

U-A Students to Relieve Editor for Three Weeks

Professor Jimmy Bedford of the journalism department of the University of Alaska has told the editor of Tundra Times that the journalism students of the university will take over the publishing of this newspaper for three weeks starting with April 22 issue.

When told by the professor about the plan, the student's reaction was, "Great!"

The plan was posed by the editor of Tundra Times in his editorial in the December 31 issue of the newspaper in which he stated he would like a vacation for three weeks if the University of Alaska journalism students would take over the publication for that length of time.

Professor Bedford, after reading the editorial, called the editor and he was enthusiastic.

"It would help the students a great deal by giving them

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practical experience working with a paper with a statewide circulation," he said. "It can help to strengthen the Department of Journalism. It could prove beneficial in the community relations of the University of Alaska and it would help the students to better understand Alaska and its people."

Bedford said that students' work with the Times will be made part of their practical assignment and will be given credit.

PLAN OUTLINED

Under the plan worked out by Bedford and the editor, the students will start helping with the newspaper on April 8. Actual work by them for the April 22 issue will start on April 15 and then go on working for the April 29 and May 6 issues.

They will start familiarizing themselves with the Times sometime around the middle of February and "look around."

SUPERVISION

The students will work under the supervision and coordination of Professor Bedford and S. Dean Olson.

"Merv Mullins, editor of the student publication Polar Star, will probably be the key man of the student staff," Bedford said. "There will be a fairly small group of perhaps eight or ten students to work with the Times."

Students will interview important persons who might be

in the Fairbanks area at the time. Photography students will take pictures and process them. Others will do pasteup, layouts and work on advertisements.

HONOR SYSTEM

Some sort of an honor system will probably be worked out in which eight or ten young men and women would be picked from about 15 or 20 students.

Bedford and the editor agreed that great care will be employed in case controversial matters come up during the editor's absence and, if need be, consult attorneys to avoid printing any libelous material.

WORLD TRAVELER

Professor Bedford, a big man with a handlebar mustache, is a graduate of the University of Missouri school of journalism. That university was the first in the world to establish journalism school.

His degrees include bachelor of arts, bachelor of journalism, and a master's degree.

Bedford has traveled in 66 countries on five continents. He has worked in newspapers in Missouri, Canada and England. He taught at University of Kansas' William Allen White school of journalism, University of Maryland, and taught last year at University of Kabul in Afghanistan.

His hobby is world traveling which he finances by freelance writing and photography.