

UA Steps Toward Security

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska is taking steps to increase security in residence halls on the Fairbanks campus and to instill in hall residents what Director of Auxiliary Services Fred Turner calls "a sense of personal and collective responsibility."

Turner was made campus housing officer after the housing function was split into two areas. One, under the dean of students, deals with the social, academic and cultural side of the student's campus life. The other, under the director of auxiliary services, covers the care, maintenance and administration of the student's physical surroundings, in this case, campus housing.

Turner holds a master's degree from Montana State University and has worked as a high school teacher and coach, a residence hall supervisor, and as a director of family housing. He has been with the University of Alaska since December 1971.

On the Fairbanks campus he is director of auxiliary services which includes the UA bookstore, mail, food services and student and family housing.

Increased security in the dorms is a major area of concern which Turner acknowledges is in some cases made more difficult because of the size of the residence halls.

Security is taking the form of chain locks to be used in conjunction with standard door locks, and a move this summer to change every lock in the campus' three high-rise dormitories.

Turner said a system of increased key control is also being instituted and night security patrols are being made of the residence halls.

Turner also said non-university groups must meet rigid qualifications before the university will accept a housing commitment for them.

He said resident and staff assistants will be utilized to aid in hall security and establish a sense of personal and collective responsibility for all students.

Large housing facilities such as the high-rise dormitories, Turner said, are impersonal and the student loses close personal relationships with the other members of the dormitory.

He said he would like to see the students establish an "esprit de corps" and a feeling for the hall in which they live and the people they share their home with.

This kind of feeling, Turner says, will give the students a sense of identity with the campus and in turn make it easier for them to identify intruders on the campus.

The university will also have an Alaska State Trooper stationed on campus full-time starting later this fall.