

Friday 25th -

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

All our accommodations for the whole trip could not 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 P.M. we went on a tour of the city. Fairbanks is a nice college town ^{& railroad}. ~~The~~ college has a beautiful campus with about 5,000 students.

One course ^{at the college} they offer is "travel management" which may reflect one of Alaska's chief industries - tourism.

The faces (few) we saw on campus reflected Indian, Eskimo & white ^{as well as Eskimo}. 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 tatem-pale hpc 75 years) archeologists have had to rely on stone and Ivory relics obtained from early tocon sites for information about pre-white Indian