

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.