

Native Heads Jail...

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mate up to 40 per cent of the prison population could be avoided by operating a detoxification center in downtown Fairbanks."

A center of this type, he explained, would be a place to "dry out" intoxicated individuals rather than charge them and send them to jail for 15 or 30 more days. "Sending these individuals to jail," he commented "serves little purpose other than to get them off the street or out of the village."

The new superintendent sees the work release program at the jail as one of two of the most hopeful recent innovations in rehabilitation. In Anchorage, he remarked, the program has been extremely successful.

At present, the state jail has 18 individuals in their work release program, Drake explained. Of the 18, two men do not return to the jail at night. One man is at the Seward Skill Center to learn a trade and another has been released to the Alcohol Rehabilitation Center in Fairbanks to enable him to attend college this fall.

"Right now, lack of space limits the work release program," Drake explained.

The solution, he thought, might be a Halfway House for prisoners, a project which requires money.

The program, he feels is especially important to men with short sentences (15 days, 30

days) it helps to retain their jobs while they serve their sentences. Many of these prisoners can only work during the summer and will be destitute all winter if they lose their job.

Mr. Drake grew up in Nome, went to high school there and in Anchorage and returned to Nome in 1961 where he joined the staff of the state jail there. Since Nome, he has worked for the State Chief of Correctional Institutions in Anchorage and later for the Regional Correctional Institutions in Anchorage and Juneau and the state Adult Conservation farm near Palmer.

By next week, he hopes to have his wife, Carole and their two children settled in Fairbanks where they will also act as boarding home parents for two high school boys.

While his appointment makes Drake the first native to head a major state jail in Alaska, he does not think this has anything to do with job discrimination against natives.

"The problem is we don't get enough native people who apply for jobs as correctional officers,"

At this point, he believes, he may be part of the last generation of correctional officers without college degrees.

"Right now, if I were to advise a young native or other young person about getting into corrections work, I would say that college is a necessary step."



ON BROKEN EDGE in the spring of 1969, Dr. Laurence Irving measures surface temperature of an infant harbor seal while the father watches apprehensively from open water nearby. Associates record and tag the mother whose concern for the pup kept her on the ice close enough to be netted. The physiological research vessel

Alpha Helix is seen in the background. The painting, done by Alaskan artist Fred Machetanz, was commissioned by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Schaible of Fairbanks, who presented it to the Institute of Arctic Biology at the dedication of the Laurence Irving Building, in which the institute is housed. (UA photo)

Laurence Irving Building Dedication

COLLEGE—More than 200 persons turned out in perfect weather here recently for dedication of the Laurence Irving Building—named for the pioneering Alaskan scientist.

The building houses the University of Alaska's College of Biological Sciences and Renewable Resources and the Institute of Arctic Biology, which Irving directed from 1963, when it was established, until 1966.

A physiologist and biologist who has spent many years in arctic research, Irving now is the institute's advisory scientific director.

He was first director of the

Arctic Research Laboratory at Point Barrow, from 1948-49, and first physiologist on the staff of the Arctic Health Research Center, serving in that capacity from 1949-62, when the center was located in Anchorage.

His wife, daughter and two sons, present and former colleagues, and former students were among those attending the dedication, held under the portico of the building named for him. Congratulatory messages paying tribute to the scientist were read by Dr. William R. Wood, president of the university.

One such message: "On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of the University of Washington School of Medicine, we wish to join in the recognition of the outstanding contribution to the state, the nation, and science of Dr. Laurence Irving. The dedication of the Dr. Laurence Irving Building for bio-science is a fitting tribute to a man of such memorable talent."

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the unveiling of a portrait of Irving, painted by Alaskan artist Fred Machetanz and presented to the institute by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Schaible, who commissioned the work.

Usually Rainy August Clears for Heavily Attended FNA Picnic

If ever an Indian did a dance for sunshine, the leaders of the Fairbanks Native Association must have done one. On the last weekend of an often rainy August, the sun rose hot and brilliant for the FNA's "Summer Celebration"—a picnic at Wilderness Park in Alaskaland.

From its scheduled start at 1:00 p.m. till long after the late afternoon sunset, over 1,000 Fairbanks natives and their friends enjoyed the food, native dancing, music and blanket toss.

People came from villages far and near—up and down the Alaska highway and points far distant to join the August 29 celebration.

Highlight of the Sunday picnic were free train rides for the children with Alaskan poet Larry Beck as conductor.

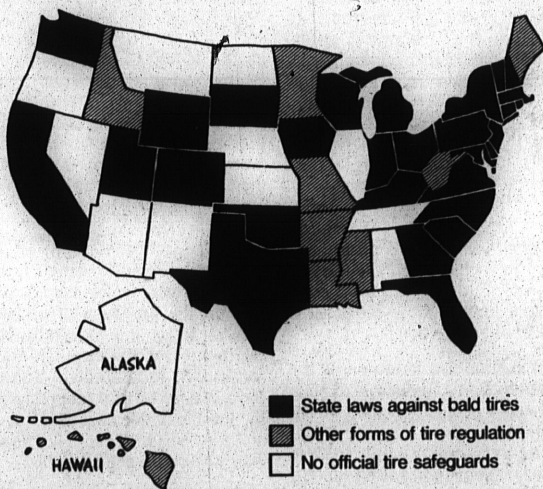
FNA also provided another highlight of the picnic—a side of beef which along with over 1,000 frankfurters, gallons of potato salad, jello salad and other goodies succeeded in giving everyone a picnic barbecue lunch. Guests were advised to bring your own bear. FNA and private donations provided the rest.

Jointly sponsored by the FNA and Fairbanks Native Community Center, the picnic featured entertainment by Charlie Moses, of Fort Yukon, on the violin, Ernie Evans on the guitar and a native dancing program led by Robert Charlie of Minto. Buses from the Native Commu-

nity Center transported celebrators without cars.

During the afternoon, Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) stop-

ped in to join the celebration. It was a beautiful, clear, hot, blue, sunny Alaskan day. Just before fall.



STATE TIRE SAFETY GAINS—The 29 states shown in black now have state laws against bald tires. The legal minimum tread depth is 1/16 of an inch in all those states except California and South Carolina where it is 1/32 of an inch.

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