

Arctic Chamber Orchestra—

Bush to Hear Bach and Boccherini

The musical sounds of Bach, Boccherini, Neilson, Svendsen, and Britten will be heard this week in Barrow, Nome, Kotzebue, Anchorage, Kodiak, Sitka, and Juneau as the Arctic Chamber Orchestra conducts its first concert tour of Alaska.

A 19-piece string orchestra, the ensemble will also squeeze in several concerts in native schools under the auspices of the Head Start and Rural Community Action Program.

The tour, which was made possible by grants from the Alaska Arts Council and another foundation, will involve as many as three concert stops daily.

The ensemble is part of the

University-Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra and will be under the direction of Gordon Wright of the University of Alaska Music Department.

The tour, Sept. 23-27, Wright said, will provide Alaskans with the opportunity to hear their resident string orchestra perform a variety of musical styles and will introduce the public to the activities of the University's string program.

He emphasized the need for a wider string program in Alaskan schools and said that he hopes the tour will stimulate interest in such a program both at the University level and below.

The ensemble plans to per-

form children's concerts showing various aspects of the stringed instruments from the repertoire as examples.

Soloists on the tour will be Paul and Linda Rosenthal. Rosenthal was a recent finalist in

the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow and was recently appointed lecturer in violin at the University.