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FIRST EPISODE: Class of 1968.

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen

Last month the University of Alaska welcomed 491 young men and women, its largest freshman class of in its 47-year history. Their first week was filled with testing sessions, health examinations, speech checks, orientation classes, campus tours, riverboat rides, barbeques, hootenannies, dances, counseling and guidance, decisions about subjects and courses, meetings with professors and textbook purchases. Of these students, 194 are women and 297 are men. There are three men to each two women, "a ratio the women seem to appreciate." They come from 73 different Alaska cities and communities including Ketchikan, Point Barrow, Juneau, St. Paul Island, Sitka, Anchorage, Unalakleet, Valdez, Fairbanks, Ninilchik and Nome. By ancestry, they are Norwegian, Eskimo, Irish, Indian, Italian but they are all Alaskans. There are also student from 24 other states and three foreign countries.

The College of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering has attracted the greatest freshman enrollment. The College of Business, Economics and Government is next, followed by the College of Behavioral Sciences and Education and the College of Biological Sciences and Renewable Resources. Some subjects attracting the greatest interest are education, wildlife management and the biological sciences.

Enrollment of all classes on the main campus this fall is 1,416. Of this number 1,138 are Alaskans. From 39 other states and U.S. possessions come 238 students and 40 come from 16 different foreign countries. One hundred thirty eight are graduated students. Enrollment in the 6 community colleges, extension courses and military on-base courses make the university's total enrollment this semester nearly 5,000.

SECOND EPISODE: Fall Meeting of the Board of Regents and Other Activities

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen

The annual fall meeting of the Board of Regents was last week. The Board met for three days to consider university affairs, to approve the 1965/'66 budget for presentation to the governor and to review an updated master plan for community development. The Board members were joined by Governor William Egan on Friday for a special presentation by University officials on the current status of academic and research programs. Also with Governor Egan, the Board heard a proposal to consolidate all University of Alaska instructional programs in the Anchorage area under one administrative unit. It would consolidate the present community college, including adult non-credit courses and expanded technician level offering, the military off-campus program and university upper division and graduate courses.

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Research and development are some of the main objectives of the university. One of these programs is the musk-ox program, which, under a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, is continuing research started in the early 1930s when 33 musk oxen were brought to the university from Greenland by the Department of the Interior. The program was discontinued due to financial concerns, and the musk oxen were exiled to Nunivak Island where they thrived and the herd grew to 400.

Since August this year, Professor John Teal, the supervisor of the new project, has been capturing muskox calves on Nunivak and airlifting them to a new home on the campus. The project will determine the feasibility of raising muskoxen for commercial use. Muskox fleece is considered one of the world's finest fibers. And musk ox steaks are considered superior to most wild game meat. Professor Teal and his staff returned this week from another round-up on Nunivak with 9 more calves. The musk ox farm on campus now has a population of 23 and 10 more are to come.

Although the creatures are bashful around strangers and visitors are not allowed, they have grown fond of their herder, Terry Hall(?). Terry and Professor Teal feed the calves a special formula using calf feeding buckets with large nipples. The calves play a rough and tumble game in their pasture with a large medicine ball.

On the university sports scene, basketball coach Bill Ordway(?) is looking to a new crop of junior and sophomore ball players to bolster a program which has lost 3 team men to graduation.

The university rifle team is also looking to new members maintain its reputation as one of the best collegiate rifle teams in the country. Sgt. Everett Horton(?), team coach, is counting on the largest turnout ever to produce some top light shooters.

On the academic scene, scholarships and grants totaling \$80,000 have been awarded to 200 students at the university this semester. This is 70 more than last spring's total. Forty different organizations made the scholarships available.

A design submitted by two civil engineering students at the University of Alaska has won national recognition in undergraduate engineering contest. Seniors Gordon Revus(?) and Student Powel(?) placed fourth with a design of a marina proposed for the lake formed by Rampart Dam, should it become a reality.

THIRD EPISODE: Larry Wyatt's Play "If This Be Madness"

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen

The University of Alaska drama workshop is producing a musical called "If This Be Madness" which will play in Fairbanks and Juneau. The play is the result of three years of work between Lawrence Wyatt(?), a young University of Alaska English instructor, and John Gilbert, a musician from Texas Technological Institute. Wyatt wrote the play and collaborated with Gilbert on the lyrics. Gilbert wrote the music. Larry Wyatt is the guest on today's show.

