Sheldon Jackson may merge with U of A

The Sheldon Jackson College Board of Trustees met in Sitka June 4-6 and at the conclusion of the meeting issued the following statement:

"In the continuing endeavor to provide quality education, the Board of Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College is considering approaching the University of Alaska to discuss the possibility of a merger."

According to Board Chairman Lloyd Hames, "this could pose exciting possibilities for the Sitka campus because of its dormitory facilities, seaside location and unique atmosphere."

Hames added, "This is forward thinking. Sheldon Jackson will continue in the fall as in

past years until its program is enlarged."

In an added action, the Board voted to petition the Symod of Alaska Northwest, of the United Presbyterian Church, through its General Council, to appoint members to a joint committee of the Trustees and Synod to develop the continuing Christian mission and cultural heritage programs of Sheldon Jackson and to report directly to the trustees, the college, and to the Synod Council.

Among those board members present were Peter Hocson, Ellen Hope Hays and the Reb. Gordon Corbett, all of Anchorage, Ralph Ulricksen and Leslie Yaw, Sitka and Lee Demmert, Mt. Edgecumbe.