

the comment was also made that there were too many politicians "sticking their fingers in" and that the Borough were a little too possessive about their Center. But in the circumstances the best place did seem to be a downtown location associated with the Borough administration.

Apart from the occasional interested individual, there was no input from the Fairbanks campus of the University of Alaska at this stage. The comment was made that supporters of the Center did not use the university as much as they could have or perhaps should have. It was felt that the university could not have run such a center, partly because of the distance from the city, but more particularly the dominant frontier attitude in Fairbanks that "those eggheads on the hill" were much too removed from the concerns of everyday life. However, researchers in the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, have been working on topics related to pipeline impact and some individuals are turning more specifically to impacts in Fairbanks itself. A great deal of data has been collected by the Impact Information Center and social scientists at the local campus are being encouraged to use it. The Institute for Social and Economic Research is also developing proposals to assess impacts of further offshore oil development and gas line construction.

Organisation and Administration of the Impact Information Center

On 25 April 1974 the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly appropriated \$13,450 from the general fund to the Mayor's Office for the purpose of establishing an Impact Information Center and operating it for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Borough Assembly later decided to use a portion of the impact funds received from the State of Alaska and thereby appropriated an additional \$49,198 to operate the Center during the fiscal year 1974-75.

The original Impact Advisory Committee, appointed by the Mayor, represented a cross section of the community, including the chairman of the Social Concerns Committee of the Fairbanks Council of Churches, the president of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, the Community Relations Officer for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., the vice president of Doyon Ltd, (the regional native corporation), and the Presiding Officer of the Borough Assembly. Later the committee was expanded to