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Ec. Dept. Fall Tea

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HISTORY ON RECORDS—Alvin O. Bramstedt, center, general manager of the Midnight Sun Broadcasting Company, and Dr. Ernest N. Patty, president of the University of Alaska, hold one of the many recordings of Alaska's pioneers the broadcasting company recently presented to the University. At right is John Mehler, University Librarian, who said the records will be of considerable assistance in any sociological study of Alaska and its pioneers, and will prove invaluable for research into the opening up of the interior.

Recorded Interviews Of Alaskan Pioneers Presented To U Of A

Today or 500 years from now the Alaskan pioneers of the 1890's and early 1900's will divulge in their own voices the Territory's rich and colorful past for history researchers at the University of Alaska library.

This was made possible by the Midnight Sun Broadcasting Company's recent gift of a large collection of recorded interviews with the old-timers. Their ranks have thinned even more since Alvin O. Bramstedt, general manager of the company, started the series in 1946. Bramstedt presented the collection to Dr. Ernest N. Patty, university president, and Librarian, John Mehler.

"I started the series because I believed the considerable available material should be collected while it still was possible to do so," Bramstedt explained. "I knew radio audiences would be interested in hearing the pioneers relate from their own lips their background and experiences. I also felt that these first hand accounts should be made available to posterity. When I began the records in 1946 I planned to give them to the University of Alaska so they will be available to researchers on Alaska history."

Bramstedt broadcast the series under the title "Here's A Pioneer." Recently the company revived the series with Val Greuel, KFAR news editor, conducting the interview. Bramstedt said the University will receive recordings of this series which also will appear on the new KFAR-TV schedule about the first

English Dept. Offers M.A.

Starting second semester, students will be able to earn a Master of Arts degree in English at the University of Alaska as a result of graduate council action this week.

Dr. Minnie E. Wells, head of the department of arts and letters which is offering the degree, said the works of Jane Austen will be offered next semester. The course will be scheduled for Saturday morning so school teachers can enroll.

"If it seems justified, the department will offer two courses each succeeding semester," Dr. Wells explained.

Second semester will commence Jan. 29. Registration is scheduled for January 21.

Regulations for the M. A. degree

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The Department of the Army po Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. John heroism displayed in the rescue of inju McKinley last May.

Brig. Gen. M. S. Carter, deputy Alaska, presented the certificate and c

Miss Fish Is "First Lady" Of Miners

Miss Isabelle Fish, campus nurse, was crowned "First Lady of the Year" and presented a large bouquet of American Beauty roses by the University of Alaska mining students at their annual Miners' Ball Saturday in the gymnasium.

Arthur T. Tunley, president of the Mining Society, told the large crowd that the organization wished to honor Miss Fish for "her meritorious work on campus throughout the school years, and especially for her untiring devotion to duty recently during the mass inculation of gamma globulin."

"Miss Fish has been in charge of the infirmary for almost five years," Tunley said. "She has always been willing to go far beyond the call of duty in ministering to her students, both as a nurse and unofficial advisor."

Guests of honor at the formal ball were Dr. Charles E. Bunnell, president emeritus of the university and Dr. and Mrs. Neil W. Hosley. Dr. Hosley is university dean.

Patrons and patronesses were School of Mines Dean and Mrs. Earl H. Beistline, and Professors and Mesdames John R. Hoskins, Harry B. Groom, Jr., and Nalin R. Mukherjee.

Vice president of the mining society and ball advertising chairman is Don Clark. Ball chairman was George Bloom, Donald Stein was refreshments chairman, and Harold Livingston supervised the decorations.

The Southernaires provided the music.

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Historical Wealth

Each record contains a wealth of material for historical researchers. Those seeking information concerning early medical practices in Alaska and the Yukon Territory will be able to obtain it by listening to the record concerning the late Dr. J. A. Sutherland, "Dean of Alaska doctors". He went to Dawson City in 1897 and moved to Fairbanks in 1904.

Early Law

Historians interested in early efforts to bring law and order to the Territory will find considerable material in the recording by the late John J. (Jack) Buckley, pioneer fire chief and U.S. deputy marshal. He arrived in Fairbanks from Circle City and Dawson in 1904. He joined the Fairbanks Fire Department in 1905 and remained in the organization until 1918. His recording includes an account of Fairbanks' disastrous fire of 1906.

