

Tlingit Indian Henry A. Davis Joins Sheldon Jackson College

Henry A. Davis, a Tlingit Indian from Kake, Alaska, whose

professional teaching experience in Alaska Schools began in 1937, has joined the faculty at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka to teach the Tlingit language and help develop the institution's Alaska Native Heritage Program.

Davis says he went to work at Sheldon Jackson College, "Because I feel that with your program you are helping to save my native language and cultural heritage."

Davis brings a wealth of experience and background knowledge, which he inherited and

has developed through the years.

A graduate of Sheldon Jackson High School, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Washington College in Ellensburg, Washington, along with secondary teacher's certification. His major is in the social studies with minors in industrial arts and science.

From 1937-1945 Davis taught in the Kake and Klawock Schools, working with students at all ages and grade levels in regular classroom work as well as in native cultural areas involving carving, drawing, legends, and a number of other aspects.

More recently he has taught at the secondary level in the Kake Public Schools and at the

sixth grade level in Juneau; where in addition to classroom work, he coached boy's basketball and taught native legends and art form from grades Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Besides teaching Davis has been a commercial fisherman and construction worker. He is familiar with village life with its economic problems as well as its rich native heritage.

He and his wife, Clarabelle, who is a special services con-

selor at Sheldon Jackson College, have seven children ages 14 through 22.