

Friday 25th -

We arrived in Fairbanks ~~the~~ ^{last early pm} bus from Denali Park about 7:30 P.M. Our accommodations here are outstanding. Kitchenette, sitting room, walk-in closet, ~~and~~ ^{bed} room & Bath. The cooking facilities made it easy to grab a cup of soup, or hot chocolate before going on tours etc.

All our accommodations for the whole trip couldn't have ^(Athabaskan) been better. Even the cabins ^{in Denali Park} were comfortable & warm and NEW. The pine odor of the wood was still there and I loved it.

At nine A.M. we went on a tour of the city. Fairbanks is a nice college ^{& railroad} town. ~~The~~ college has a beautiful campus with about 5,000 students. One course ^{the college} ~~they~~ offers is "travel management" which may reflect one of Alaska's chief industries - tourism. The faces (few) we saw on campus reflected Indian, Eskimo & white ^{racial diversity}. I had the definite impression that the Alaskan Indian & Eskimo is more integrated into Alaskan society than our Western Indians. This may be due to early contact with French fur traders. The French traders fraternized & intermarried more than the British & Americans. (Including Mormons)

There has been a renewal of interest in keeping alive the Indian heritage & the Eskimo heritage. The Eskimos are subsidized and don't really have to obtain their living from the environment as they used to.

Since the wooden artifacts from earlier ^{Native} civilizations are not available, ~~some~~ (damp, wet, climate) (average tundra - pale 40 to 75 years) archeologists have had to rely on stone and ivory relics obtained from early tocon sites for information about pre-white Indian