

82 Youth to Participate In 'Upward Bound' Program

Eighty-two young Alaskans will participate in an eight-week "Upward Bound" program at the University of Alaska this summer aimed at motivating them to seek higher education after they graduate from high school.

The program is set up to aid under-achieving high school students who would be handicapped in obtaining an education because of their economic, cultural and educational environment.

The students will take regular high school subjects, including science, mathematics and language, and special interest electives, such as drama, music and photography.

They will also take several field trips and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

The Upward Bound program is open to high school students who will complete their high school sophomore or junior years this fall and whose parents have incomes below certain levels.

Students will receive room and board, funds for books,

and supplies, and a stipend of \$10 per week during the program. When they return to high school in the fall, they will be eligible for a \$5 per week stipend during the school year.

The Upward Bound program started at the U of A last summer with 73 students. The majority of them were Natives and many of them had never seen a large city before.

About 40 members of that class, who will not have completed high school, are expected to attend the 1967 program. Other students will be selected from applicants suggested by teachers and school officials, local Community Action Agencies, VISTA volunteers in villages, and from applications from students themselves.

After the students return to their high schools in the fall, they will receive additional guidance from Upward Bound liaison personnel at the schools.

Most of the graduates of last year's program who are completing high school this spring are planning to continue their education next year.

Upward Bound personnel work with these students, helping them to plan their careers and to submit applications for admission to colleges and technical schools.

Hike Asked In Alaska's Planning Funds

The Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska has requested a \$325,000 budget from Congress to increase its activities for the next fiscal year.

With these funds, specialists will be assigned to Native affairs, natural resources, economic analysis, recreation and tourism, industrial development, and transportation, communications and power.

With research grant funds from the Economic Development Administration the committee is sponsoring or participating in research projects in: International trade and economic relations, development of basic resources, basic services, and finance and economic information.

"As Alaska is entering a period of intensive resource development with both domestic and international markets for its products," said chairman Joseph H. Fitzgerald to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, "the current planning and research program is designed to explore both the problems of production-including essential services such as transportation and power-and the problems of marketing, internationally and domestically."

As an example of Alaska's economic potential, Fitzgerald said that the fish, mineral and other resources of the continental shelf off Alaska are probably more valuable than the similar resources in the continental shelves off all other states.

Fishing Vessel Mortgage and Loan Insurance Reinstated

The Interior Department's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has resumed accepting applications for fishing vessel mortgage and loan insurance, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced this week.

The Fishing Vessel Mortgage Insurance Program provides for insurance of mortgages and loans for constructing, reconstructing, and reconditioning fishing vessels in a manner similar to Federal Housing Administration home loans.

By law, face amount of the mortgage cannot exceed 75 percent of the cost of the

work; maturity cannot exceed 15 years; and the interest rate cannot exceed 6 percent.

The new authorization has become effective upon publication of notice in the Federal Register and sets aside an additional \$10,000,000, permitting acceptance of applications for the first time since November 1966. Previous authorizations under this program, which began in 1960, have made \$10,000,000 available to bolster the nation's fishing fleet.

Additional information may be obtained from the nearest regional office of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

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