

Rights Comm. Announces Director For This Area

Mr. Willie Ratcliff, chairman of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights announced recently that the commission met recently in Anchorage to appoint a director for the Northern Region.

Mr. Jesse Arrington III, age 31, was selected from a field of 44 candidates for that position. Mr.

Arrington brings with him a wealth of experience in the field of minority affairs.

Prior to Mr. Arrington's selection, he served as Equal Opportunity officer, Fort Wainwright. Among other experience he served as special assistant for minority affairs, Department of Education, in

Juneau, staff consultant to the University of Alaska's educational program for Intercultural Communication and as director of the Kodiak-Aleutian Regional Dormitory program.

Mr. Arrington holds a master's degree in education and has taught school for four years.

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In assuming directorship of Northern Region of Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Mr. Arrington will be responsible for the Nome, Dillingham and Bethel offices as well as expanding Fairbanks staff.

The Fairbanks office will be enlarged by three new field representatives to handle the increased demand created by pipeline-related complaints and growing Fairbanks population.

Mr. Arrington stated that one of his priorities is to decrease the tremendous backlog of cases so that the Human Rights Commission can continue to effectively and expeditiously serve the public.

Mr. Arrington is active in community affairs. He is a member of the board of directors of the Fairbanks Concert Association, director of the Fort Wainwright Chapel Choir and Post Choral Group; and a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity.

He is a veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict, enjoys tennis and is an accomplished artist.