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FIRST EPISODE: University of Alaska Summer Session Discussion

Summer session is approaching summer session final arrangement for the biggest program in the history of the university. University officials predict there will be more students on campus this summer than there are during the current school year. A variety of classes are being offered. There will be a pre-session program, a short session, an intersession and a regular summer session. Classes include a basketball coaching clinic, portrait painting, advanced French, differential equations and education courses. Workshops on anthropology, animal life, geology, mining, history and art in the 49<sup>th</sup> state will be held. Teacher training institutes will be conducted for high school French teacher, high school English teachers, teachers in remote bush schools, and for teachers that work with handicapped children. Eighty high school students will participate in the "Upward Bound" program and a leadership conference will be open to junior and senior high school students who are at least 14 years old. Youth groups like the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, 4H and church groups are able to send delegates to the conference. A four week summer music camp will be held. In addition to the summer programs, there will be guided tours of the University, special conferences and conventions. This year over 2000 students are expected to participate in the summer activities at the University of Alaska.

SECOND EPISODE: University of Alaska History on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On May 4, 1917 Governor Strong signed Senate Bill 15 which created an Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines to be located in the Tanana Valley. The bill also appropriated \$60,000 to construct and equip a building to house the school. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the bill. This episode looks back at the University's 50 years and looks at what is being done to commemorate this anniversary.

The school opened in September, 1922, with six students, six faculty members, and Charles Bunnell as President, five years before the first building was completed. In 1925, a dormitory was built on campus to house the 71 enrolled students. By 1934, 152 students were attending classes and the college was accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary School and Higher Schools. The school continues to grow. More buildings were built. In 1935, the college became the University of Alaska. During WWII activity at the university slowed, enrollment dropped to 71 students and there was talk of closing the University. After the war, enrolment recovered, has continued to grow and new buildings have been built. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the University will begin a year-long celebration of its golden anniversary. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the annual Governor's Day ceremonies, a reception for Governor Hickel, groundbreaking for a new library, humanities and fine arts complex, the reserve officers training corps awards, and a golden anniversary convocation will be held.

Displays, tours and special programs are planned throughout the summer.

## THIRD EPISODE: All Campus Day;

Spring is coming; snow is melting and plants are budding out. But spring also means mud-holes in unpaved parking lots and streets and the appearance of a winter's accumulation of trash. Today's episode is about All Campus Day dedicated to spring cleanup and outdoor activities which will be held Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

All Campus Day originated to give students an opportunity to let off steam after the long winter and to assist the university in cleaning up a winter's worth of trash around the campus. All Campus Day starts this year with a rousing Wake-Up Campaign. A sourdough pancake breakfast will be served at 7am. Student senators will serve as waiters for their classmates. After breakfast, students will be divided into teams to clean up around academic buildings and residence halls. A trophy will be awarded to the group that does the best clean-up job. Lunch will be served from 11:15 to 12:30. During lunch a Miss Student Body contest will be held. Girls will wear swimsuits and have bags over their heads to conceal their identities. After lunch a flag football tournament will be held with both men's and women's divisions. The winners will receive a free meal at a Fairbanks restaurant. In the afternoon there will be a watermelon feed and mudball games. Later in the afternoon there will be a barbeque with a band providing live music. At 6 o'clock, the All-U Review, a show put on by students and faculty, will be held. Several more entertainment acts are also planned. In the evening, Lathrop Hall will hold a Playboy Club Open House, complete with bunny-hostesses and there will be a Playboy dance at 9pm in the Commons. The upper lounge of the Commons will be decked out as a Monte Carlo casino where students can try their luck. Five winners will be awarded special prizes.

## FOURTH EPISODE: Water Polo

Water polo first appeared as a sport at the University last winter under the direction of Joseph Moysan(?), Head of Student Activities, AAU Water Polo Director for Alaska and coach of the university water polo team. Interest in the sport has been growing and weekly games have been held. During the first week in May, a tournament, the first of its kind in the state, will be held on campus. Joseph Moysan(?) and Mike Tinker(?), a member of the university water polo team, are guests on the show today.