Dr. Andrew Nerland, president of the University of Alaska Board of Regents, made a recording which describes his arrival in Alaska from Seattle in 1898. He went over Chilkoot Pass that same year. He provides a colorful insight into early mining camp life, mining activities in the Fairbanks area and the great snowslide between Sheep Camp and Scales which took more than 60 lives.

Other records contain equally rich information on Alaska's past, narrated by the men and women whose lives will form the early chapters in any books concerning the territory. Some still are alive and adding to that history. Others have taken the final trail.

Librarian John Mehler said the records will be of considerable assistance in any sociological study of Alaska and its pioneers, and will prove invaluable for research into the opening of the interior.

Researchers and others interested in Alaska's historical past will be able to use the records by contacting the library in advance.

U of A Students Marry

Two University of Alaska students were married last June in the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, by Rev. Victor Alfsen in the presence of 75 guests.

Sally Hasteltin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Haseltin of Valdez, was given in marriage by her father to Robert E. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Harris of Eska.

The newlyweds are continuing their studies at the University.

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Semester tests will commence Jan. 29. Registration is scheduled for January 21.

Regulations for the M. A. degree are in the University catalog. Dr. Wells urged interested persons to take immediate steps to apply for the graduate study. Admission blanks are available at the dean's office.

The following course additions will be offered: Early Nineteenth Century Prose, a detailed examination of the prose literature of the Romantic period, excluding the novel; The Art of the Novel, the examination of the technique of a major artist. Different novelists may be presented in different semesters; Old English, a survey of Old English grammar with reading of some texts; The English Language, a historical and descriptive survey; Middle English literature, the reading of representative texts, exclusive of Chaucer; Special Topics, subjects and credit will very

The work toward the M. A. degree will require a thesis. Maximum credits which will be allowed toward the degree will be 12. Dr. Wells said a minor may be accepted in a related field for possibly 10 credits.

Trap Nights Help Thin Ranks Of Mice

College, Alasa, needs no Pied Piper to lead the present high mouse population to its doom in the Chena River.

The University of Alaska mammalogy class is cutting a large swath in the population by means of "trap nights". They are designed to secure specimens for laboratory study and to teach the students how to operate a small mammal trap line.

Teaching the course is Dr. Brina Kessel, associate professor of biological science. The highest number of mice caught by one student during a trapping period was 65. The lowest number was 12, with the average approximately 30.

Dr. Kessel said the most frequently caught rodent is the red-backed mouse. In second place are meadow mice. The students also catch many shrews. The red-backs are widely distributed, and the meadow mice are more restricted to grassy areas near ponds. The shrews are found mostly in wooded areas.

Dr. Kessel said the red-backed mice are so numerous now because they apparently are near the high point of their four-year cycle.

Films Shown Of Argus Rescue

Two Air Force men recently at the University of Alaska showed a motion picture film on the air phase of the rescue of Pfc George Argus from Mt. McKinley late this spring.

Staff Sergeant Richard Gregory, 5001st Photo Lab, Ladd AFB, took the movies while rescue operations were underway after Argus survived a mountain fall but was so badly injured his companions were forced to leave him to get help.

Lt. Edward Markley, 74th Air Rescue Sqdrn., Ladd AFB, helped Sgt. Gregory edit and caption the film. Lt. Markley said the film now is used for training purposes. It credits all organizations involved in the rescue.

Research Between University And USAF Discussed

Brig. Gen. B.S. Kelsey, USAF, this summer flew to Alaska from Thule, Greenland, to confer with Dr. Ernest N. Patty, president of the University of Alaska, concerning possible scientific research between the University and the Air Force.

Gen. Kelsey is deputy director of research and development office, deputy chief of staff, development. His headquarters is Washington, D. C.

Several staff members accompanied the general on his flight along the rim of the Arctic.

Ketchikan Opens Co... For First Time In Se...

Ketchikan's Community College o... in September with an enrollment of 1...

Ray M. Bassett, director, informe... of Alaska dean, about the opening an... rollment will increase. The Ketchikan ... charge of the college which is af... filiated with and accredited by the University.

The Ketchikan college is patterned after the one successfully functioning in Anchorage after its opening last year.

The college serves four groups:

Adults who desire to further and broaden their formal education.

Students who desire to earn college credit without leaving their own community. Some of these plan to transfer for advanced work.

Adults who wish to erase high school deficiencies.

People who wish specialized vocational and interest training.

Like other members of the school