The play is a tragic comedy based upon Don Quixote. The play showcases the conflict between the main character, who is dissatisfied with his purposeless and futile life, and the antagonist, a New York psychiatrist. These men differ in their views on the world; the main character blames the world for his troubles and so, sets out to recreate the world, while the antagonist sees man as an embodied impulse.

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Thirty eight Alaskans have come to the university this year to study electronics. This is the second class to take a fifty one week electronics technician training course under the Manpower Development and Training Act of the federal government. Eighteen members of the first class, which graduated this fall, are already employed in electronics in Alaska. Dr. John Tryon, head of the University's electrical engineering department sees the course as an effective doorway to a career in the electronics field.

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An internationally recognized scientist, Dr. Lawrence Irving, the director of the Institute of Arctic Biology, is in Japan participating in a seminar on bioclimatology. Dr. Irving is one of eight American scientists invited to the seminar, funded by the National Science Foundation and the Japanese government. He is the author of eight books in the field as well as a pioneering developer of emergency apparatus for air flight. Since 1956, he has been an honorary research associate of the Smithsonian Institute.

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In the University art department 26 students are sculpting and carving native Alaska materials under the guidance of Helmut Van Flein. Nice work has been done in soapstone which has been quarried near Palmer, as well as Alaska birch and Alaskan red and yellow cedar. Experimental work has been done with Tokeen marble and much ceramic work has been done with the clay from Usibelli coal mine near Fairbanks.

FOURTH EPISODE: Job Recruiting

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen, Dean Olsen

Bob Olsen reports that during their junior and senior years, students start looking into where to find their first job. The Graduate Placement Office can help with this.

Last year, 11 major companies sent representatives to campus to interview juniors and seniors for possible future employment. This week, Donald Hartman(?), a personnel representative from the Texaco corporation is on the campus interviewing geology students for summer employment and full time career positions. Representatives of many other companies have also scheduled visits this year.

Last February, the university started a series of annual parents' nights to bring information into Alaska's cities and towns about the university's academic programs. The programs are designed for parents with children in high school who are deciding on their children's future education as well as for parents who have children currently attending the university.

The informal programs are presented by university representatives and followed by a question and answer session and a slideshow.

The first program is scheduled for November in Fairbanks. Programs for the Anchorage and southeastern area are scheduled for February.

Dean Olsen(?) reports that coach Jack Peterson reports that the ice in the hockey rink is in excellent condition. Nineteen men turned out for the hockey team this fall, nine of them veterans and have started practicing. In addition to a schedule with Fort Wainwright, the Nanook hockey squad will travel to Canada. In Alberta, they will meet the University of Alberta, in Vancouver, the University of British Columbia.

Dean Olsen(?) reports that last week the university's rifle team broke its own scoring record as it defeated the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's rifle and pistol team. The rifle team is preparing for Kansas State University Turkey Shoot at Manhattan, Kansas in December. Last year the University of Alaska placed second in this match, out of about 60 teams.

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Bob Olsen reports that University of Alaska oceanography research vessel will depart for a 10-day research cruise. It will cruise from Juneau to Cape Spencer, on to Yakutat and Prince

William Sound before returning to Juneau. During the cruise the ship will stop at 63 stations where the scientists will, among other things, take temperature readings and water samples.

The ship is 80 feet long, has two laboratory areas, precision depth measuring equipment, nets and trawls, coring tubes and special cranes and winches. It is hoped that findings will produce a graphic picture of Alaska's offshore resources.

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The University of Alaska is becoming of more and more service as a conference center.

Last week the Alaska Personnel and Guidance Association met on campus. This week, the 11th Military Conservation Officers' Course is in progress and next week the Civil Defense Education Program will be held on campus.

Last summer, 1,462 people enrolled in various non-credit workshops on campus as well as conferences and sessions.