One of the guests provides a brief history of water polo and describes it as a contact sport that is like a combination of hockey, soccer, football and basketball in the water and its history. Ponies have no part in it.

In the past 10 years water polo has grown over 10,000%. It is played on a AAU basis and in the NCAA.

Mr. Moysan(?) says that he used to play water polo and enjoyed it. He thought the students at the University of Alaska would enjoy it as well, so he decided to introduce water polo. Water polo is a recreation sport at the University of Alaska and not yet an intercollegiate sport yet.

There are 7 members per team. A travelling team consists of 9 people. Players swim during play. Standing on the bottom of the pool and holding onto the sides are not allowed. A game consists of four quarters, each seven minutes long with a five minute break at the half.

The university team is developing competition throughout the state as much as they can. Teams that are known to be competing in the tournament are the University team, the Eielson base team, the high school team as well as the University ski team, which will be entering a team.

Water polo being a spectator sport, an audience is welcome and admission to the tournament is free.

## FIFTH EPISODE: Review of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Last week the University celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The day began with an awards ceremony for the University's reserve officers training corps. More than 25 individual awards were presented as well as awards participation awards for members of the men's and women's drill teams, the ROTC band, the ranger platoon and the rifle team. Cadet Colonel David Reeve(?) was presented the Governor's Medal by Governor Hickel and the Commanding General's Award by Brigadier General George Jones, Commanding General of the Yukon Command.

In the afternoon groundbreaking ceremonies for the new library, humanities and fine arts complex were held. University Marshal William Cashen comments. He speaks of the groundbreaking ceremony for and 16-year construction of the Eielson Building.

Governor Hickel, Board of Regents President Elmer Rasmuson, University President Dr. Wood and members of the Board of Regents participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

A Golden Anniversary Convocation was held in the Patty Building Gymnasium. Governor Hickel gave the main address. He comments on what an educated person is, not someone who knows a lot of facts but a person with a certain attitude and approach to the world.

## SIXTH EPISODE: Alaska Purchase Centennial Mineral Conference, Earl Beistline

Mineral industry leaders from throughout the United Stated and Canada will converge on the University of Alaska campus for the Alaska Purchase Centennial Minerals Conference, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Development of the North's mineral resources is the theme of the conference. The program will cover new developments, techniques and research in the mineral industries field. Today's guest is the chairman of the conference, acting academic vice president and Dean of the College of Earth Sciences and Mineral Industries, Dean Earl Beistline.

Mr. Beistline comments that the conference is sponsored by the Alaska and Southwest Alaska sections of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, the British Columbia section of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the University of Alaska.

The keynote speaker of the conference will be Dr. Walter R. Hibbard, President of AIME and Director of the United States Bureau of Mines. Senator Bob Bartlett will speak on the oceans. Senator Gruening will address the conference on mining problems in Alaska and other states. Dr. Ernest Patty, President Emeritus of the University and President of Alluvial Golds, Inc, Fredrick C. Kruger, Executive Head of the Department of Mineral Engineering at Stanford University, and Dr. Raymond Smith, President of Michigan Technological University are some of the men from the United States mineral industry who will give papers. There will also be quite a delegation from Canada, including John Van Luven, President of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and Thomas Elliott, Manager of the British Columbia and Yukon Chamber of Mines.

Also, Ivan Block(?), industrial consultant, will make a presentation on northern electric power development and electo-process industries. Charles Boardman of Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University California will discuss nuclear explosions in mineral industries. Other programs include the future outlook for gold, distribution of trace elements in Alaskan coals, new approaches in placer mining, and foreign markets for Alaskan minerals. On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a symposium covering problems and new advances in mineral exploration.

All the sessions will be open to the public.