

Conference to deal with taking oral histories

A two-day conference in "Sharing Alaska's Oral History" will bring elders, teachers, librarians, historians writers and others interested in the subject to Anchorage Oct. 26-27.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. at the Captain Cook Hotel, Tuesday, Oct. 26, and programs run until 9 that evening and from 8-5 the next day. A registration fee covers meals, conference materials and the Published proceedings of the conference.

Four guest speakers will ap-

pear: William Baum, oral historian of the University of California, Berkeley's Bancroft Library; Margot Knight, oral historian for the State of Washington; Dr. Charles T. Morrissey, oral historian and legal specialist from Vermont; and Dr. Richard Nelson, Alaskan anthropologist and author based in Juneau.

The morning programs on Oct. 26 begin with presentations of oral history projects currently in progress around the state: the Fairbanks Native Association Elders' Project;

Anne Will's work with Homer homesteaders; Craig Mischler on Yukon-Porcupine folklore; the Neil McDonald interviews by Randall Jones; Kantishna oral history by Dianne Gudgett Holmes; and the Eskimo Heritage Project by Mary Alexander.

Luncheon speaker that day will be Dr. Charles Morrissey. He will also appear on the early afternoon panel on "Ethics and the law, together with Wendy Arundale and Paul McCarthy of the University of Alaska-

Fairbanks, and others.

A special mid-afternoon session on "Mechanics of Recording" will introduce participants to both audio and video recording techniques.

Late afternoon programs in "cross cultural communications" and "Planning, Funding and Results" with panels from across Alaska, will be followed by a banquet at which author and anthropologist Dr. Richard Nelson will discuss "Oral History without a Tape Recorder."

The next morning will be devoted to an overview of Elders' Conference programs, with participants, from various Alaskan programs, including Poldine Carolo, Milly Buck, Phillis Morrow, Leona Okakok, Mary McNeil, Mary Alexander and moderator Rachel Craig.

Lunch speaker that day will be Willa Baum on "Other Uses of Oral History." Afternoon panels will be "Uses and Abuses of Oral History" and "Transcription, Translation and Publishing."