

'Up with People' Musical

The "Up with People" musical show is an experience of the 70's—of the new dimension, according to two of its members, Lorene Backes and Cherri Fischer. "It is a unique expression of an aware generation."

Both Miss Backes and Miss Fischer have been paving the way for performances which the 35-member group will give in Hering Auditorium in Fairbanks May 12 and 13 at 8 p.m.

The group in Alaska is one of four such international traveling groups of high school or college age students belonging to the non-profit corporation known as Up With People, Inc.

The format of the two-hour show is basically musical with such songs as "What Color Is God's Skin?" and "Can You Build a New World on the Ashes of the Old?"

"Singing is our means of communication," the two young ladies said. Anybody can latch onto music and get involved in a musical experience.

Using music as a medium, the young singers themselves as a "catalyst"—an agent to motivate people to start thinking about how they can get involved and to start caring for one another.

The performance gives no answers but only tries to raise questions.

In Fairbanks they plan to sing their theme song, "Up With People" in Eskimo. The show here will climax a tour in Alaska that will include stops in Juneau and Anchorage. Then the group will be on their way to the Expo '70 in Japan.

When they leave, they hope to take several Alaskans with them and will be accepting applications during their stay here.

The applicant must be able to furnish a \$150 registration fee and \$50 a month for the first year for food, transportation, and accommodations either from his own resources or from a sponsor.

The cast as a whole is financed through box office receipts, the sale of records and music, and contributions, and stays in private homes when on tour.