska is to become a great state."