

Kake woman hired by SJC for external relations post

Sheldon Jackson College announces that the position of Coordinator of External Relations has been filled by Della M. Cheney, who will begin her work in the Office of the President on Jan. 20.

Cheney comes to Sitka from Seward, where she has been serving as tribal administrator for Qutekcak Native Tribe. She received her bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of Hawaii in Hilo, but she is no stranger to Sitka or Sheldon Jackson.

Born and raised in Kake, Alaska, both of Cheney's parents, Mona Frank Jackson and Thomas L. Jackson Sr. graduated from Sheldon Jackson High School. Cheney at-

tended classes at Sheldon Jackson in the Teach Aid programs during the early years of the junior college.

Cheney worked for 10 years in the Office of the Governor, working her way up to the executive secretary for the Office of Management and Budget. She has also worked for the City of Kake, for Kake public schools and helped run the family grocery store before leaving in 1981.

"I am delighted that Mrs. Cheney has agreed to come work with me as I prepare my administration to embrace the challenges ahead of us," said Dr. Kenneth M. Cameron, president of Sheldon Jackson

College. "The skills and talents she brings to this position will help us in our efforts to reunite SJC with all its former students, as we seek to improve our current offerings for current and future students."

Cheney's husband, William, is a retired fishery biologist for the State of Alaska. He is presently self-employed as a consultant for aquacultures and fish hatcheries. They have two daughters: Gail, who graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is working at Kake Tribal Corporation, and Liz, who is attending the Institute of American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, New Mexico.

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