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Charles Ray

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Charles Ray said we have a unique opportunity in Fairbanks and Alaska to attract visiting professors because of the appeal of the cold climate and scenery. Having never seen our state they will come here while they won't accept assignments in other places. Karen Cedzo said according to Dr. Ray, dean of the School of Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, plans are being made for the coming summer session. Reorganization last year placed summer sessions within the School of Education. A preview bulletin released by the school promised some exciting courses as well as some changes to the length of the sessions. Ray wasn't sure if people would take to the longer, six-week session. He said it was thought in the previous summer sessions teachers and others attracted to their summer program want to move in and out with a lot of flexibility. They are attempting to move into a different pattern which will include a three-week June session with courses that require long hours and concentration and a six-week session with regular courses found in the academic year. There was an advisory committee which assisted in planning the sessions. Ray talked about the groups of students who would be attracted to the program. Cross-cultural education specialists will be on campus to teach courses. George and Louise Spindler will be teaching classes. Harry Walcott will also be teaching. Several courses have been designed for the summer school such as a course in political science called Alaskan government, state and local designed for a more mature audience. They will also offer courses aimed at the visitor population such as Earl Beistline's class on Alaskan gold. Another course is a journalism class aimed at high school teachers who advise school publications.

Karen Cedzo reported on University of Alaska Fairbanks campus activities.