

Artist Jim Schrock of Tanana Attends UA

Jim Schrock of Tanana is one of the new Native artists attending the University of Alaska.

For the past year, Jim has carved a 350 pound wooden eagle figure, which stands five and one half feet tall. The cedar was brought up from Southeast Alaska by Professor Van Flein of the University of Alaska. After painting the eagle in bright colors, covered with dark hand rope stains, Jim plans on selling the eagle.

Jim and Jay Schrock were born in Tanana. He spent seven years in an orphanage and was adopted in 1953 by Mr. and Mrs. Schrock.

Upon leaving Alaska, the Schrocks made their home in Montclair, California. Jim's step-father Joseph Schrock is a carpenter and contractor.

Although Joseph wanted both his sons to eventually become architects, Jim knew at a young age that his only desire was to become an artist.

Jim's artistic talent developed from the third grade through Junior College. Jim had a one-man show in 1970 at Chaffey

Jr. College and the local library in Mount Clair, California. Both shows were of his sketches and paintings.



ARTIST AT WORK — Jim Schrock of Tanana is working on one of his wood carvings. — Photo by DONNA C. JOHN

While stationed in Germany with the Army, Jim painted in oils, which he later sold in California. Jim commented, "The best part of the Army was the museums."

Because of his discontentment with living in California, and his desire to locate his family, Jim and Jay Schrock hitchhiked to Fairbanks, Alaska.

Since attending the University of Alaska, Jim has acquired the art of sculpturing and printmaking. His prints are for sale at the Fairbanks Native Community Center.

In the future, Jim plans on working with Mr. David Henry, doing illustrations for children's books, in the Athapaskan language. They are working with the Bible Translators in Fairbanks.

The book will eventually be published and distributed in the Alaskan schools, with the bilingual program.

Clifford Black Joins Land Use Planning Group

Clifford A. Black, deputy director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, has been appointed to the post of Coordinator of Native Affairs for the Federal State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska.

An Alaska Native, Mr. Black was raised in Deering, Alaska. He is a graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe Vocational High School and San Jose State College.

Before joining the Alaska Federation of Natives, Mr. Black was employed by Grumman Ecosystems Corporation and, prior to that, by International Business Machines in San Jose, California.

Mr. Black brings to the Commission staff a personal knowledge of the State of Alaska and its Natives.

In a joint statement, the Commission's co-chairmen, Jack Horton and Joe Josephson, commented, "We are fortunate that Mr. Black's unique experience in Native affairs is available to the Commission at this time."

The co-chairmen stressed the difficulty involved in selecting the Coordinator for Native Affairs because of the number of well-qualified applicants who were being considered.

Clifford Black and his family reside in Anchorage.

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T-H President Jackson Openly Backs Guess

WRANGELL — Tlingit and Haida President Clarence Jackson, speaking at the Saturday banquet said, "If it takes electing Gene Guess to the U.S. Senate and urged his people to get involved in politics."

Winding up a two-day convention, Jackson, speaking at the Saturday banquet said, "If it takes electing Gene Guess to the U.S. Senate, let's elect Gene Guess." The Guess endorsement drew an enthusiastically applause from the approximately 100 persons in attendance.

Campaign buttons for Guess and (Nick) Begich were evident although no political candidates were invited to speak.

"I believe that Central Council should be involved politically also. We are a non-profit organization, but we are also representing almost 20,000 Tlingits and Haidas. Those are important votes in our state."

"I believe that we should have a committee that will deal with the politics and legislation in this state. I, therefore, believe that that committee should be comprised of both Alaska Native Brotherhood and Tlingit-Haida."

"I know that we realize that there is much power in our vote. But let me point out that we are not voting together and that we must make some decisions in the area of political candidates and political issues. Let us become vocal on issues that concern not only Tlingit and Haida people but on issues that concern the State of Alaska. Let us have a voice in the progress in the State of Alaska and a hand by learning to control our Indian votes."

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