Isaac discovered he could take broadcasting courses, he decided

to major in broadcasting rather than in education. For several

years, Piscoya has had an interest in broadcasting. Isaac hopes someday that

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## Former Drop-out Isaac Piscoya Learning to Be Broadcaster there will be another Piscoya at the University of Alaska—his younger brother, now in the tenth grade at Nome High School. "I just keep telling him he can make it," Isaac said. Piscoya wants to get his First Class Radio-Telephone, license had dropped out, too. I told them all my story-told them how they needed to stay in school. I told them if I could make it, they could too!" Later at the University, when

old Eskimo from Nome. In the eleventh grade, he dropped out of school basically because he

just lost interest in it. For a while, Isaac didn't do anything.

Later he tried some hunting and

fishing; nothing really satisfied

Isaac Pjscoya is a high school drop-out who is making good-a fact about which he is very proud. Today, Isaac is a Univer-sity of Alaska freshman majoring in broadcasting.

The next-to-voungest in a family of four brothers and four sisters, Isaac is the first one to

attend a university.

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first semester student in the four-semester Radio Operations Laboratory, Piscoya che work in radio engineering. Piscoya chose to

Recently, Isaac has been help-ing Walstad with the wiring nec-essary for KUAC's move to the Fine Arts Complex. Isaac is happy and hopeful now, but that's not the way he used to

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him.
Finally, in early 1970, along with the talk of an oil pipeline and north road construction; Piscoya heard about the Columbia Basin Conservation Center, a job corps center southeast of Seattle, Washington. The Center offered a heavy

equipment training course-training Piscoya thought he might ing Piscoya thought he might use in view of the Alaskan road construction talk.

At the Center, Isaac was en-couraged to finish his high school education before starting heavy equipment training. Much to his surprise, Isaac finished the required high school work in just two and a half months. For the first time, Piscoya became interested in school interested in school.

After talking with a Resident Youth Worker, who was a late-starter in education interest himself, Isaac decided to give college

a try.

He said, "I figure that if I had the ability to finish my high school work in two and a half months, I might have a chance to make it at college.

Piscoya first thought that he'd like to be a teacher.

According to Isaac, "I helped the guys at the Center who couldn't read or write because they had dropped out of school. At home, so many of my friends

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