

AFN Proposal to Be Considered

FAIRBANKS — A proposal by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. for a major new program of higher education in the rural areas of the state will be considered by the University of Alaska Regents at their meeting at Palmer Feb. 28.

The proposal has been approved in concept by the university administration. It calls for establishment of a headquarters unit in Anchorage and 10 regional centers in rural Alaska. The program would cost an estimated \$3.9 million for the first year of operations.

Meeting at the Matanuska-Susitna Community College, the regents will also review design drawings for several construction projects to be financed by the university bond issue approved by voters last November.

These will include a major ice rink for the Fairbanks campus, remodeling of the Chapman Building at Fairbanks as the new home of the university's statewide administration, an addition to the Kuskokwim Community College at Bethel, the first building for the Kotzebue Extension Center, the Seward marine science project, and the Auke Bay fisheries research laboratory at Juneau.

The Feb. 28 meeting of the Board of Regents will follow two days of board committee meetings in Anchorage, which are now scheduled for the conference room of Anchorage Community College's Eugene Short Building.

All board meetings will begin at 9 a.m. each day.