

In National Study—

# CNER and Satellite

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska's Center for Northern Educational Research (CNER), based on the Fairbanks campus, has been named to assist in the Alaskan phase of a nation-

al study of the Educational Satellite Communications Demonstration (ESCD).

The demonstration is to commence in mid-September in Alaska. Educational and informational programs will be beamed to 18 sites, 13 of them small villages.

CNER's role in the study of the demonstration was announced by Dr. Frank Darnell, the center's director. He said CNER will study the process and impact of the demonstration in Alaska.

"Emphasis will be placed upon village use of the satellite-beamed television programs and the impact of these programs on the village viewers," he said.

ESCD is a project mounted by the National Institute of Education and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It is intended to demonstrate the practical uses of satellite telecommunications in three locations in the United States.

In addition to the Alaskan component, other programming efforts are under way in an eight-state Rocky Mountain area and in the Appalachians. The same satellite, the ATSF-6, is being used for all three of the projects in the demonstration.

The Syracuse University Research Corp. of Syracuse, N. Y. will make an analysis of data from all three regions, including



COMMISSIONER MEETS PRESIDENT — Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson, left, is shaking hands with President Gerald Ford at a recent meeting at the White House.

## INDIAN ACT . . .

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Parts 80, 91, and 93 of Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations — the first two of which are revisions — will implement these provisions. Part 80 sets forth regulations on the Indian Business Development Fund, Part 91, the Revolving Loan Fund, and part 93 the Loan Guarantee and Insurance Fund.

Written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding these parts must be made to the Director, Office of Tribal Resources Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20245 within 30 days after the date published in the Federal Register.

Each of the proposed parts defines "Indian" as any person who is a member of any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any citizen of the United States who is one-fourth degree or more Alaska Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut.

"Tribe is defined as any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, community, or any Alaska Native village recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

When loans are involved, they will be made only when there appears to be a reasonable chance of payment. The applicant must first try to get financing at reasonable rates from other Government sources, such as Farmers Home Administration or Small Business Administration, and usual commercial sources such as banks, and other savings and loan institutions.

Loans from the revolving loan fund will be made only when the applicant is unable to obtain a guaranteed, or insured loan. Grants will be made only if they contribute to the economy of a reservation. They are limited to the lesser of \$50,000 or 40 percent of the total cost of the project.

## TT Banquet . . .

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Inc. and the Tundra Times.

The cocktail hour will be on the evening of October 26 starting at 7:00 p.m. and lasting until 8:00 p.m. when the banquet will begin.

The dress for the evening will be semi-formal but it usually winds up in a most informal manner where some of the banquet goers arrive in parkas and mukluks.

As in the past, the occasion will be heavily attended by the officials of native organizations throughout Alaska and scores of delegates from all regions.

As far as the newspaper knows, the entrance fees will remain the same at \$15 per single person and \$25 per couple. If there are any changes in the figures, this will be made known as soon as possible.

CNER's input, and make policy recommendations to the National Institute of Education for future educational programs via satellite.

The prime contractor for the study of the Alaska phase of the ESCD is Practical Concepts, Inc. (PCI), a Washington, D.C.-based management and consulting firm concerned with social and economic issues worldwide. CNER will do the Alaskan field work under a \$120,298 subcontract from the firm.

The study will be conducted over a two-year period, although satellite programming will only occur during the 1974-75 school year.

Several groups and agencies are involved in the operational phase of the demonstration in Alaska. The Governor's Office of Telecommunications has overall responsibility for the operational aspects. The Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory's Anchorage field office is

responsible for the development of program content. KUAC, the University of Alaska's educational television station at Fairbanks, is charged with program production.

Neither CNER nor PCI will become involved in the operational phase since their responsibility is limited to studying the impact of the programming.

Adrian Parmeter, former staff director for Sen. Edward Kennedy's Committee on Indian Education, has been retained by PCI to work on this project. He will work closely with CNER staff members in the village involvement phases of it.

Dr. James Orvik of the CNER staff has been named principal investigator for the project. He will be assisted by Dr. Kathryn Hecht, Dr. Judith Kleinfeld and Dr. Michael Krauss. Dr. Roger Popper of the PCI staff will be based in the CNER Fairbanks office about half time during the first year of the study.

## Tapeworm and Animal Study

POCATELLO (ISU) — A research project of significance in the United States and in some foreign countries is being carried out by two Idaho State University College of Medical Arts professors who are studying the role of domestic and wild animals as hosts for a tapeworm which can be fatal to man.

Using a new \$93,000 research grant from the National Institutes of Health, the two ISU researchers will work on the role of the animals in maintaining a medically important tapeworm in North Dakota where the research emphasis is centered.

A large portion of the work will be done at ISU, with a possibility that some research may be done on wild and domestic animals in Idaho.

## Bill of Rights . . .

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ed in due process are also spelled out in the regulations.

The regulations are applicable in addition to the Bureau schools to schools operated by Indian tribal groups which are funded under contract by the Bureau. In 1974 there were 13 such schools.

"The consideration of students' rights is a fairly recent phenomenon in the United States," Commissioner Thompson said. "Years ago it was accepted that school officials exercised a rather autocratic authority. Out increased consciousness of the rights of minority groups has changed this — and I think it is for the better."

"We cannot effectively teach democracy in a dictatorial school setting. Maintaining needed discipline within a framework of freedom is a challenge, but one that we must and will meet."

## Postmasters . . .

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Mrs. Valka was featured in a story in the Seattle Times which reported that she was the first postmistress for her village.

Mrs. Valka, a grandmother who reared her own children, one adopted child and the three children of her late brother, and has 16 grandchildren, was the village midwife prior to her post-office appointment. She serves her village of 200 from the postal window of her home. It's in a wooden annex at her Quonset house.

## FNCC and Borough . . .

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Washington to meet the deadline.

But, Lincoln said, they were just given the run-around.

Smith said that the proposal had to go through the school board and that the school board had to have 24 hours notice in order to consider the proposal at its special meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the board was in the last week of August, after the deadline for the proposal had to be in.

"It turned out that Chuck Smith did have the authority to approve it. The school district could have acted, but they didn't," she said.

"If they had just listened to us for five minutes, they would have said 'hey Chuck, you have the authority. . .,'" Lincoln said.

Ironically, at the next scheduled meeting of the board, the proposals was given unanimous approval. Board member Nancy Brown, in fact, urged that if the school district felt strongly enough about the bilingual program, it could be funded through normal budget channels.

"At that meeting, we found out there was a provision giving superintendents the authority to act on behalf of the school board in cases of an emergency," Lincoln said.

Sufficiently irked, FNCC decided to take the matter to court and force initiation of an Athabascan language course at Lathrop.

"Every single time the Native groups try to get money, it's a real fight," Lincoln said.

"Unless the Native organizations get out there and say 'you do have the authority, you can act and you will act, nothing is done,'" she said.

"There was just no reason to have lost that funding."

"In most minority programs, when the money becomes available, it is usually in the last minute and you have to fight and scramble for those dollars."

"It may be unusual for the school board to prepare a proposal in one or two weeks, but not for us," she said.

"Community officials in general have not been that responsive to the needs of the Native population," she said.

"Every time I go before the city or borough for funding, they say 'Doyon's got a lot of money. . .,'" she said.

(Doyon, the regional Native corporation of the Interior, is restricted along with other regional corporations on how its funds may be used.)

But Lincoln is somewhat optimistic that something will be done. On Tuesday morning she received a call from Bill Talbert of the community relations service of the U. S. Department of Justice in Seattle. Talbert said he had heard of the dispute over the bilingual program and that he is going to look into it for himself.

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