

Administrator appointment announced for REA

FAIRBANKS—The shifting of two university units to the new Rural Educational Affairs (REA) program and appointment of administrators within the program have been announced by university officials.

Effective July 1, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Alaska Native Language Center, both of which have statewide responsibilities, became part of REA, President Robert W. Hiatt has disclosed.

Vice President Elaine Ramos heads the REA program which began as a proposal of the Alaska Federation of Natives and university. It was established last January to expand educational opportunities in rural Alaska by upgrading community colleges and extension centers and establishing new learning centers in its area of responsibility, which includes all of Alaska but Southeastern and the Fairbanks and Anchorage urban campuses.

The principal support offices for the far-flung REA program are located in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Dr. Robert Hage, director of academic services for REA since its beginning, is in charge of the Anchorage office.

Ramos has announced the appointment of Antoinette (Toni) Jones to that office, as director of the Southcentral administrative unit. Jones, now at work in the office, formerly

headed Student Orientation Services on the Fairbanks campus which assists students from rural areas with limited schooling to make the transition to higher education.

The vice president has also announced the appointment of Irene Reed as coordinator of the Alaska Native Language Center. Currently director of the Eskimo Language Workshop at Bethel, Reed will move into her new position August 1.

She will be responsible for administration of the center, taking over that duty from Dr. Michael Krauss who asked to be relieved of it so he could devote himself full-time to his basic responsibilities as the center's chief linguist.

The extension service, with approximately 85 professional and classified personnel, maintains its headquarters at Fairbanks and field offices at Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Bethel, Soldotna, Juneau and

Nome. Dr. James Matthews, director of the service, previously reported to the chancellor of the Fairbanks campus.

The service's Marine Advisory Program and Fisheries Extension, headquartered at Anchorage, has field offices at Kodiak, Bethel and Juneau. The Alaska Native Human Resources Development Program, also known as the Kellogg Program, is administered by the extension

service.

The Alaska Native Language Center, formerly a unit of the university's Center for Northern Educational Research, was established by the legislature in 1972. Its function is to develop literary materials for the various Alaska native languages, assist in the translation of important documents, provide for the development and dissemination of Alaska native literature, and train Alaska native language

speakers to work as teachers and aides in bilingual classrooms.

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Mr. Raymond I. Petersen, chairman of the board and president of Wien Air Alaska, confirmed July 30 that the airline has received approval from the Civil Aeronautics Board for a 6 per cent general increase in passenger fares and freight rates.

Alaskan passenger fares went into effect on Aug. 1, with the exception of fares between Anchorage and Fairbanks and Fairbanks and Juneau. The airline asked for and received permission to postpone putting those rate increases into effect until a later date. Canadian passenger fares went into effect Aug. 5.

While the majority of the freight rate increases were approved, the board did suspend certain priority reserved freight rates and premium rates for items of a special nature. The new freight rates also went into effect on Aug. 1.

Mr. Petersen pointed out that the airline had not requested general increases since December 1973. He mentioned that since that time, inflationary pressures have been strongly resisted by the airline, but "It is now apparent that we cannot stem the ever-increasing costs of providing service without this tariff relief."

During the past year, the airline has experienced a fuel cost increase of 62 per cent or \$3,000,000 while labor costs rose by over \$2,000,000. Besides those two huge cost increases, Petersen cited recent legislative action on workman's compensation which will raise Wien's insurance premiums by an estimated \$300,000 per year.

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