

# Comments on SATS program wanted

**By Kathryn Carlson**

I will begin this introduction by saying that after only a few weeks in Barrow my husband Bob and I have found the town a very comfortable place to be. All of our experiences, though brief, have been positive and enjoyable and we thank the community of Barrow

for its friendliness and hospitality. We look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

For the past nine years I have been involved in various aspects of alcohol treatment including court referral programs, in-patient and out-patient treatment programs. I transferred from the Veterans

Administration Out-patient Treatment Program in Anchorage last August. My interest in the North Slope Borough Program began in February and I feel very fortunate to have been chosen as the new Coordinator of the Substance Abuse Treatment Services.

There have been many chan-

ges in the program to date and it is my hope that services will be expanded to cover the needs of the community. The Halfway House should be ready to begin full operation in December of this year, and the Out-patient Services should begin rapid expansion immediately.

Suggestions and comments

from the residents of the North Slope are needed and welcome. This program is intended to provide the community with a service they can use and all efforts will be directed to see this is carried out.

Once again, thank you for your hospitality.