**The Alumni Travel Club**

**Alaska Trip**

Last month The Alumni Travel Club sent you a letter about tentative plans for an upcoming trip to Alaska. We have finally gotten enough pieces of the puzzle in place to make an official announcement.

The dates for the trip are July 2 to July 13. We will fly into Seattle, spend the night there, and fly on to Anchorage on July 3. The flight home will be nonstop. Some of the activities we mentioned before did not pan out (such as panning for gold).

All of the activities listed below are included in the price of the trip. Attendance is not required, so if you want to plan ahead to do something else instead of one or more of these activities, please let us know so we can arrange transportation. Refer to the article in *Focus LMCC* about the activities.

Here are the excursions that The Alumni Travel Club has confirmed:

* Trip to Portage Glacier—On July 6 we will take an hour’s bus ride from Anchorage to visit the Portage glacier, which has been retreating rapidly in recent years.
* Train trip to Seward—On July 5 we will take the beautiful train trip from Anchorage to Seward. Seward is situated at the head of Resurrection Bay on the Kenai Peninsula, and is one of Alaska’s oldest and most scenic communities. We will then board a tour boat for a four-hour wildlife excursion on Resurrection Bay.
* Flight to Denali from Talkeetna—We will bus to Talkeetna, and then fly single-engine planes and land on a glacier partway up Denali (also known as Mt. McKinley). The trip will be on either July 8 or July 9, depending on the weather.
* Climb Mt. Alyeska—We will bus to Girdwood on July 10 to climb Mt. Alyeska, a 3,939-foot peak in the Chugach Mountains (you’ll only need to climb a few hundred feet). Watch clouds form in front of you, and planes fly below you in the valley.
* Day in Fairbanks—We will take an overnight trip to Fairbanks on July 11. Fairbanks is one of the last real frontier cities, and is located just 188 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

As we mentioned in the earlier letter, The Alumni Travel Club has made arrangements with several places for lodging, including a couple of nights at the University of Alaska-Pacific, which is located right in the Anchorage city limits. According to our contact person, the moose family continues to wander through the parking lot several times a day.

There are three different plans available—single occupancy, double occupancy, and a special senior discount (double occupancy only). The prices for each plan have not yet been finalized, but we will get this information to you as soon as we can.

Here are the top three destinations in the voting for the March excursion:

1. Honolulu
2. San Francisco
3. San Antonio