

Navajo Indian Rug Exhibition In Progress at U of A Museum

A new exhibit of Navajo Indian rugs has gone on display in the University of Alaska museum and will be on exhibit until January 5, according to Museum Director L. J. Rowinski.

One of the hand-woven rugs is on loan from Lynn Castle, a resident of Fairbanks, while others are from the University Museum collection.

Identification of design types and meanings of woven patterns in the rugs was made by Kate Peck Kent, cultural anthropologist at the University of Denver.

Color slides of the rug patterns had been sent by the museum to Mrs. Kent, a noted authority on Southwest Indian culture.

Rowinski also announced that a series of historical maps, sponsored by the Alaska Centennial Commission, is now available at the museum sales desk. Other maps, booklets and cards on Alaska's cultural and natural history also are available.

The museum will be closed Christmas Day. It will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. during the rest of the holiday season, including New Year's Day.