

# UAF offers writing program

**FAIRBANKS** — Responding to a growing demand for skilled writers and editors, the University of Alaska Fairbanks will offer a graduate program in professional writing starting in the fall of 1989.

The 45-credit-hour program, leading to a master of arts degree in professional writing and editing, will be the only one of its kind in Alaska.

"Writing is becoming a lost skill," says John Morgan, head of the UAF English department. "There are a lot of people with college degrees who are

not that good at writing, and there are more organizations than ever that need good writers.

The program will be offered by the English department in the UAF College of Liberal Arts. Students will take courses in non-fiction prose, editing, script writing and professional writing. An internship will be required, and students must produce a publication using desktop publishing technology. A final project or thesis will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the field.