

Kit Jensen appointed KUAC manager

FAIRBANKS--Fairbanks' public radio station, KUAC-FM, has a new manager and program director.

Kathryn Jensen was recently appointed to the position by Don Upham, general manager of KUAC radio and television. She replaced David Geesin who is becoming the program director at the television station.

Jense, the second woman manager of the station, began working for KUAC in 1972 while a student at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. "I wrote continuity and promotion for both radio and television," she explained.

Still a student, she moved into a production assistant position. Jensen provided much of the research for the historical documentary television series "Fairbanks: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Upon graduation from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Jensen became traffic and operations assistant. That job entailed preparing all the daily material for broadcast as well as overseeing statewide distribution of some of KUAC's taped programs.

With a degree in anthropology, Jensen obviously wasn't planning on a career in broadcasting. She said she took the first KUAC job because it was relatively well-paid for a student job. She stayed because "The station has a really good attitude toward students. They want to involve as many students as possible and give them training and as much responsibility as they can handle."

As the radio station manager, Jensen plans to continue that tradition as well as the

tradition of providing alternative programming to the Fairbanks area.

She said about 50 per cent of KUAC's music programming is classical music.