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R. London Smith is interviewed by Steve Sherman on June 10, 1968 in Fairbanks, Alaska

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Steve Sherman asked Dr. Smith about the program. Dr. R. London Smith talked about the Alaska Law Officer's Training Program. UA will offer a fully accredited program in police administration at the associate degree level starting in the fall. The degree program will be offered at the Anchorage Community College and at the main campus at College. Full-time professors and police administration have been employed to offer the technical courses. General education courses may be completed at the various community colleges, at evening classes and in correspondence-study courses. A one week concentrated summer institute will be offered next summer at College. The institute will deal with law enforcement and crime prevention. Dean asked about the objectives of the program. Dr. Smith said the objectives of the program are to offer a liberal education at the associate degree level with special training in law enforcement, the training of students for employment and leadership in the expanding field of law enforcement, the instruction of men and women who wish to understand the processes of law enforcement as a cultural part of their higher education, and to help prepare those students who will eventually pursue a program in corrections, probation and parole at UA or a bachelors in police administration at some other institution. The main focus of the program is to improve law enforcement in Alaska by improving the effectiveness of law enforcement officials. If we equip the law enforcement official with more intellectual armament we believe the citizens relationships will improve. Dean asked when the program will begin. Dr. Smith said the program will begin this fall at the Anchorage Community College and the main campus. The general studies classes will be available during the day, but most of the technical classes will be available in the evening.