

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## AFN, Inc. Establishes Prog. at Anchorage Community College

The AFN, Inc.'s Technical Assistance Program has established a Business Management Training Program in conjunction with the BIA and Anchorage Community College.

This is a two-year program for students from all 12 regions.

The Business Management started June 1973 with 22 students from eight different regions. There are now 31 students from nine regions.

This program is a comprehensive business management, training students in Business Administration, Business Finance, Business Management, History of Land Claims, Implementation of

Land Claims, etc.

By the time a student has completed the course, he/she should be able to establish, administer, manage and operate business and corporation enterprises and will, therefore, be a trained asset to his Regional Corporation.

The program is designed to be open-entry, open-exit, individualized for each student.

As this is a new program, there are still problems being worked out. The open-exit concept has been implemented, but until all the required courses are packaged, students are being entered at the beginning of each new semester. It is hoped that true open-entry will be established by the next summer semester.

The emphasis of this program is on the ability of the student to function in a business atmosphere. The program emphasis is not only in individualized instruction but also in modern concepts of business operations.

In most courses the student has the opportunity to progress at his own rate. An outstanding example of this involves a student who will be graduating in December. He has nearly completed two years of work in seven months time.

The core curriculum is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge required for functioning in the business field. Upon obtaining these skills, a specialty will be selected for and by the student.

These specialties include Accounting, Business Administration, Municipal Planning, and Banking and Finance. A student is not necessarily limited to these areas.

Should a student be interested in pursuing something else, such as personnel administration, an individual program plan can be developed.

General Electives are available so that the student can also complete the degree requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree if he/she so desires.

The AFN, Inc. Technical Assistance program is headed by Alfred Ketzler. Ketzler is the former president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference. He was the first TCC head elected back in June of 1962.