FIFTH EPISODE: University Happenings

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen

The Ketchikan Community College is having its 10th birthday this week. It is the second oldest of Alaska's six community colleges. The Anchorage community college just celebrated its tenth birthday in February and the Juneau-Douglas community college was established in 1956. Palmer, Sitka, and Kenai community colleges were established this year.

In Ketchikan this week, the community college scheduled an open house for the community and students. Dr. Howard Cutler is in Ketchikan commemorating the event.

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The main campus is host for Governor's committee for planning for mental health and mental retardation facilities. Dr. Barbara Yuer(?), the coordinator of the committee, is the guest on today's show.

Dr. Yuer(?) explains that the committee is made up of 16 citizens, from different areas in Alaska and from all walks of life. The committee's purpose is study, research and planning for the mental health for the state of Alaska. There are several task forces within the committee. The task forces alone will not be enough; each community will have to form its own planning group and decide for itself what its needs and resources are. Problems in Alaska include vast distances, small populations, long hours of darkness, extreme cold, different groups: Eskimos, Indians, and ex-United-Statesers or cheechakos.

The Governor's committee may end up building new physical facilities in Alaska. However, a comprehensive community mental health clinic may not necessarily mean a new building. It can mean a new interest and awareness in a community for the need for new kinds of services. It can mean attracting new professional people, perhaps just a social worker for family service.

It is up to the Alaska communities to work with the Governor's committee to see what is needed and to take initiative.

The committee is meeting on campus this week. The committee has some well-known Alaskans on it. The meeting is the second of four meetings and the second year of planning.

Dr. Yuer(?) is a new Alaskan from New York state. She is enjoying Alaska and doesn't mind the chilly weather

SIXTH EPISODE: University Happenings

ANNOUNCER: Bob Olsen

Students have a wide variety of fun extracurricular activities to choose from. Hootenannies are always popular. Friday night, the Associated Women's Students sponsored a song-fest in the University Commons. Saturday night was the annual coronation ball sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. The Theta club is sponsoring a semi-formal dance during the Thanksgiving recess.

Students may also attend weekly screenings of foreign films such as *Ugetsu*, *Potemkin*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *Davis and Lisa* and two hours of Charlie Chaplin

A two week art exhibit opened on campus on Sunday, displaying the work of four nationally known artists from the University of Colorado.

A new tumbling club at the university, under the coaching of Professor James Mahaffey recently performed at Fairbanks' Main Jr. High School. More performances are scheduled. The club is made up of six men and three women: William Wilson of Fairbanks, Larry Meyer(?) of Juneau, Terry Ellis(?) of Nabesna, Genie Davies(?) of College, Martha Lancashire(?) of Soldotna, David Yune(?) of California, Jesse Zeiziger(?) of New Mexico, Rick Gowan(?) of Fairbanks, Johnna Carr(?) of College.

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The mission of the ROTC program at the university is to produce junior officers who, by education, training and inherent qualities, are suitable for continued development as officers in the U.S. Army. In addition to the regular ROTC training at the University of Alaska, young men in ROTC may now join an extracurricular ranger training program. Under the supervision of Captain Bob Gordon and Sargent James Harmon(?), a group of 45 men now volunteer their time each Sunday for ranger training. The program is designed to teach leadership and the ability to operate under physical and mental stress. They first pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, then embark on a program which includes bayonet training and the principles of demolition, crossing water obstacles on ropes and poncho rafts, rappelling down cliffs, compass use, land navigation and map reading, combat and reconnaissance-type patrolling. Hand-to-hand combat is taught by Sargent James Harmon(?), who was hand-to-hand combat instructor Fort Jackson South Carolina Training Center. Captain Gordon, an assistant professor in military science, is an experienced and qualified ranger.

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As the cast of the University's drama workshop musical "If This Be Madness" travels to Juneau and Ketchikan for performances this week, the drama laboratory on campus is planning tryouts for three forthcoming plays, *The Valiant*, *Hello Out There* and *Impromptu*.

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A recital was held on campus last Friday. Assistant professor of music, Frank Parton(?), presented selections from Bach's Italian Concerto, and one of Antonio Soler Ramos' (?) compositions on a historical harpsichord with three sets of strings.

Music department head Charles Davis is working with the University's Choir of the North in preparing two Christmas programs for radio broadcast this holiday season.