

# Dropout Blamed for Only 14 Native College Grads in 3 Yrs.

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Native student dropout from the University was the main topic of a discussion which was held on the University campus in the Patty Building Lounge on November 9.

There were approximately thirty students from the Theata Club who attended this round table discussion and who contributed many good ideas and reasons for native student dropout.

Also, the President of the Fairbanks Native Association, Richard Frank and his wife, Bureau of Indian Affairs counselor Emily Brown and several instructors of the University faculty attended.

It was brought out that over a period of three years, only fourteen college students have graduated out of four hundred and eighty-seven students who have entered a college.

As one graduating student put it, "It goes without saying there is an underlying inferiority in each native student as he enters college to some degree. The University is probably created for the White Man by the White Man."

The only way this feeling could be dispelled somewhat is by getting these students

to identify with the University even while they are still in high school.

"If the potential student knew that there are others like himself with the same problems or same potential, doing what he plans to do, the task might not seem so awesome...it is very hard for the native to identify with the white man's institution which we call the University."

It was also brought out that the high school graduate who plans on going to a University doesn't know for sure what he is going to major in and what college he will attend.

It was also suggested that the University should conduct a "Presentation of My Department" program where the freshmen or sophomores can attend to see what other fields, courses or colleges there are.

This would allow an indecisive student to choose a college, career or course where his interests lie.

A student brought out a fact that there are many students who are not prepared academically to enter college because of an inadequate curriculum in high school. He stated that his high school counsellor did not give him any real facts or ideas about college and did not encourage him to attend.

So when he decided to come to college, he was not prepared because of his high school background.

Because of the success of this meeting, everyone agreed to have a similar round table discussion on the 16th of November in the Patty Building Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone who was interested in giving their views on the Native Student Dropout were invited to attend.

# Conservation Leads Discussion at Nunivak

An education course in Basic Conservation has just been completed at the village of Mekoryuk on Nunivak Island. Included in the course were discussions on how the area's wildlife resources could be used to aid the village's economy.

Both day school classes and evening adult classes were held by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and with the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The subjects taught were: introduction to conservation of renewable resources; description and classification of wildlife; introduction of the Fish and Game Department structure and organization, including job opportunities and training for jobs; and guiding.

Ideas were discussed for making use of the island's

musk ox herd, including harvesting of the wool, transplanting of musk-ox to the mainland, and guiding for hunters to take animals on a controlled-hunt basis. The selective hunting,

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## City Council of Point Hope Passes Resolution Calling for Improved Freight Service and Mail

The City Council of Point Hope has passed a resolution calling for federal and state investigation of air service to the community.

The resolution, passed on Nov. 6, claims that the community has received very slow service on air mail and air freight, and asks the appropriate state and federal agencies to investigate.

Among the complaints listed, the resolution charges that airmail letters postmarked Oct. 16 did not reach Point Hope until Nov. 2.

The council also claims that perishable air freight delivered to the airline in Kotzebue on October 9 had not yet arrived on Nov. 6,

even though the invoice was received Oct. 20.

The council claims that employment in Point Hope has been stalled due to nonarrival of necessary equipment ordered from Kotzebue by radio, and subsistence hunting is being halted because of nonarrival of repair parts for snow machines.

President Sig Wien of Wien Air Alaska reports that his airline has a major problem servicing the community because of ocean fog in the area and a lack of facilities at the airport.

"The airport is not adequate for large aircraft," says Wien. He adds that the airport also lacks ground communication.

At present, the airline is forced to use single-engine aircraft at Point Hope. There

are many times when service cannot be provided, even when it can be given to other villages in the area.

"I think we are actually rendering quite good service with the equipment we have," said Wien, noting that he had, in the past, been forced to land passengers on the beach. From there, they

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