

## Job market is a 1,000% better for Alaska graduates

FAIRBANKS—Major news magazines are painting a grim picture of job prospects for 1976 college graduates. But Robert Egan, head of Career Planning and Placement at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, said the job market is "a thousand per cent better" for Alaska graduates.

He said jobs are less plentiful than last year but "we still have more opportunities than we have students." Egan qualified this saying the surplus exists for the mature students who have done "a relatively decent job of their academic program."

Egan said he is not referring to the students' grade point average so much as to their developing some kind of academic package which lends itself to employment.

He thinks the boom of last year is over. Last year was "a ridiculous year" with many more jobs than trained applicants, Egan said. Just the same he is confident that even some of the hardest-pressed fields will yield openings for students willing to relocate around the state.

Students who won't have to hustle for jobs are those finishing degrees in engineering, assuming their job goal isn't too specific. Egan said many have jobs waiting before graduation. "We even have a hard time getting them (engineering graduates) over to interview."

"Our geology students last year had a heyday. At the summer job level for the undergraduate student, they had all the job offers they could handle. The graduates were busy too." But this year, Egan said mineral industry activity is down and the situation is tighter.

However, Egan forecasts that this is only temporary. He thinks geology students can be optimistic about their employment future in Alaska.

Accounting majors have good prospects for finding

employment in the state. Egan said the supply and demand is leveling off nationally. But "in Alaska we could easily produce four times as many accountants as we are, if they are willing to leave Fairbanks. We can place all we are producing and more."

Many of the graduating UA business administration majors, like engineering students, have jobs waiting. Egan termed the number of opportunities as "healthy." Many of the jobs are with banks and the oil industry.

It may surprise some people to hear Egan say there is really not a surplus of teachers for the jobs in Alaska.

He said, "In Fairbanks and Anchorage, we are producing, in some areas, a surplus of teachers. In other specialty areas, we're not producing enough."

"Last year I probably filled 10 to 15 % of the positions listed with me. There were easily 400 positions last year. This campus produced less than 50 available teachers," Egan said. But the positions are all around the state.

Not wanting to sound like "a total Pollyanna", Egan said there are problems placing what he called the albatross, the pure liberal arts graduate. He said these students can become more employable by adding some business or another subject to broaden their career options.

Students from large and popular UA programs also may face problems with the fierce competition for jobs. Egan cites the life sciences students as an example.

"We have a quality program and a large number of students," Egan said they must plan ahead and secure summer jobs with agencies where they hope to find permanent employment. He added they can also tailor their program to gain a competitive edge.

Even with these problem areas, Egan returns to his earlier theme that the job market is still

brighter in Alaska than elsewhere. At a recent conference, Egan said other placement people were wringing their hands over no jobs. He said he was wringing his over not enough job candidates.

One effect the outside graduate glut has had on the Fairbanks student is fewer companies are sending representatives to recruit on campus. Egan said recruitment was down 30% nationwide this year and it was down 20% on the Fairbanks campus.

The remoteness of the campus and limited number of students turning out for interviews make it financially unfeasible for some companies to continue coming here.

In illustration, Egan said only three students turned out for a recruiting session with an Alaska bank recently. The bank then went outside and received 500 resumes for its middle management position.

Egan sees the role of his office increasingly as not so much bringing companies to the campus as preparing the student or graduate to write resumes and to meet the employer and give a good interview.

Life planning seminars, which teach students job-acquisition skills, are increasingly in demand outside, Egan said, as the nation continues to turn out too many

The news magazine reported 1.3 million people will receive bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees in 1976. This is almost double the number turned out 10 years ago. However, nationwide, jobs for the college-educated grew only by about a third.

Even though he sees the boom as over, Egan emphasizes the Alaska student still has golden opportunities compared to his peer outside. He concluded, "In terms of the above average UA student, things continue to be good as long as the growth of the state continues to be

healthy. Employers prefer to hire Alaskans."

## Fish and game announcement on wolf population

### FIELD ANNOUNCEMENT

Whereas, wolves are abundant in Subunit 20-A and

Whereas, a state program to reduce the wolf population in this area is under way, and

Whereas, the state prefers whenever possible that its citizens take wolves under established regulations pertaining to trapping, in preference to state control efforts,

NOW THEREFORE, 5 AAC 84.260(13) of the 1975-76 Trapping regulations is amended to read:

(13) Wolf Unit 20-A October 1-May 10

This emergency order extends the wolf trapping season in Unit 20-A by 40 days.

This emergency order expires May 11, 1976

James W. Brooks, Commissioner

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Regional Supervisor  
Division of Game

## letters

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constructing such a course of study.

