



THESE FUTURE ORNITHOLOGISTS are engaged in bird study at the University of Alaska's model day care center in Moore Hall where Project Head Start teachers are working on-the-job as part of a six-week training program. From left are Mark Anderson; Marcella Walker, a trainee from Hooper Bay; Kurt

Heusser; Mrs. Sally Wellman, project director of the training program; Thomas Van Flein; Robbie Dellenbach; and John Vaska, a trainee from Upper Kalskag. Fifty-five teachers are enrolled in the program, conducted by UA's Head Start regional training office.

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## UA Head Start Two Years Old

A regional training program for Project Head Start is beginning its second year at the University of Alaska under a grant of \$34,054 provided by the Office of Economic Opportunity, according to an announcement by Dr. Arthur S. Buswell, UA's executive director of Public Services.

The training program seeks to upgrade qualifications of teachers in Head Start, an OEO developmental project to aid pre-school children from economically and culturally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mrs. Margaret Connet, Head Start regional training officer for Alaska, administers the program through UA's Division of State-wide Services. She joined the university staff in August, 1967, to organize the training program in its initial year.

A specialist in early childhood development, Mrs. Connet has served as a Head Start teacher and on the faculties of several universities, most recently with the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

She has directed and supervised numerous children's day care centers and schools, once establishing a private nursery in New Haven, Conn., under the advisorship of the of the noted Dr. Arnold Gesell.

A major function of Mrs. Connet's office is to plan short term training programs for the state's Head Start teachers. One such program—a six-week summer course involving 55 teachers—is nearly completed.

Project director for the summer course is Mrs. Sally Wellman, UA assistant professor of home economics. Assisting as consultants are Mrs. Irene Heusser and Mrs. Connie Griffith of Fairbanks. Earlier in the course, when about 40 teachers' aides also were enroll-

ed, Dr. James Irany and Mrs. Etheldra Jordan of Anchorage served on the consultant staff.

Faculty for the course has included specialists from the Seattle Day Nursery, Cooperative Nursery School in Birmingham, Mich., and California's Fullerton Junior College and Pacific Oaks College.

In addition to classroom instruction, the course partici-

pants are gaining on-the-job experience with actual Head Start centers in Fairbanks and at the university. The two centers on the UA campus are located in Moore Hall and the Home

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## Credibility Gap Not Confined to Vietnam

Ted Stevens, House Majority Leader and candidate for the United States Senate, speaking before the Ptarmigan Business and Professional Club at their Tuesday luncheon said that the credibility gap is not limited to the war in Vietnam.

Stevens commented upon a recent disclosure that even in the area of trade statistics federal officials in Washington have padded the figures by including foreign aid and surplus products in our export figures.

In addition, Stevens said the report discloses that imports have been valued on the basis of their foreign value instead of their cost landed in the United States.

"As a consequence," said Stevens, "the Johnson administration has been painting a rosy picture showing the position of American industry to be leading the world, when

as a matter of fact, we have had a serious trade deficit for several years."

Stevens further stated, "its gotten to the point now where hardly anyone can trust the official pronouncements of the national administration and one of the primary targets for a new Republican administration and Republican controlled Congress is to restore trust in government."

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