

# UA Alaska Native Language Center to Host NEH Grantees

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska's Alaska Native Language Center will host two recipients of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) fellowships in the 1973-74 academic year.

Jim Kari of Tijeras, New Mexico, and Dr. John Ritter, of Fort McPherson, NWT, Canada, were each awarded a \$10,000 fellowship to study and work

with Alaskan Athabaskan languages. Dr. Michael Krauss, native language center director, will be their advisor.

Kari, a research assistant in Navajo Reading Study at the University of New Mexico, will study Alaskan Athabaskan linguistics and help train Alaskan Athabaskan speakers as language specialists.

He also plans to conduct survey work in Alaskan Athabaskan languages and extend his docu-

mentation of the Tanaina language of the Cook Inlet area.

Ritter, assistant professor of linguistics at Michigan State University, will help develop and design linguistic and literacy material in written as well as unwritten Athabaskan dialects, and will assist and train native speakers in practical linguistic work.

According to Dr. Krauss, Kari and Ritter "will be an integral part next year of a group of Athabaskanists and Athabascans who are advanced students and/or talented native speakers of about five Athabaskan languages, in the forefront both in academic research and applied educational developments."