

FNA Names Silas—

Dir. of Programs



RONNIE SILAS

Ronnie Silas, 28, a Fairbanks resident originally from Minto,

has been hired as director of programs for the Fairbanks Native Association.

Silas, an Athabascan Indian, replaces John Bergamaschi who also served as director of the Fairbanks Native Community Center more than two years.

The new director will be paid \$15,600 yearly to oversee FNA's seven contracts amounting to more than \$1 million. Services offered to Native people include a youth recreation program, media classes for high school students, a library and cultural and historical collection project and a newspaper, The River Times.

Silas was employed as an outreach and social worker for the FNA alcoholism program. He is a graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, served two years in the Army and earned a degree in liberal arts from the Haskell Institute in Kansas.