

Bigjim picked for Bethel BIA

Frederick S. Bigjim, an Eskimo, has been appointed superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency at Bethel, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced.

Bigjim, who has a Master's degree in education from Harvard, has been an administrator and instructor of the Kuskokwim Community College at Bethel.

A graduate of the University of Alaska, Bigjim was executive officer for the university's Rural Education Affairs Division in Anchorage in 1975-76. He has also served as director of Alaska Methodist University's Intercultural Studies program.

Born in Nome in 1941, Bigjim was a member of the Bankstreet School of Education team which completed an extensive study of early childhood education needs in the Indian community. He was also part of a national Indian team evaluating the Chemawa Indian School at Salem, Oregon.

From 1969 to 1972 Bigjim worked for the Alaska Federation of Natives, administering a statewide job training and education program.