

Athabaskan 2,000th Student at University

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COLLEGE—A Ft. Yukon freshman, Everett L. Englishoe, became the 2000th student to enroll at the University of Alaska this week, highlighting the largest enrollment in the university's 51-year history.

He was welcomed to the campus by UA president William R. Wood — who presented him with a copy of "Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs," penned by Dr. Terris Moore UA President from 1949 to 1953 — and professor William R. Cashen, the university's unofficial historian who registered here as a UA freshman 35 years ago this month.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Englishoe of the Yukon River community, Everett enrolled in UA's highly successful electronics technology program—an intensive two-year curriculum aimed at qualifying young men for technical positions in the burgeoning electronics industry.

The program has grown rapidly

since it was initiated at the university five years ago. Since that time, enrollment has more than doubled; many students have had job offers from such corporations as IBM, RCA, and General Electric to name but a few before completing the program of study.

In fact, industry's only complaint has been that the program has not been able to keep pace with the growing demand for qualified technicians.

Everett attributes his enrollment in the electronics program to Upward Bound. He has participated in the program — conducted on the UA campus — for the past two summers.

In addition to his introduction to electronics through Upward Bound, Everett took college-level courses in anthropology and English during the summer program.

He has five brothers, and five sisters, and is the first member of his family to attend the University of Alaska as a full-time student.

BIA Nome Agency Places 2,300 Students in School

Approximately 2300 students began another year of schooling in 25 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in the Nome Agency on August 26. 102 members of the teaching staff and 30 aides have been employed according to Henry Balliet, Education Program Administrator for the Nome District, reported today.

Balliet is assisted in carrying out the education program by Horace S. Schnare, Education Specialist and two clerks, Betty J. Hoogendorn and John Pullock, at the Nome Education Office, 2 Principals, 23 Principal Teachers, and 4 Teacher (Supervisors) at the day schools.

Enrollment is expected to reach 2500 before the end of September.

A school was opened at Northeast Cape this year with 20 students enrolled. Mr. Paul Sterling, who spent the past two years at the Diomed Day School, transferred to the new school at Northeast Cape.

Maurice McCullen, formerly from Buckland has replaced Mr.

Sterling at Diomed. Mr. William Mudd, former teacher at Diomed and Birch Creek, has been employed as Principal Teacher at Buckland.

Other transfers include Mr. & Mrs. Lester Richesin from Selawik to Kotzebue, Mr. & Mrs. William Jack from Pt. Hope to Shungnak, and Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Hargraves from Kivalina to Gambell.

Teachers new to the agency this year are Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ellison, Gambell; Mr. Steve Wibberley, Savoonga; Mr. & Mrs. David Clair, Kivalina; Mr. & Mrs. John Egeland, St. Michael; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Yates, Kiana; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilson and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Merritt, Mrs. Helen Virgin, and Mrs. Freda Coalson, Kotzebue; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gilmore, Selawik; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Harnett, Noatak; Mr. & Mrs. Evan Winters, Shishmaref; and Mr. Larry Villers, Golovin.

Mrs. Emily Ivanoff Brown, long time BIA teacher has returned to the Kotzebue staff

House Passes Three Alaska Bills By Concentrated Action

Alaska won a triple header Monday in the United States House of Representatives. Howard W. Pollock the state's lone Congressman announced the passage of three Alaska bills in the House, perhaps the first time a single state has scored so heavily in one day.

The end of a twelve hour session saw the final action on S.224, a bill exonerating Alaska's electric power users from repaying the \$2.8 million earthquake repair cost to the federally owned

Eklutna power project north of Anchorage. This bill now goes to the President for signature.

The most significant measure of the day was H.R. 17874, a bill introduced by Congressman Pollock to extend the time for state selection of lands subject to federal mineral leasing. The state selection time was to be cut off in January, but Pollock's bill allows a nine month extension.

The Alaska Congressman had originally sought a longer period but the Bureau of the Budget strenuously objected to any extension at all because of the rich oil discovery on Alaska's North Slope. A compromise worked out by Pollock with the help of Interior Committee Chairman, Wayne Aspinall, resulted in the nine month extension contained

in the bill passed today.

Pollock stressed from Washington that he considered the bill an interim measure adding that he intended to obtain a longer period next year.

The companion bill to H.R. 17874 bogged down in the U.S. Senate. S.3406 was the subject of an objection by Senator John Williams of Delaware and will have to be brought up again at a later time.

The third bill which passed was a bill proposed by Pollock to allow the City of Kenai to move its Health Center to another site thus clearing the present land for commercial development. A federal restriction in the patent now prevents this move.

All bills passed the House without objection.

Gov. Welcomes Plywood Firm

JUNEAU—"It is a great pleasure to welcome this dynamic company to Alaska," Governor Walter J. Hickel said, "and to pledge them the full cooperation of the state and all its agencies in the success of their venture."

Hickel was informed of U.S. Plywood-Champion's decision to exercise its timber option while he was at Nome on an inspection trip of Arctic National Guard units.

"U.S. Plywood-Champion's decision will mean 900 to 1,000 new jobs and at least 6,000 new residents—new partners in the economic development of Alaska," Hickel added.

He also extended congratulations to the principal negotiators of the sale, Gerald A. Jackson, vice president of U.S. Plywood-Champion, and Howard Johnson, regional forester of the Alaska Region for the U. S. Forest Service.

Speaking for Hickel at a press conference following signing of the sale papers was Commissioner of Economic Development Frank Murkowski.

after several years absence, during which time she did advanced study at the University of Alaska, taught in Unalakleet, and was until the time of her transfer, Guidance Counsellor at the Fairbanks Agency Office.

At Kotzebue an Education Media Center has been set up to service the schools of the Nome Agency in the use of educational materials and audio-visual equipment. Media Aides, Charlotte Jemewouk, Elim; Richard Gallahorn and Rachel Gregg of Kotzebue are organizing the new center.

Kotzebue has added 3 new teachers to its Special Education Program and 2 new teachers and 1 aide to the Kindergarten Program. To take care of the new programs the facilities of the Friends buildings are being used. Kotzebue offers instruction to students in grades K-10.

Unalakleet is also operating a Special Education and a Kindergarten Program with 2 teachers added and 1 aide. Unalakleet is also participating in the Boarding Home Program which makes it possible for an extra 10 students to attend Unalakleet grades 9-10 and live in private homes.

Balliet stated that with the recruitment of one more teacher for Noatak the District will be fully staffed with teachers, aides, and staff personnel.

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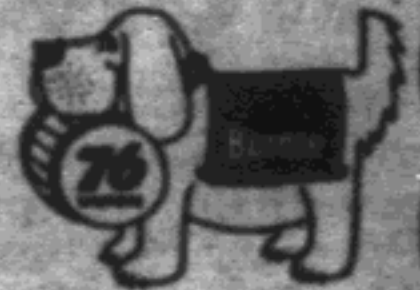
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