

# School council in Wainwright hopes to keep youth in village

The Wainwright advisory school council is recommending to the North Slope Borough School District that all students be kept in the village, despite the fact that the Wainwright High School was destroyed in a fire Sept. 23, according to Beverly Patkotak Grimage, school district editor.

The NSB School District board is expected to make a decision on where the nearly 100 students will be placed Oct. 13.

The Wainwright students will be in Barrow for two weeks later this month to take part in the Center for Occupational Training program and will use the Barrow gymnasium for practice.

The fire, which destroyed the Wainwright high school and the NSB power plant, is still under investigation. It apparently was caused by youths attempt-

ing to start a fire in the vicinity.

The total damage estimate is about \$18 to \$20 million, including \$12 million for the school and about \$6 million for the power plant.

Destroyed in the fire were all the high school classrooms, as well as the swimming pool, the gymnasium, the kitchen and all food supplies for the year, the principal's office, most of the custodial supplies, teaching materials, the library, the vocational education shops, the student corporation office, the student store containing Native arts and crafts for sale and the science room with laboratory animals.

NSB Mayor George Ahmaogak and Wainwright Mayor Jacob Kagak have declared the area a disaster as well as a state emergency.