

# **Kelley appointed NARL Director**

FAIRBANKS--Dr. John J. Kelley, assistant professor of marine science at the University of Alaska, has been appointed director of the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory (NARL) at Barrow.

NARL is a Navy-owned research facility operated by the university under contract with the Office of Naval Research. It provides a wide range of facilities

and services for accomplishing basic and applied research in the Arctic in support of Navy and other federal operations. University of Alaska researchers make intensive use of the laboratory.

Appointment of the 44-year-old scientist to the NARL directorship was announced by Keith Mather, vice chancellor for research and advanced study

on the university's Fairbanks campus.

Kelley's appointment takes effect in January but because of heavy prior commitments he will not take up permanent residence at Barrow before March, said Mather.

Kelley succeeds Dr. Warren W. Denner as NARL director. Since Denner's departure in October, Gary Laursen, assistant director for science, has been acting director.

Well known to the Fairbanks campus community, Kelley is a member of the Institute of Marine Science faculty. He has been on leave from the university since 1974, serving first as program manager for meteorology and oceanography in the National Science Foundation's Division of Polar Programs in Washington, D.C. and subsequently as the State of Alaska's representative at Boulder, Colorado in the planning of the federal Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program.

Kelley is no stranger to the Barrow laboratory. Much of his work on carbon dioxide in the arctic atmosphere--work that gained him national and international recognition--was conducted from the laboratory, said Mather.

The scientist is fully familiar with the scientific work of the laboratory and the logistical support it provides to hundreds of visiting scientists and students