

UA Annual Science Conference to Focus Arctic Development Effect on Natives



COLLEGE—The 20th annual Alaska Science Conference this summer will focus on arctic development and its effect on Alaska natives.

The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 24-25 at the University of Alaska, according to Victor Fischer, conference chairman, who is director of the university's Institute of Social, Economic, and Government Research.

Manpower Center Office Opens at Barrow

A New Manpower Center office of the Alaska State Employment Service was open for business last week at Barrow, Alaska, announced Thomas J. Moore, Commissioner of Labor.

"This is another link in our chain of local Manpower Center offices established throughout the State to connect Alaska workers with job or job training opportunities promptly and efficiently," Moore said.

The Labor Commission said that the Barrow office would be able to strengthen his current drive to encourage greater use of the Barrow area labor force by oil industry employers at adjacent North Slope job sites, as well as provide employment assistance and information to Barrow residents.

It will be a sub-office of the Fairbanks Manpower Center and will coordinate closely with that office in job development efforts, particularly in the oil industry.

The office is temporarily staffed by Rick Newton from the Fairbanks Manpower Center, but Moore stated a search is on for a permanent Barrow resident to handle the responsibilities of the Manpower Center.

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Fischer said the conference will attract both social and physical scientists to examine the position of Alaska natives, arctic development, and the impact of development on environment.

He said representatives of government and industry and interested citizens will be invited to participate. The conference will include persons from Alaska and Canada and other persons concerned with northern resources, environment, and people.

The conference will be a series of three symposia with panel discussions for each symposium.

In the symposium on the impact of change on natives, there will be panels on how natives live, the affect of change and welfare programs, and education programs for natives.

A symposium on the economics of petroleum development in Alaska and Canada and policies for conservation in the arctic.

Gov. Signs Law Authorizing Statue for Late Sen. Bartlett

JUNEAU Governor Keith H. Miller has signed into law an act authorizing the construction of a life-sized statue of Senator E.L. "Bob" Bartlett.

Upon completion, the statue will be placed in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is commissioned by the law to work with Federal officials to determine the requirements and standards for such a

Fischer said the focus of the conference will be on needs, effects, and implications of petroleum development on the North Slope of the arctic.

Key issues involved are what kind of development in relation to conservation, the economic and political basis for decisions on resource development, settlement of the native land claims, and integration of natives into the socio-economic structure of the state.

Fischer said, "Now is the time to explore what we know and what we need to know about the north, its resources, its environment, and its people."

"The pace of heightened economic activity in the north has brought a new urgency to the resolution of the problems of the indigenous people of the north," he said.

Further information is available from Victor Fischer, Conference Chairman, 20th Alaska

statue and will select the sculptor.

Final approval of all details of the project, including the selection of the artist, and the final product, rests with the late Senator's widow, Vide Bartlett.

The contract will also include the construction of a life-sized bust of the late Senator which will be presented to the University of Alaska.

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