You have the talented leaders to organize and implement such a program. You have the financial resources to create such a program.

If you hurry you still have the human resource, people that still remember the "old ways," but their time is fast running out.

You have all these resources at your disposal to which should be added a will and determination to portray to yourselves, your children and all Alaska, the heritage of your people.

Sincerely,  
Bob Marshall

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF PERMANENT REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF BUSINESS LOANS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, under authority vested by AS 16.10.310 proposes to adopt permanent regulations in Title 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code to make specific AS 16.10.310-AS 16.10.370 as follows:

The Division of Business Loans proposes to adopt permanent regulations pertaining to commercial fishing loans. The said regulations address themselves to the conditions upon which applications for loans are received, borrower qualifications and loan approval.

Notice is also given that any person interested may present written statements or arguments relevant to the action proposed or obtain copies of these regulations at the office of the Division of Business Loans in the State Office Building, 9th Floor, or Pouch D, Juneau, Alaska, 99811, before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 1976.

The Division of Business Loans, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, upon its own motion or at the instance of an interested person, may thereafter adopt the above proposals substantially as set out above without further notice.

Dated March 17, 1976  
Jim Edenso  
Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Commerce & Economic Development  
Pub.: March 31; April 7, 14 & 21, 1976

### LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work on Project OS-4(002), Osborn Road described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, April 22, 1976 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project will consist of grading, drainage and aggregate surfacing along 0.8 mile of Osborn Road, near Nome, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 24,275 cubic yards vehicle measure of borrow; 2,861 cubic yards vehicle measure of Subbase Grading "B"; 119 linear feet of 24" Corrugated Steel Pipe; 280 linear feet of 18" Pipe Conduit; 33,75 square feet of Standard Signs; and 70 Guide Markers.

All work shall be completed in 45 Calendar days.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the "Federal Highway Administration," the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

"Bidders must submit certifications stating whether or not they intend to subcontract a portion of the work and, if so, that they have taken affirmative action to seek out and consider minority business enterprises as potential subcontractors. Each bidder intending to sublet part of the contract work shall make contact with potential minority business enterprise subcontractors to affirmatively solicit their interest, capability, and prices, and shall document the results of such contacts. A bidder's failure to submit this certification or submission of a false certification shall render his bid nonresponsive."

Certification form (14-60) and a Directory of Minority Business Enterprises will be included with the bidding documents.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Road Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99802 at a charge of \$10.00 (non-refundable) for each assembly. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: State of Alaska, Department of Highways. Plans may be examined at Department of Highway Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez.

H.D. Scougal  
Acting Commissioner of Highways  
Pub.: March 31, April 7 & 14, 1976

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This project will consist of construction of a ferry terminal and approach road.

Principal items of work consist of the following: unclassified excavation, 3,013 cubic yards; borrow, 7,973 cubic yards; subbase grading "A," 242 cubic yards; Class A concrete, lump sum, all required; reinforcing steel, lump sum, all required; transfer bridge, furnished, fabricated and erected, lump sum, all required; dolphin steel, furnished, fabricated and erected, lump sum, all required; structural steel piles, furnished and driven, 475 linear feet; dolphin pile piles, furnished and driven; 1,000 linear feet; pre-stressed dolphin pile anchors, 19 each; transfer barge, lump sum, all required; riprap Class I, 1,284, cubic yards; riprap Class II, 753 cubic yards.

All work shall be completed in 150 Calendar days.

In accordance with requirements set forth by "Federal Highway Administration," the following provisions are made a part of all advertisements for highway construction contracts:

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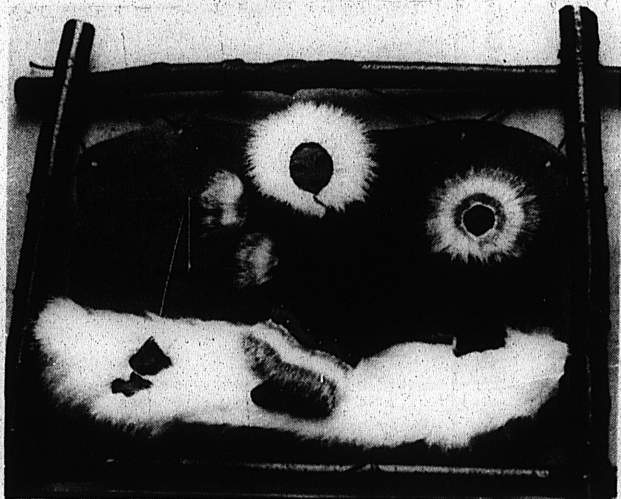
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