

Alaska Native Language Center To Appoint Board Of Directors

The Alaska Native Language Center of the University of Alaska announced plans today to appoint a Board of Directors to assist the Center in directing its efforts in the study of languages in Alaska.

The new Board will be comprised of people involved in language study and bilingual education programs throughout the State. The Board will assist the Native Language Center in establishing policy and priorities for its operation.

"The involvement of Alaskan Native people in the direction of the Center is of utmost importance," according to Dr. Michael Krauss, Director of the Center, "and the appointment of this Board is a crucial step in the development of the Native

Language Center." Appointments are expected to be announced by August 1st.

Established by the legislature a year ago, the Alaska Native Language Center is designed to study languages native to Alaska, develop literacy materials, 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.

Krauss has been involved for many years in the study and the development of programs in the various Native languages at the University of Alaska and received his appointment as director last fall.