

Land Claims textbook found informative

The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood have continued to press for Native education ever since their inception more than sixty years ago. This spring, a new effort was made by co-sponsoring a college course in Alaska Native Land Claims.

The Haines camps of the ANB and ANS provided the tuition for eight members to take the two-credit course and the Grand Camp provided copies of *Alaska Native Land Claims* by Bob Arnold of the Alaska Native Foundation. The texts were purchased and then loaned to the Haines participants for the course, and will be available for other ANB, ANB members who wish to take a similar course.

All of the students reported that it was "most interesting and informative". One member, Charles Paddock Sr., suggested they have a refresher course every year to keep up on new developments under the Act of 1971. Walter Clayton said that

"Every village or town that has not had this course in their community should do so as soon as possible."

The course, taught by Wally Olson of the Juneau-Douglas Community College, began by tracing the history and policies of the Federal Government that led to the Settlement Act of 1971. After looking at the present set-up of village and regional corporations, the students compared investment problems, land questions and compared the programs of the various regions. Final sessions were given over to looking at possible problems and opportunities in the near future.

One hour was spent on methods for writing grant proposals, and when it was done the first proposal was to have a full course on grant-writing!

The Juneau-Douglas Community College hopes to be able to offer similar courses of public interest in its service area. Communities interested in such offerings should contact the College.