

# Sheldon Jackson College receives expansion grant

The Board of Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College has approved a \$7.5 million expansion and modernization program of two of the campus' hallmark structures, the Stratton Library and the Olivia Sage Marine Science Center.

"These improved and enlarged facilities will enable Sheldon Jackson College to keep pace with our mission of serving the Native people of Alaska, and all Alaskans, well into the 21st Century," said John Sweetland, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the Winsford Corporation of Los Angeles, California.

The Sage Marine Science Center plan calls for the construction of a new science and technology

facility that will enhance the largest and most diverse educational fish hatchery on the West Coast. It will house a world class saltwater aquarium, as a tourist attraction, as well as research and teaching facilities.

"We are excited with the preliminary concepts incorporated in this project. Nearly half of our students are science majors particularly centered around the Aquatic Resources and Aquamarine Culture programs," said Dr. Kenneth Cameron, president of SJC. Facilities will also be provided in the new structure for creation of tidepool displays, diving tank and aquaria, fish processing facilities and hatchery displays in

addition to added classrooms and faculty offices. New programs, such as fish processing management, will now be accommodated in this building.

The existing Sage Building, constructed in 1929, will be totally renovated to provide added wet labs and expanded fisheries studies and salmon/steelhead trout hatchery capacity. SJC operates the only saltwater and freshwater wet labs on a college campus for undergraduates; it has the largest salmon hatchery and fisheries programs of any undergraduate program in the country. The expansion project will upgrade the hatchery facilities to incorporate advancements made in the field.

The expansion of Stratton Library will provide added floor space for learning resources and study areas. Two wings that were part of the original plan, will be constructed

"The library supports all programs at SJC," says Dr. Mary Lou Madden provost and vice president of SJC. "Stratton Library also serves as a consortium facility for the University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Campus and many other Sitka residents are patrons of our library. This expansion will benefit the entire community of Sitka."

The enlarged facilities will provide added computers and technology-assisted resources demanded by today's learning envi-

ronment. It also will allow for expansion of "SLED", the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway, SJC's gateway to the internet and the worldwide web.

Both projects will be constructed from funds raised through the college's expanded development effort.

"Through the added support of the Alaska business community and the continued strong support of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and hundreds of individual congregations, we have tripled our gifts and contributions over these past three years, and I am confident that we will find the funding for these important projects," said Sweetland.