

# Health Career Development Program offers health trainee positions

The Alaska Federation of Natives' Health Career Development Program has been active in establishing trainee positions which provide students with the opportunity to work during the summer in a variety of health oriented agencies in Alaska.

Alaska has no health professional schools and students must spend one to six years outside the state to complete their education.

Traineeships are offered to

encourage these students to return to Alaska on completion of their health professional education. The students are placed in a structured work experience or traineeship, which is based upon the student's level of education, career interests, academic and clinical needs.

This Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Health Career Program was responsible for the internship placement of Tom Bellinger, pre-med student, at

the Center for Disease Control in Anchorage from May 12-August 19, 1977, and December 22, 1977, to January 12, 1978.

During this time he helped put together a computer file for

children involved in a Wainwright growth study and gathered statistical information to find if certain types of streptococcal organisms cause specific kidney disorders.

Tom was born in Anchorage

and graduated from East High School. Currently he has sophomore standing at the University of Alaska and is majoring in biology. He has already decided to work in Alaska if he becomes a physician.