

# UA President Hopefuls—

## *List of Outstanding Candidates*

FAIRBANKS — A “short list of the most outstanding candidates” for the presidency of the University of Alaska has been forwarded to the Board of Regents by the Presidential Credential Review Committee, appointed by the University Assembly to assist the regents in their search for the next president.

Word of this action came Monday from Dr. K. B. Mather, chairman of the committee.

“This is, of course, a tentative list,” said Mather. “Nominations have not closed and if additional names are put forward they will certainly be con-

sidered, up to the date that the regents decide to close nominations.”

The regents have granted the request of Dr. William R. Wood to retire by next July 1. Wood has guided the state university since 1960.

The University Assembly is a policy-formulating body comprised of faculty, professional staff and students whose actions are binding if approved by the president, acting for the regents.

The Presidential Credential Review Committee met at Anchorage on Feb. 2. Dr. Walter Benesch, vice chairman of the assembly, participated in the all-day meeting.

“All members of the committee were impressed with the high caliber and extensive experience of the candidates offering for the presidency,” said Mather.

“The committee reviewed about 70 files and drew up a short list of the most outstanding candidates. This has now been forwarded to Mr. William O'Neill, president of the Board of Regents.”