

New SOS Director: Frank White



New Student Orientation Services Director Frank White. White has spent several years in bush education.

Fairbanks—A former teacher from Fort Yukon and Special Education Specialist at Nome, Frank White has been appointed director of Student Orientation Services (S.O.S.) at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

White replaces Toni Jones who resigned to become director of the Southcentral Unit of UA's Rural Educational Affairs office. White joined the UAF staff in mid-August.

Formerly from Montana, White was a guidance counselor in Fort Yukon last year where he also taught psychology and sociology. Prior to that, he served as the Regional Special Education Specialist in Nome.

Commenting on his new appointment, White said he is particularly excited by S.O.S. because of his rural experience. He was aware of the "fantastic need" for such a program.

S.O.S. was developed in 1969 as the result of studies and projects concerned with the general lack of success in post secondary education by Alaska natives. White said UAF was concerned specifically with the small number of Alaska natives earning college degrees.

He said there are many reasons for this situation including poor academic background and inappropriate adjustment to college life.

Through S.O.S., the university provides services such as special courses and counseling to help rural students succeed during their first year.

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Wanted: Bush Info for Alaska Book...

A small, privately financed Anchorage organization is assembling an unusual book written by and for Alaskans. Entitled THE WHOLE ALASKA CATALOG, this publication, loosely patterned after THE WHOLE EARTH CATALOG, will be a guide to hard-to-get supplies, unusual craft items and a sampling of products and services related to living in the north. The 130-page book is expected to retail for \$5.95, and is scheduled for publication this spring. If the book is successful, it will become an annual publication.

Elizabeth Johannsen, editor of the book, says she is all but finished with the year-long information-gathering phase of the project, but, "If we get a really excellent last-minute contribution, we'll make every effort to fit it in somewhere."

Final deadline is November 1. There will be no direct compensation for any single piece of information, although the writer's name will be mentioned.

THE WHOLE ALASKA CATALOG contains a wealth of information not found in existing publications. For example, one chapter emphasizes bush travel, such as how to charter a bushplane, how to find a place to stay in a remote village (more information needed here), recreational river travel, camping and backpacking. A chapter on housing describes sources of

information for getting land as well as building unusual kinds of housing, such as log cabins, tipis, and geodesic domes. A clothing section tells how to dress for cold weather, how to treat frostbite, and where, for example, one can purchase skin-sewing supplies or treadle sewing machines.

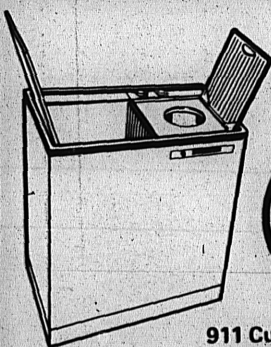
Heating and energy, important subjects in our wintery state, are discussed in detail, covering such topics as wood stoves and kinds of firewood, fire prevention, insulation, alternative energy sources and where to find generators.

Food is a big topic. Wild edibles and vegetable gardens are discussed, as are hunting and fishing. A lot of emphasis is given to storage and preservation of food, with tips and sources on buying and shipping bulk foods.

An arts and crafts section emphasizes sources of tools and use of local materials (more sources are needed) as well as organizations that can help an aspiring artisan.

Other subjects include government services, jobs, medical help, communication (RCA, radiophones, CB), dogmushing and wildlife observation.

Since Alaska Natives are the original experts at living in the north, THE WHOLE ALASKA CATALOG would very much like to hear from them—how-to tips, crafts for manufacture and sale, reliable



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