

UA Business Administration Reps. See Unique Businesses in Barrow

COLLEGE — Three members of the University of Alaska's department of Business Administration recently toured the Arctic Slope to further their understanding of business conditions unique to that isolated area.

Howard Zach, Dale Swanson and department head Thomas Schaefer flew to Barrow last month for a three-day visit. They toured local businesses and the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory, which Schaefer describes as "an impressively modern facility".

The faculty members agreed that the NARL greatly affects the local community, providing jobs for as many as 125 residents in the peak season. Swanson suggested that the Lab would grow in importance as more information about Arctic areas is needed.

Swanson, a specialist in natural resource economics, noted the 30% unemployment rate and the shifting economic base of the community.

"Not many of the people

there fish or trap anymore," he said. "There's NARL money, some tourist money, and welfare. It's almost a welfare economy."

Despite these difficulties, Barrow has a population of nearly 2,200 and a business community which impressed the University visitors. "Many of the businesses there," Zach noted, "are run as efficiently as any in Alaska or the other states—or even more efficiently."

Barrow storekeeper Charlie Brower treated the visitors to

a tour of his general stores, where he sells groceries, hardware, clothing and toys. Howard Zach was surprised at the wide variety of merchandise.

"There was not just one brand of each article," he said, "but an impressive variety for a town of only 2,200. There is also inventory in stock to back up what's on the shelves."

Schaefer expressed interest in the inventory problems of the businessmen there.

He explained, "Only one ship comes in each year. Businessmen must decide if they want to get cheaper goods by boat and pay for warehousing, or get more regular shipments by air-freight and pay the higher shipping costs."

UA Symphony Concert Jan. 23

The University-Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra will present a Young People's Symphony Concert, Saturday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hering Auditorium at Lathrop High School.

Gordon Wright will narrate and conduct the concert planned for young audiences which will feature soloists and the full University-Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra. Musical works featuring various aspects of symphony textures will be performed to illustrate the narration.

A wide range of music will be heard, ranging from Bach to a new composition written for the Orchestra and this concert by newly appointed Professor Philip Brink of the UA Music Department.

Two winners of the UA Concert Competitions last November will be soloists. These are Dean Epperson on the piano and Sharon Hammock on the flute.

The Youth Concert will be free and open to the public.

RCA Here

At one minute after midnight, Sunday January 10, RCA Alaska Communications formally took over the Alaskan Communications System.

The Federal government decided in 1967 to turn over operation of Alaskan Communications from the Air Force to a private operator. Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seams, Jr. signed the official papers for the changeover to RCA Friday afternoon in Washington, D.C.

RCA officials and the press witnessed the historic signing, which ended the military's 70 year history of providing communications for Alaska.

Thirty-three companies submitted bids for the ACS in 1968 after Congress authorized the sale in 1967. The RCA, which included an agreement to invest a minimum of nearly 30 million dollars in new communications equipment in Alaska and to reduce telephone and telegraph rates, was accepted in 1969.

Most of the scheduled rate decreases went into effect in December 1969, after the transfer of ACS from the Air Force into private hands had been agreed upon.

RCA Alascom now handles all telegraphic and long-distance telephone service within Alaska and to the Outside. The purchase price involved the transfer of over \$31 million from RCA to the federal government.

Among the improvements RCA expects to develop are improvements in rural communications in Alaska and the greatly increased use of satellites for communication to the lower-48.

Skiers: Ski Boot Hill Now Open

Ski Boot Hill is now open for skiing on Wed., and Thurs. evenings at 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Ski lessons for adults and children are available on Wed. and Thurs. evenings. For lessons, call Mr. Eric Roiser at 456-5520.

Cleary Summit Ski Area, 21 miles Steese Hwy., is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. till dark.

Saturday racing classes for students 9 to 14 are forming.

On Sundays, classes for the small fry, ages 4 to 8, are being held at Cleary. To pre-register for ski classes call 456-5520.

ASNA Protests State Action...

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original held lands without the consent of the Eskimo owners thereof." It holds that the highway to be built is actually not a public one, but a device to use state resources to aid private people.

"As for the minerals, the Bureau of Land Management has no authority to give away the gravel to the state," according to the ASNA.

ASNA attorney Frederick Paul prepared the formal protest which was countersigned by executive director Charles Edwards, Jr.

The complete text of the ASNA protest is as follows:

—1. The Arctic Slope Native Association has received from the office of the Attorney General of Alaska a copy of the State's application for a right-of-way and free mineral resources for a public highway along a described route, the application being in letter form and dated January 8, 1971.

—2. The Arctic Slope Native Association is composed of all of the Eskimos of the Slope north of the watershed of the Brooks Range, including its constituent bands, tribes, people, individuals and villages, including the "Native Village of Barrow", a federally chartered corporation.

—3. The Arctic Slope Native Association owns all of the land, including minerals, north of the watershed of the Brooks Range by virtue of immemorial use and occupancy.

—4. The Arctic Slope Native Association does hereby protest said application.

—5. Said application was filed without authority and is an ultra vires act of the State officials.

—6. Said road is not a public one.

—7. The State's application is one to utilize state powers and resources to aid private people and therefore is illegal.

—8. If indeed it be a public road, the State has no authority to construct a public highway over aboriginally held lands without the consent of the Eskimo owners thereof.

—9. As for the minerals, the Bureau of Land Management has no authority to give away the gravel to the State.

—10. As for the minerals, the Bureau of Land Management has no authority to sell the gravel belonging to the Eskimos of the North Slope.

Wherefore, the Arctic Slope Native Association prays that said application be denied.

/S/ Frederick Paul
Attorney for the Arctic Slope Native Association.

LAND CLAIMS...

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tighter controls must be established before they can agree to the legislation.

The newest member of the Alaska Congressional delegation, Representative-elect Nick Begich feels that the House Interior Committee will be the key to passage of favorable land claims legislation. He is actively seeking membership on that committee.

Most observers are certain that the new Congress, which convenes tomorrow, will act to settle the Alaska Native land claims. Some questions remain as to how extensive will be the provisions and how soon the legislation will be passed.

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