

# U of A Publishes Archaeology Finds of Late Wm. Otto Geist

COLLEGE—The archaeology discoveries of the late Frank Otto William Geist in arctic Alaska have been published by the University of Alaska Press in "Aghvook, White Eskimo."

The book written by Dean Charles J. Keim of the university's College of Arts and Letters gives a warm account of Geist's study of the Eskimos of St. Lawrence Island.

Keim was both a personal friend of Geist and student of

his work. He spent five years compiling interviews and 1½ year's studying Geist's files in research for the book.

Geist, who was associated in research with the university for more than 25 years, was accepted by the St. Lawrence Islanders and dubbed "Aghvook." On his arm they tattooed the design of a bowhead whale or aghvook.

Keim describes Geist as a great collector not only in the areas of archaeology but in an-

thropology, paleontology, and naturalism. He was cited in these areas when he was awarded an honorary doctorate by UA in 1957.

Geist, a German immigrant, came to Alaska because he wanted to work in a new country with challenge.

"He often said 'There is so much to do' and he did it," Keim said. "It may take another 50 years to evaluate the collections he has made."