

Jackson Chosen JOM Director

ANCHORAGE Alaska Federation of Natives President Willie Hensley announced Saturday the selection of Gordon Jackson, 27, as Johnson O'Malley project director for AFN.

He was one of 22 candidates for the post.

Jackson's job is to carry out policies set by the Johnson-O'Malley review committee in the area of policy development, proposal review and program evaluation of JOM funds for supplemental education programs designed to meet special educational needs of Native students throughout the state.

He will also draft JOM program guidelines and development of necessary background or training material, provide information and technical assistance to organizations desiring to submit JOM proposals; and supervise the JOM staff.

A former executive director of the Southeast Alaska Commu-

nity Action program, Jackson was most recently deputy director of the Division of Rural Development Assistance of the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Jackson is a graduate of the University of Alaska and Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka.

The JOM committee, composed of representatives from the 12 regional Native corporations, was recently involved in a decision to fund boarding home and limited cultural enrichment programs for some 1,500 rural school children. The committee pledged to cut off federal funding next year for the state boarding home program because of its belief that that program be paid out of the state's general fund.

The JOM program was recently contracted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the AFN to administer the JOM funds with the continued guidance and support of the JOM review committee.