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Stephen Lay said at the university the Special Events Committee is responsible for organizing and coordinating visits from distinguished speakers. Visitors from the past have included General Moreland, Nobel peace prize winner Betty Williams, and George Sheehan. He said next year the committee will offer a package of high interest speakers. Dean Dodder is an assistant professor of journalism and head of the committee. He has finalized the program for the coming years. Dodder said next year for the first time they will be putting together a program of five or six events. They will be charging admissions for all the events. Last year they charged for the Gene Roddenberry. By charging admission they hope to bring up people of greater national stature than they have in the past. They will be putting the events together and people will be able to buy season tickets. He explained the advantage of buying a season ticket package with reserved seating. Several internationally recognized names are in the proposed season. There will also be events without an admission charge. Dodder said the Smithsonian Institute will be visiting Fairbanks for the second time in three years. There was a great amount of interest shown by the people in Alaska for the Smithsonian. There will be an exhibit earlier in the summer of the Inuit exhibit that took place earlier in Washington, D.C. They will also bring up two or three other speakers where there will be no admission charged. Dodder said the chancellor believes they need to bring people up with a national reputation to create an atmosphere of intellectual ferment on the campus.