

# Statewide Cooperative Educational TV Posed

A statewide cooperative to operate educational TV was proposed this week by U. S. Senate candidate Mike Gravel.

"Large numbers of Alaskan people who are in dire need of new training and new education cannot receive it now due to a lack of facilities," Gravel said. "In other states, this educational lag is being corrected by educational TV. It should be the same in Alaska."

Gravel said that free National Educational Television (NET) programs go wasted in Alaska because there is no established educational TV station to use them.

He proposed that NET would be highly successful in acculturation, basic education, certain skill-training, and vocational training in rural Alaska, as well as in the cities.

"NET has a volume of instructional and informative programs for the housewife, the self-made student, the do-it-yourself learner, the unemployed, the drop-out, you name it," Gravel said.

The candidate said that matching money was available under existing federal law which could be used to construct the necessary transmission stations.

Gravel also said that Alaskans

could make their own instructional TV shows under grants from the federal government, some of which are already being used for the Anchorage School District.

"There is no reason that this concept cannot be expanded statewide through a cooperative effort," Gravel said. "The money is there to be used, the NET shows are free, and educational TV will be exceptionally adaptable to Alaska. I support its use."