

UA to Train School Rural Administrators

COLLEGE—The University of Alaska has received a \$10,000 grant to start a program for training administrators for rural schools in Alaska.

The grant was made by the U.S. Office of Education after application by Dr. Dayton Benjamin of the Education Department. The program will begin next fall with five fellowships for a year-long course on Alaska rural education.

"The University of Alaska is taking leadership in training administrators for Alaska schools," Benjamin said. "Very few of those who come into the state are trained in Alaskan institutions of higher education."

He said the program will strengthen the university's graduate program in training administrators, supervisors and guidance personnel for rural schools.

The five graduate fellows will be the first candidates to complete a sixth-year program leading to an educational specialist degree.

At present the university does not award the Ed.S. degree, but part of the federal funds will be used to enable the university to

add the degree to its graduate program, Benjamin said.

Candidates will take course work in education and academic disciplines and will conduct an assessment survey of educational needs of rural youth.

Benjamin said the program will increase the competence of the graduate fellows and will show educational needs of Alaska natives.