

# Grants, new jobs, building plans highlight month

Much has happened in the past few months that deserves newsletter coverage. This month's column will attempt to cover as broad an area concerning the T-HCC as possible.

## TRIBAL NEWS

Let's begin with the Tribal News. The newsletter has undergone a recent change and is now called the Public Affairs Division for the Tlingit and Haida Central Council.

The change is due to an increase in job duties for the editor of the TN. The (new job description) Public Affairs Coordinator's primary responsibilities are the overall production of the newsletter and the yearly production of the Central Council's annual report.

This year, Public Affairs had hoped to produce a full color annual report in time for the annual meeting, but plans have been changed and a 1982 report for the T-H Central Council will be out a month following the October meeting.

## PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Planning Division of the T-H Central Council has undergone extensive change in the past few months. This is in part due to the overall T-H reorganization process and also due to the tragic loss of Eli Reyes, former director of the policy and planning division.

The acting manager for the T-H planning division, Brenda Knapp, informs the Tribal News of the division's intention to coordinate the installation and use of a micro-computer for overall T-H use in a Management Information System (MIS) format.

According to Knapp, the micro is the initial phase of what she hopes will become a full-fledged computer operations base for the T-H Central Council. The Tribal News will do an in-depth article on the MIS capabilities in a future issue.

The planning division has also hired a new Tribal Operations Officer, Harold Martin, a Tlingit from Kake, Alaska. Martin, his wife Jacqueline, and their daughter Andrea, were featured in the June 1980 issue of the Tribal News when all three of them graduated from various schools in Bellingham, Wash.

About his new position with the Central Council, Martin states, "Law dominates Indian life in a way not duplicated in other segments of American society. Regulation guidelines implementing these laws are even more voluminous. The position of Tribal Operations Officer addresses the scope of the massive and complex legal structure that deals with the status of tribal governments and their relationship with federal and state governments. The purpose of the Tribal Operations Program is to accommodate the Southeast Alaska

Native's mandate of Indian Self Determination to the extent that absolute self-government is achieved and protected against encroachment of its sovereign status." Martin was hired in early August.

The village of Klukwan, Alaska has received a \$300,000 HUD grant (Housing and Urban Development) as the result of working with the T-H planning and technical assistance research and grant writer, Lee Liberte. Liberte informs us that Klukwan's Lonnie (Strong) Hotch put in a lot of hard work toward the grant application.

## FISHERIES

The Tlingit and Haida Fisheries Development Corporation is well on its way to beginning their first year of operation in Sandy Bay (40 miles south of Sitka).

Laird Jones, the vice president in charge of programs, informs the Tribal News that, although the Sandy Bay crew is having a bit of trouble securing enough of a salmon egg take, they still should be able to start incubation on schedule.

Incidentally, Jones is a 1982 recipient of a national award for being one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America." A recognition for his outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community.

This award, sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees, qualifies Jones to be considered for the Jaycee's Award of Outstanding Young Man of America for 1982. Congratulations, Laird, (and good luck!)

## ANB/T-H

### OFFICE BUILDING

The ANB-Tlingit/Haida office building coordinator, Percy Hope, has indicated that the proposed new building's completion date is still set for early 1983.

The building committee is reviewing bids on the construction phase of the new structure and hopes to identify a contractor by the 20th of September, finalize the blueprint plan shortly after, and aim at Oct. 15, as the start-construction date.

## EDUCATION

The education division has implemented a new program titled Adult Education Services which is presently conducting a needs assessment in Native education with an emphasis on Native high school dropouts.

The program goal is to find out, for each community in Southeast with a high dropout ratio, what can be done about the problem. The program staff members are Peter Gowen, Steve Strong and Felipe Tagaban.

The Johnson O'Malley Program is now being managed by



Design of proposed Tlingit Haida Central Council building.

