

UA President Wm. Wood Calls for Quality Programing of Rural TV

Dr. William R. Wood, President of the University of Alaska, has expressed concern that quality instructional programming is being overlooked in the effort to bring live television to the rural areas of Alaska.

"In developing this, we must have adequate funding for the development of adequate programs to be put out over the educational system," Dr. Wood said.

In an interview with the Tundra Times, Dr. Wood said that heavy emphasis is placed on securing the hardware for the

project while little consideration is given to providing the software.

"It is like having a beautiful new theater with no plays to perform," he stated.

"Congressman Pollock, Senator Stevens, and Senator Gravel are in complete agreement with this," Dr. Wood said.

To develop programs of an educational type, Dr. Wood urged cooperation between the University of Alaska, the schools, and the state.

"To make good use of a station, you have got to have some good instruction developed," he said.