

ASRC to build Inupiat House in Fairbanks

At its April 21, 1995 meeting in Juneau, the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska enthusiastically endorsed support for the construction of an Inupiat House on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus.

The Board's endorsement follows action by the boards of the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. (ASRC) and its Arctic Education Foundation (AEF) which this month approved a \$1 million endowment for maintenance and support of a 25-person housing complex which ASRC will design, finance, construct and furnish.

The Inupiat House facilities will include a lodge, a visiting parent's apartment, computer laboratory and laundry facilities.

In committing to the project, the boards of ASRC and AEF seek to improve the recruiting, retention and graduation of Alaska Native students, thereby increasing job placement opportunities for them. The goal is to provide residential setting with services and programming designed to meet the special transitional needs of rural Alaska students.

The UAF Master Planning Committee approved the site in the Columbia Circle which is in the core of UAF's residential housing.

A Memorandum of Agreement is being written and the project will come before the Board of Regents for final action. The goal is to have the housing available by January 1997.