Margaret Ericson and is included with the Head Start Division. Former JOM Coordinator, Ozzie Shakley, is working with the Adult Vocational Training and has recently added to the AVT staff, John Martin.

The T-H Education Division has recently begun a Subsistence Research Project for Southeast Alaska. Two employees make up the "subsistence research task force," Dean George and Wallace Marvin. They have been gathering information about customary subsistence use patterns in nineteen southeast Alaska communities.

George says the goal of the project is to "identify the present-day impacts (economic and cultural) that create obstacles for customary subsistence resource gatherers." George states, "We'd like the end product of our research efforts to be helpful in protecting future subsistence resource use."

George and Marvin will be conducting field interviews in late October as part of their research and will prepare a complete report by the end of December.

## REALTY

The T-H Realty Division welcomes a new staff person, Clovis Bowles. He is working with Joe McGie on Native land allotments.

The realty division is seeking the whereabouts of the following people or their heirs regarding Native land allotment applications:

1. Aaron Sharp (Hoonah)
2. William McKinley (Hoonah)
3. SAK-DU-KLEET (Hoonah)
4. KA-CHETAH (Hoonah)
5. John Jackson (Juneau)
6. John Moore (Kake)
7. Chaik George (Angoon)
8. John Hastings (Hoonah)
9. Joe K. Peterson (Kake)

10. John S. Williams (Kikauddy)
11. James White (Hoonah)
12. Tom Martin (Hoonah)
13. Jake Williams (Juneau)
14. Robert Lawrence (Sitka)
15. Alex, Jack & Charlie Smith (Yakutat)
16. Archie Abbott (Haines)
17. Jim Karditu (Yakutat)
18. Calvin Roberts (Klawock)
19. Raymond Demmert (Klawock)
20. Charles Demmert (Klawock)
21. Alfred Widmark (Klawock)
22. Robert J. Peratrovich, Jr. (Klawock)
23. Andrew Jackson (Haines)
24. Sergius Williams, Sr. (Sitka)

If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of these people or their heirs, please call Jim Howard or Geri Nelson at (907) 586-1432.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The T-H employment services division's Title VII (CETA) program has recently received national recognition as the outstanding Title VII program in the nation. This is the second year in a row the T-H Title VII program, under the management of Jerry Arca, has received this award. Congratulations, Jerry!

Arca will be attending a meeting with U.S. Borax in Ketchikan in early October concerning Alaska hire on the proposed Borax mine in the Misty Fjords National Monument.

## HEAD START

New on the Head Start staff, Adele Roberts, replaces Mary Ratz as their special needs coordinator.

Head Start is now publishing a monthly newsletter, the HA' YEI' HA'S YAWAKAA'. The publication will be mailed to all Head Start mothers and fathers in each Head Start

community. If you are interested in a copy write: Head Start, One Sealaska Plaza - Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801.

The Head Start Program in Craig had to close its doors this year. Two reasons were given for the closure: (1) More than 50 percent of the (head start) families were over the income eligibility requirements and (2) The building where the Head Start classes were held was condemned.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

The Tlingit and Haida social services division will begin a new year of operation for their Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on October 1, 1982.

Residents of the communities that have submitted resolutions supporting the Central Council's management of the LIHEAP in their community will be eligible to apply for an (FY '83) energy assistance grant after the first of October, 1982.

An agreement between the T-HCC and the State of Alaska enables the T-H social services division to offer the LIHEAP to non-tribal members as well as tribal members in the following communities: Hoonah, Angoon, Kasaan, Klukwan, Kake, Sawman, Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg, and Yakutat.

The division will be servicing tribal members only in eight communities: Juneau, Haines, Petersburg, Pelican, Tenakee Springs, Wrangell, Skagway, and Sitka.

Social Services is also finalizing 20 weatherization grants for residents in the communities of Angoon, Saxman and Kake.

The division's plans include doing weatherization grants for 20 homes in three communities per year. Next year's communities have not yet been identified.