UA Native Students Explain Histories

Four Native students last Thursday from the University of Alaska spoke to the Northern Studies Seminar at the Univer-sity on the historical contact of their people with the white

man.

Al Judson, of Hoonah, gave the history of his Tlingit people's contact with the Spanish, German, Russian and American people who came to his land.

"The Tlingit is a nation," he told the group, "with many tribal subdivisions. We were the first representative democracy in America, though this was not realized by the Russians and Americans."

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One of the purposes of the talk was to show members of the class the vast differences between the various Native peoples in Alaska in their cul-

peoples in Alaska in their cultures, languages, and experiences with the white men.

Sam Tuark from Unalakleet spoke on the differences between Eskimos and Indians. He explained to the class the theories of migrations to Alaska over the land bridges formed in the Bering Strait 15 to 40,000 years ago.

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The North American Indians came to the great land and to the rest of the continent thousands of years before the Eskimos, who remained men of the sea in Alaska.

"Before the white man," explained Noah Jack, as representative of the Kuskokwim, "our people had and still have a

people had and still have a religious reverence for the land. The land was the basis of our legal system, livelihood and sus-

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The Eskimo spokesmen described a history of whole vil-lages wiped out by plagues of tuberculosis and other diseases brought in by the white man, as well as the vast influence

as well as the vast influence of the missionaries. They explained varying con-tacts with "gussuks" in different villages. The village itself, as a center of services, was a recent adaption for many Eskimo groups, though many Indian groups lived in villages tradition-

The Northern Studies Seminar, developed by Dr. William Hunt, chairman of the University Hunt, chairman of the University of Alaska History Department, is the beginning of a cross-discipline Northern Studies program the UA is developing. The seminar is a six credit, two semester course. Seminar sessions, however, are open to all and take place each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Recent sessions of the seminar included a talk by Par Fitz-

ar included a talk by Pat Fitz-gerald on the "Life and Seasonal Cycle in Two Arctic Villages", with numerous slides.

The Thursday after Thanks-giving, the seminar hopes to bring in Peter Three Stars, tribal affairs officer for the BIA or Tim Wallis of the Fairbanks Native Association to speak on problems of government administration of the native peoples.
They will include information on the Land Claims issue.

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out, become a major segment of the long lines telecommunica-tions operations in Alaska.

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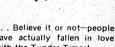
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