Four Native Alaskans Among Grads at U of A

Four Alaskan Native students received degrees at the University of Alaska commencement exercises May 28.

Ralph Kowchee of White Mountain was awarded an associate degree in electronics technology.

Charles Degnan of Unalakleet received his bachelor's degree in elementary education.

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Ruby Tansy of Cantwell was awarded a bachelor of science degree. Her major

was mathematics.

Peter J. Rhymer of Juneau received a bachelor's degree in business administration. His major was management.

Some 245 degrees were conferred at the commencement exercises, including four honorary degrees. An honorary Doctor of Fine Arts was awarded to Mrs. Mary Hale of Anchorage, founder of the Alaska Festival of Music.

Harold McCracken, author of 30 books about Alaska, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Dr. McCracken is currently director of the Cody museum in Wyoming.

Dr. Lawrence A. Kimpton, vice president of Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and Juan A. Trippe, chairman of Pan American Airways were principal speakers at the commencement exercises. Both were awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.