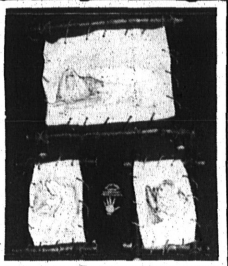


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## Rasmuson Donates \$27,000 to UA— Most to Be for Paintings by Rusty Heurlin

**FAIRBANKS** — Elmer E. Rasmuson of Anchorage — banker, civic leader and long-time member of the University of Alaska's Board of Regents — has donated \$27,000 to the university. Rasmuson has made many other substantial donations

to the state university in past years.

He specified that \$15,000 of his latest gift be applied toward his pledge for a new series of paintings for the university now being undertaken by M. C. "Rusty" Heurlin. The balance is to go to the university's Fairbanks library, named for Rasmuson.

The new series of paintings, long planned by Heurlin, one of Alaska's best-known artists, will depict the development of the Eskimo people from the Stone Age to the present. Rasmuson, Dr. William R. Wood, president of the university, and other long-time friends of Heurlin, have commissioned the work.

Rasmuson retired from the Board of Regents in 1969 after 19 years of service. He was president of the board from 1957 to 1969. In 1970, the

new library was formally named the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library. At graduation exercises that same year, Rasmuson was commencement speaker, and an honorary Doctor of Law degree was conferred on him by the university.

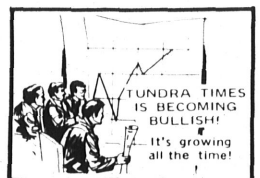
Rasmuson, chairman of the board of the National Bank of Alaska, the state's largest bank, is a former Anchorage mayor and member of the U.S. section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission.

## Thanks, Alaska!

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** As the Congressional offices of Congressman Nick Begich prepare to officially close with the election of a successor on March 6th, the Begich staff extended its deepest appreciation to the people of Alaska for their friendship and assistance during the months since the Congressman's plane vanished.

Speaking on behalf of the staff members, Gene Kennedy, Begich's Administrative Assistant, said that Alaskans have been "wonderful during this extremely difficult period. So many people called and visited our offices to voice their concern and to offer their help, and that friendship meant a great deal to all of us," he said.

"Working with Nick instilled in all of us an awareness of Alaska's potentials and problems, and a desire to help," Kennedy said. "We thank the people of our State for allowing us to continue the public service functions of the office during this interim period, and we all look forward to continuing to work for Alaska in the future."



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