

# BETHEL TO GET NEW HOSPITAL

## 2nd Annual Festival of Native Arts Set for April 1-5

A second annual Festival of Native Arts is in the planning stage, the date set for April 1-5, 1975 at the Great Hall on campus.

Since the festival is free to the public, donations are being sought to help finance the cost of the participants' air fare, food and lodging.

Participants donate their time and talent so that the University community and public can benefit from the knowledge gained of the various Native cultures.

Last spring these groups supported the festival by their donations: University of Alaska Special Events Committee, Alaska Humanities Forum, Associated Students of the University of Alaska, Alaska State Council on the Arts, Atlantic Richfield Company, Usibelli Corporation, BP Alaska, Alaska Association for the Arts, Department of Physical Education, Alaska Arctic Gas, and National Endowment for the Arts.

Estimated cost of the festival is \$15,000. So far, a \$1,000 combined grant has been received from the National Endowment for the Arts and Alaska State Council of Arts.

In addition to monetary donations, food and lodging in private homes will be accepted. To make your donation of either kind contact Teresa Tomczak at 479-7205 or Al Hill at 479-7871 or write: Festival of Native Arts, Box 95551, University of Alaska, College, Alaska 99701.

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## Outage Closes Selawik Eatery

SELAWIK — The nationwide famous restaurant, "The Northern Lights," owned and operated by the business students of Selawik High School has been forced to close the doors of its new building.

When the new restaurant opened this fall the students were grossing over \$200 a day. Now they are losing money and valuable learning experience. Their closure was forced because they cannot operate any electrical appliances needed to run the restaurant.

All this is due to the failure of Alaska Village Electrical Cooperative to supply adequate power to the city of Selawik. The city has been declared a disaster area by the mayor and city council.

Governor Hammond requested action and temporary repairs to an old generator were made after an 18 day power outage in temperatures of forty below. The repairs to the old generator have failed to provide the needed service in Selawik.

Daily many power outages interrupt school and work of the citizens of Selawik. Everyone is operating on minimal power not using electrical appliances and

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FESTIVAL OF NATIVE ARTS — The second annual festival is being planned for April performance on the campus at UA. Shown are Eskimo/Indian dancing and snowshoe making. — Photos by JEAN KIZER

## Rights Commission to Beef Up Enforcement

By DONN LISTON  
Alaska Native Foundation  
The Alaska Human Rights Commission will be moving into a new era of enforcement of present laws, according to the newly appointed executive director, Niel Thomas.

Thomas took over the post Dec 4, replacing Bill Vaudrin, who resigned several months in frustration.

"The biggest problem I think I will have to contend with is that of gaining the confidence of people who these laws relate to," Thomas said. "But we have a lot of reason of optimism."

The new director is not himself a member of any minority, but his background has put him in a position to understand human rights as they relate to the law. He intends to direct the agency into the realm of law enforcement rather than community organization or advocacy.

"My personal bias is that when something happens to a minority which shouldn't happen, there is probably a law which can compensate that person for what has happened," Thomas said. "I think you're going to see a tough-nose civil rights law enforcement strategy

develop."

Thomas has worked as a human rights consultant for over six years, the last two of which have been with the national organization which coordinates all state human rights agencies in the country.

## ANHS Facility Expected To Be Ready by 1978

By DONN LISTON

Alaska Native Foundation

ANCHORAGE — A team of architects from Los Angeles, Calif., Friday presented three design possibilities for a proposed \$30 million hospital to be constructed for the Alaska Area Native Health Service in Bethel.

The presentation followed a week of discussion with groups which will be using the new facility. It has been in the planning stage since June. The federal government provided \$600,000 for planning the hospital during the present fiscal year.

"The need for a new hospital in Bethel has been recognized for a long time," said Jerry Ivey, executive officer for the Alaska Area. "It's taken a long time for approval of the planning funds — the construction funds are due to follow next year."

The new hospital will be ready for occupancy by December of 1978 or that month the following year, according to Ivey, who says the completion date will depend upon how rapidly Alaska receives construction monies. A construction flow-chart developed by the architectural firm of Caudill Rowlett Scott, provides two construction time alternatives according to when funding arrives.

The "conventional schedule"

calls for phase I, design and planning, to begin in September of 1974, with completion by May of 1975. Thirty days after that, phase II begins with development of contract documents, bidding and award of contracts. Under the conventional schedule, installation of pilings would not begin until December of 1976. Because the foundation pilings must be driven into the frozen ground, actual construction could not begin on the hospital until early in 1977.

The alternative, or "phased schedule" proposed by the flow chart calls for installation of pilings during 1976, after an early bid, award, and work order made possible by early financing by the federal government.

Bethel is the only Alaska community which will be receiving a new Native hospital in the near future. There are presently seven Alaska Area Health

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## CEDC Holds Its Annual Meeting

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Community Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) held its annual new membership meeting here Dec. 12 to make certain bylaw modifications and elect board members and an executive committee.

Hjalmar Olson took over as president for the organization with Myrtle Johnson as vice president, Gordon Jackson as treasurer, Alfred R. Ketzler as recording secretary, Homer Mills as corresponding secretary and Tommy Sheldon, Don Neilson, Walt Johnson and Nells Franklin as at-large executive committee members.

"Our purpose is not to sell business development to rural villages, but to respond to requests for assistance if a village decides business development is its priority," said Sheldon, past president of the board. "This has been a very successful year. We've gotten everything we've gone after."

CEDC has helped 43 community-owned enterprises since 1968 by providing financial, technical and training assistance. The federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) provided \$2 million for use in stimulation of local business enterprises in the past two years. Sheldon said the corporation was hoping to receive as much as \$10 million for

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## Gustafson Majors in Psychology

By AGNES PETE

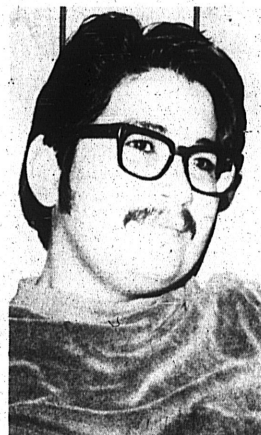
A major in psychology and flying radio-controlled airplanes are two very different fields of interest.

Yet James Gustafson, 25, a senior at the University is doing both. He plans to graduate this month, with a degree in psychology and a minor in biology.

James is married to the former Patricia Kangas of Ruby, daughter of Albert and Nora Kangas. In addition to being married four years, attending school, and working, they have a daughter Monica, age 2½ years.

A major side interest for "Jim" as everyone calls him, is flying radio-controlled air-

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JAMES GUSTAFSON