

Museum Reopens

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska Museum on the Fairbanks campus reopened Monday, Jan. 20, after being closed for a week following flooding. The flooding was caused by a water main which burst after being frozen.

Damage was light, according to Director Lou Rowinski. He said some archeological materials got wet but once cleaned and dried would be in good shape.

The museum, which is open during the winter everyday from 1-5 p.m., was closed to give officials space in which to spread the sodden artifacts for drying. No public exhibits were damaged by the deluge.

The museum has been housed for the last ten years in an old university gymnasium which was built in 1930. About 70,000 people visit the facility annually. The recently passed UA bond issue carries provisions for moving the museum to a new building.