

University Sees No Way of Funding Imuruk Project

COLLEGE—The University of Alaska is less than enthused about funding a study of Imuruk Basin and the now abandoned Eskimo village of Mary's Igloo out of this year's budget.

The project, undertaken by Laural Bland, to preserve the history of the Arctic region, was originally to be sponsored by Alaska Methodist University but fell through for lack of legislative funding.

Sen. Willie Hensley of Kotzebue then wrote U of A sug-

gesting their budget was generous enough for the job.

"Since the project was not a University project, Mrs. Bland was not a University employee, and since no legislative instructions had been received by the University, every dollar of the University's anticipated resources had already been allocated," replied Harold A. Byrd, executive director, Budget Development and Legal Affairs at the college.

Byrd conceded that their appropriation "was generous in

view of the general State financial picture" but said pressures from continuing and expanding instructional programs in South-central and Southeastern Alaska, together with maintenance of new facilities, debt service and salary adjustment, consumed the university funds.

He denied a charge by Hensley that the University had virtually ignored the study of subjects in its own back yard.

"The Board of Regents does regard very seriously its obligation to engage in research activities which insure to the benefits of Alaskans...I am sure you are aware of the long history of University of Alaska involvement in the archaeological, anthropological, educational and sociological research with the problems peculiar to Alaska," he said.

And he left an opening.

"It may be that in another year the University may be able to take on the Imuruk-Basin Project and we have ascertained that if so all hands who may be involved will be most anxious to work with you on planning well for it and securing its com-

Pipeline Shutdown...

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ties in Southeastern Alaska. When queried, however, the Public Information Office, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Alaska, admitted a protest had been received and had prompted an investigation of the facility.

The protest was initiated by Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program at a board meeting last February.

"The line broke about last September in the Haines area," recalls Gordon Jackson, executive director of the agency.

"They shoved the matter under their desk but the people began complaining their fish tasted like oil and that the pipeline was very deteriorated in some areas.

"Steve Hotch of Klukwan and Mrs. Paul Phillips of Haines were particularly concerned. According to the description we got from Hotch, a petroleum product spilled into a little pond and then was pumped right out into the river."

Noting that the Tlingit people from Klukwan and Haines do considerable subsistence fishing from the Chilkoot River and that the pipeline parallels that water from some distance, SEACap passed a resolution requesting the office of the Governor to investigate the line and make a public environmental report.

Copies were dispatched to the military as well and replies were received saying the matter would be looked into.

SEACap has yet to receive official notice but a military spokesman reports the line will be out of use by the 15th of this month.

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Appointment Confirmed

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has confirmed the appointment of Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times, as one of the commissioners of Interior Department's Arts and Crafts Board.

Rock will serve in that capacity until July 7, 1974.

Secretary Morton in his confirmation letter said: "Your acceptance of my invitation to serve as a Commissioner of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board has been received and it is my great pleasure to confirm your appointment through July 7,

1974."

The board has been under the chairmanship of Vincent Price, famed movie actor and art collector. Price is seeking renewal of his appointment as chairman from Secretary Morton. His latest four-year tenure expired on July 7.

Other commissioners of the board are: Lloyd New, Royal Hassrick, and Paul Huldermann.

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