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## Guest Editorial—

### A Partial Victory

(Editor's Note: This editorial from today's POLAR STAR shows the student newspaper's reaction to the latest developments in the University's budget.)

Although Governor Hickel has announced that the Electronics Technician program will not be discontinued, the victory is for a skirmish rather than for the full battle.

Hickel announced that the program would be funded from "the total resources of the University." This means that it will have to compete for funds with the other programs here. And the general budget was already strained BEFORE this additional program was firmly assigned to it.

University officials, students, and others are working towards reinstating some of the other budget cuts made by the governor's office. Although many of the cuts are not dramatic, they all hamper the University in this contribution towards the development of the state.

Success in this one area must not blind the students to the work that must still be done before the continued academic growth of the University can be insured. The recent statements are encouraging, but the final budget for the University must still be decided by the Legislature.

## Indian Artist Exhibits In Interior Gallery

Yeffe Kimball, an Osage Indian artist, is having an exhibition of her work that began March 1 and will last through April 7 in the Art Gallery of the Department of Interior.

Sponsored by the Center for Arts of Indian America of which Mrs. Stewart L. Udall is president, the show is entitled, "A 30 Year Retrospective of an American Woman Painter." It is the first one-man showing of Indian art to be sponsored by the Center.

Thirty-five Kimball paintings are included in the show, progressing through several periods from her student works to present day, famous "Space Concepts." It covers the years from 1935 to 1965 and includes drawings, collages, paintings and sculpture-paintings that show the tremendous versatility of this Oklahoma artist, born in the small town of Mountain Park.

The exhibition has been shown in museums from coast to coast and will be retired after its run at Interior. Other Kimball works have been exhibited in Athens, London,

Paris, Brussels and Edinburgh.

Miss Kimball has a reputation as an innovator in the use of acrylic resins and sculpture-painting. The sculptured forms and surfaces reflect a deep appreciation of the phenomena of nature; here, an abyss of a moon crater; over there the image of a red-hot star burning in space; elsewhere, the mystery of the cold outer planets.

Titles relating to astronomical phenomena dot the showing. "Solar Aurorae," "Cepheid Cluster," "Eridames Spiral" and "Pluto" are some of the paintings executed with resin, the pigment being applied pure with various tools including the brush and sponge.

The purity of the resultant color is a major distinction of this part of the exhibition, particularly the cool blues, the blazing oranges, reds and occasional sunny yellows.

Some of her paintings of animals, for example, represent a sophisticated development of primitive Indian paint-

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## Pollock Seeks Reduced Fares For Students

Congressman Howard W. Pollock has requested that reduced air fares for students be extended to include travel between Alaska and points in the Lower 48.

At present, "Young people under 22 enjoy half-fare on a 'space available' basis in the Lower 48," Pollock said, "and the same treatment should be afforded those traveling to and from Alaska and points within the state."

In addition to contacting the airlines involved, Pollock asked the CAB to review "the present discriminatory situation existing in the 49th State."

He said that travel in Alaska is more difficult and more expensive than anywhere in the Lower 48 and poses a particularly grave hardship on students who are attending a college or university away from home.

## Electronics Program to Go On at U of A

The electronics Technician program at the University of Alaska will be continued without interruption, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said this week.

Following a meeting with University president William R. Wood and several members of the Board of Regents, Hickel indicated that he had not intended to cut a specific program, but had wanted the program funded from general items in the budget.

"This particular program is a vital one," Hickel said. "It trains Alaskans to perform work in a field where qualified people are much needed by the industry."

Following the announcement last week that the item for the program had been cut from the University's budget, Fairbanks legislators were deluged with letters of protest.

## 'Jest' Invitation Brings Bankers To Fairbanks

An invitation extended half in jest has brought a major bankers' conference to Fairbanks for this summer.

Last May, when a telephone call came to Judge Vernon D. Forbes inviting him to become a member of the national board of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, he half facetiously promised to accept the invitation if the board would promise to hold a meeting in Fairbanks.

During the call, the promise was made and Judge Forbes accepted the post.

Last week, when Judge Forbes attended a board meeting in Washington, D.C., many of the executive promised to come to the meeting in Fairbanks this July.

Now Judge Forbes and his wife are worrying about locating housing for between 50 and 100 bankers and their wives who will be attending.

## Guest Editorial— Something for Cogitation

Most people in our villages have not gone to school past the eighth grade--and even that achievement may not be a valid grade attainment. A few have graduated from a school offering twelve-grades. Once in a great while some one in the villages goes to college, usually to the University here in College near Fairbanks.

This is a landmark in most of our tiny villages. The parents feel justly proud that their son or daughter is going to attain an education which will allow employment beyond the usual manual labor, or semi-skilled occupation with which the majority must be content. The remainder of the village is proud that one of their own has taken this unprecedented step. But this is all too often an unfulfilled dream. Our young people are finding that their twelve grades have been lacking in many things, gaps in achievement or exposure show up quickly, and the youth finds himself not able to keep up the necessary grade average. Too often he must drop from school for a mandatory and year vacation when his average drops below "C".

What can be more damaging to this youth, or to his community than to have this happen? This is not because of a lack of "grey matter," but is the direct result of the now well recognized achievement gap which exists among most graduates of our "bush school" systems, usually a two year retardation.

These young people hate to go home. They are ashamed and bewildered. They can be found haunting Fairbanks and Anchorage, searching for some way out. Many find underemployment. Some apply for BIA training courses which are beneath their capabilities. Too many begin the long slide downward which starts on the 2nd and 4th avenues of our cities.

Why can't the numerous education participants, the BIA, the STATE, the boroughs, and the independent school districts together with the University provide a "prep" school facility to which these youths might be referred during their one year enforced "vacation" from their college.

Better yet, why could such a facility not be employed in advance when placement tests indicate educational gaps in young applicants for higher education?

Is this an impossibility? A pipe dream? Cogitate!

--C.A.

## AMU to Host Conference on Alaskan History June 8-10

Dr. Robert A. Frederick, professor of history at Alaska Methodist University, has been named director of the Conference on Alaskan History to be held on the AMU campus June 8-10. The conference has been funded by the National Endowment on the Humanities, the Service Center for Teachers of History of the American Historical Association, and Alaska Methodist University.

The conference during the Alaska Purchase Centennial, composed of a dozen scholars-specialists from over the United States and Canada and 40 elementary and secondary public school teachers, will evaluate the status of Alaskan historical scholarship.

Frederick said that the goals of the conference will be (1) to clarify the status of Alaskan history for public school teachers and encourage

closer attention to historical scholarship by social studies instructors in general;

(2) to indicate opportunities for research, study, and publication;

(3) to stimulate, in Alaska, an interest in Alaskan history by introducing principal historians to Alaskan invited public officials;

(4) to encourage additional research and writing in Alaskan history nationally, through

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## X-Ray Team to Be At Kotzebue

An X-ray survey will be held in Kotzebue March 27-29 by the Tuberculosis Control Unit of the State of Alaska. The Control Unit invites every adult parent in the community to take advantage of the opportunity for a Tuberculosis test.