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SJC Asks Upward Bound Program

Sheldon Jackson College has applied for Alaska's third Upward Bound Program in a proposal sent to the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

College president, Dr. Orin R. Stratton, said that the two-year institution had made the application at the urging of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program.

Dr. Stratton said, "We are very concerned about the fact that the University of Alaska and the Alaska Methodist University are unable to extend the Upward Bound Program to the students of Southeastern Alaska and I'm sure there are many students here whose potential for college could be profitably developed."

Upward Bound is one of the few educational programs to receive increased funding this year; probably because of its demonstrated ability to lower the number of high school dropouts and to raise the number of students who actually choose to attend college among low income groups.

Upward Bound is designed to increase the motivation of students in the 11th and higher grades through the use of special summer courses on the campus of a boarding college and through special programs in their own high school.

For instance, 70 per cent of those students in the Upward Bound Program go on to college, compared to 8 per cent who normally go to college from the same low-income group.

Further, only 5 per cent participating in the Upward Bound Program have been found to drop out of high school, com-

pared to 35 per cent who normally do so from the same population group.

The Sheldon Jackson College Upward Bound Program is planned for 40 students from the high schools of Southeastern Alaska with a budget of \$71,656.00. If the Upward Bound Program is successful, the program would begin in the summer of 1971.

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