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This Is Your University: 1965-1966 – Ocean Pollution by Dr. Hood, Director of Institute of Marine Science; Committee on Institutional Government for University of Alaska; Phillip Craig Cory, Composer-Student; Spring Activities – Don Miller, Head of University Relations; Sarkis Atamian – Criminal Typology in Fishing and Hunting

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FIRST EPISODE: Ocean Pollution by Dr. Hood, Director of Institute of Marine Science Committee on Institutional Government for University of Alaska

ANNOUNCER: Paul Quist

To what extent the oceans are being polluted by man is the subject of the book "Impingement of Man on the Oceans" which is now being edited by Dr. Donald W. Hood, Director of the University of Alaska's Institute of Marine Science. The book is written by many authors who are experts in their fields. Dr. Hood is today's guest.

The Institute of Marine Science was founded in 1960 by an act of the legislature. Its purpose is to invest the fundamentals of oceanography in waters contiguous to the state of Alaska. This Institute represents the only oceanographic institute that the U.S. sponsors whose primary concern is polar and sub-polar oceanographic research.

The institute has grown from one person in 1961 to 70 people at the present time. There are 16 staff members at the level of assistant professor or above, experts in biology, chemistry, physics and geology.

The extent of man's encroachment on the ocean is a difficult thing to assess. The field of oceanography is not old enough that there is sufficient data to go back very far in history for a longer perspective. The vastness of the ocean, too, makes it difficult to assess. However, there are indicators that we should look more carefully into the ocean's contamination from man's activity.

SECOND EPISODE: Committee on Institutional Government for University of Alaska

ANNOUNCER: Paul Quist

The opening paragraph of the final report of the University of Alaska Committee on Institutional Governance, which published December 15, 1967, is read. In the four months since its issue, the report has had a significant and historic effect on the governmental structure of the University of Alaska.

In March 1967, at the request of several advisory councils at the University, President Wood established an ad hoc University Committee on Institutional Governance. He appointed dean of students, Lewis Haines, to chair the committee. The committee was asked to study philosophies of government in American universities and report possible applications to the University of Alaska. By mid-December of 1967, the committee had published its final report. Committee members cited several deficiencies in the system of governance as it existed then at the University of Alaska including lack of an appropriate body with primary authority for determining academic policy, and lack of adequate faculty participation in policy and decision making. The report recommended "establishment of a university assembly as both a legislative body having primary authority to develop academic policy, and a vehicle for the discharge of faculty responsibility for university wide affairs."

The reports recommendation was approved by the Board of Regents. President Wood then appointed an implementation committee, headed by Dr. Charles Belke(?), Dean of the College of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering and forty two representatives from all divisions of the university were elected or appointed to sit on the university assembly. The election was conducted in late March of this year. On April 4, President Wood convened the first meeting of the university assembly. Dr. Bruce Gordon, the head of the department of linguistics and foreign languages, was elected as vice chairman and presiding officer.

THIRD EPISODE: Phillip Craig Cory, Composer-Student

ANNOUNCER: Paul Quist.

Phillip Craig Cory, a sophomore from Kenai came to the University in 1966 as a biology major, soon switched to English and is now a music major in piano performance. He has been an honors student every semester. Phillip Craig Cory is today's guest.

Craig says that he remembers listening to classical music as a child but not understanding it. He says he has very little musical training. His biggest influence has been what he has heard and listened to. He finds the isolation of living out in the woods very inspiring. His favorite composers are Aaron Copland, Stravinski and Scriabin. Craig studies under Jean Paul Billaud.

Craig composed some preludes that were performed by Billaud at the recent fine arts festival. The first prelude was written before he had any musical training. It is an allegro which relies mostly on harmony for its effect. The second prelude is slow and dreamy, built on fifths. The third is more violent and designed to show off the piano.

He plans to study for a year in Geneva before returning to Alaska and finishing his degree.

FOURTH EPISODE: Spring Activities – Don Miller, Head of University Relations

ANNOUNCER: Paul Quist

With spring comes Governor's Day, commencement and the opening of summer sessions. These end of the year activities are coordinated by the Office of University Relations. Mr. Don Miller, acting director of the Office of University Relations is the guest on today's show.

Mr. Miller explains that Governor's Day is the University's way of saying thank you to the Governor for his support that year, and every year. Activities on Governor's Day include the annual ROTC awards program in the morning, the Governor's annual speech, a student reception, a lunch in honor of the Governor and usually a groundbreaking ceremony or building dedication in the afternoon. This year, as in some prior years, the University's annual sports banquet winds up the day's activities.

In the week preceding commencement, a meeting of the Regents takes place. This session of the board is primarily to prove the granting of degrees. The regents also discuss a number of projects and programs for the University. Some of these include the University's construction program, matters related to the budget, and, prior to the full meeting of the board, a number of committees of Regents are also in session.

After the Regents have concluded their meeting, things get quite busy as commencement weekend starts. Alumni Day is held on Saturday. This year, the classes of 1958, 1948, 1938, and 1928 will be honored. The Alumni Association holds its annual meeting during the day. There is a luncheon at noon and the alumni tour the campus. In the evening, the alumni have their annual banquet. Sunday is the baccalaureate. The speaker this year will be Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, Grand President of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. Following the baccalaureate program is the annual reception for seniors given by the alumni. This year a dedication ceremony is planned, as well. On Monday, commencement will be held. The speakers will be Dr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska and William C. Herrington, Former Special Assistant for Fisheries and Wildlife with the rank of Ambassador to the Secretary of State.

This year 315 graduates are expected, compared to 266 last year.

Three summer sessions will be held, along with a number of special workshops and seminars. A large number of visitors to the campus are expected.

FIFTH EPISODE: Sarkis Atamian – Criminal Typology in Fishing and Hunting

ANNOUNCER: Paul Quist

Imagine a mixed bag hunter in the Kuskokwim area during late summer. Moose, caribou and sheep are in season, but he finds a grizzly framed in his scope with only two days remaining before the grizzly bear season opens. He may not see another bear for years. He yields to temptation, triggers his thirty ought six and in that swift moment of decision he has committed a criminal act.

Sarkis Atamian, associate professor of sociology and psychology at the University of Alaska, believes this hunter's behavior could be typed with that of other occasional criminal offenders. He is today's guest. In his paper, "Criminal Typologies in Sport Hunting and Fishing", he matched lawbreakers in hunting and fishing with their common criminal types of occasional petty offender, vandalism, career criminal, white collar criminal, and organized or syndicated criminal.

For example, vandalism, which takes place in a group, is, Professor Atamian believes, the individual trying to maintain a sense of identity and status according to the standard and expectations of his group. In hunting and fishing, vandalism corresponds to wanton waste. White collar criminals, who violate a position of trust, are highly specialized as the average criminal would not have access to the opportunities. In hunting and fishing, white collar criminals correspond guides and outfitters abusing their positions.

The present study grew out of a previous study socio-economic done in conjunction with the Alaska State Fish and Game Department and the University of Alaska.