

# Sheldon Jackson gets cultural grant

Sheldon Jackson College announced the receipt of a gift of \$10,000 from MAPCO Alaska Petroleum Inc. This gift is the first time that MAPCO has contributed to the college. The intent of the gift is to support the Alaska Native Cultural Center in the purchase of permanent computer equipment, software and related technology.

MAPCO hopes that by making

the purchase of technology to the center, that native students will not only be supported in furthering their education and language skills, but will also be supported in preserving Native cultures for generations to come.

Jeffery J. Cook MAPCO's vice president of external affairs and administration traveled to Sitka to personally present MAPCO's check to John W. Sweetland, chair

of the SJC Board of Trustees, and to Dr. Kenneth M. Cameron, president of the college.

Cameron expressed his deep appreciation for this gift by saying, "This school has existed for 117 years providing needed educational opportunities for Alaska Natives. I am grateful that MAPCO sees the statewide agenda of our mission. A number

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of our students, Native and non-Native, come from the Fairbanks area. I know they will be pleased to have your support."

MAPCO Alaska Petroleum Inc. is based at North Pole in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. In addition to the refinery at North Pole, MAPCO owns the jet fuel storage and handling facility at the Fairbanks Airport and a petroleum products terminal in Anchorage to facilitate distribution of its products to the Anchorage, Western and Southeast Alaska markets.

MAPCO also owns a chain of 22 convenience stores and gas stations (MAPCO Express) throughout the state, including Fairbanks, Anchorage, Eagle River, Mat-Su Valley and Juneau. MAPCO also exports diesel fuel to Far East gas/oil markets and naphtha to Far East petrochemical and US west coast refinery feedstock markets. Recently they began exporting gasoline and diesel fuels into the Yukon Territory, Canada.

Sheldon Jackson College, the oldest educational institution in Alaska, is a fully accredited four-

year college, whose mission is to provide the academic opportunities needed by Alaska Natives within a small, caring, values-based community of educators and scholars. Founded by Presbyterian missionaries in 1878, SJC has been owned and operated by an independent Board of Trustees since 1972, offering degree programs in natural resources management, aquatic studies, business administration, liberal arts and elementary and secondary education.