

Dr. Jan Gibson Appointed Acting Director at KCC

FAIRBANKS — Dr. Jan Gibson, coordinator of the associate in arts degree program

at Kuskokwim Community College for the past two years, has been appointed acting director of the Bethel college.

She succeeds Patrick O'Rourke who has been granted leave for the 1975-76 academic year. O'Rourke has been director of the college since it opened in 1972.

The Gibson appointment was announced in Bethel last week by Dr. Frank Darnell, acting vice president for rural education affairs, on behalf of Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, president of the state university. The college's advisory council had recommended that she be named acting director.

Before going to Bethel, Gibson was a teacher in Anchorage borough schools, involved in

elementary and special education and instructional television. She previously had taught in Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in Kwigillingok, Quinhagak, and Nightmute.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree at Drake University in 1958, a master's degree in elementary education at the University of Alaska in 1971, and a doctorate in teacher education and curriculum development at Columbia University in 1974. Her doctoral dissertation topic, "Eskimo Identification with Eskimo Art Heritage," was based on interviews with Nunivak Island residents.

Gibson is one of the first female members of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary education fraternity,

and joins Carolyn Floyd of Kodiak as one of two women who head community colleges in Alaska.

She is married to Robert B. Gibson. The couple has a son, Sean, 12.