

Sheldon Jackson celebrates 100th

SITKA--One hundred years ago a group of single-minded individuals opened a training school for Tlingit Indians in an old soldiers' barracks in Sitka. The institution continued to grow throughout the years and in April of this year, Sheldon Jackson College and its predecessors will have provided a century of educational service to the people of Alaska.

All staff, students, alumni and other friends of Sheldon Jackson College are invited and urged to join in the commemoration of the founding of Sheldon Jackson School. Banquets, reunions, symposiums, plays, speakers and lots of memorabilia will all be a part of the historic celebration.

Governor Jay Hammond has proclaimed April as "Sheldon Jackson College Centennial Month," urging the citizens of Alaska "to continue to recognize the importance of private education in our State so that we can be proud of the educational opportunities

and resources available to us."

What began as a small classroom a century ago has now developed into a major physical plant of 37 buildings and 345 acres on which to grow. Graduates of Sheldon Jackson School, High School and College have become leaders in Alaska and elsewhere and many of their sons and daughters have turned to Sheldon Jackson College for part of their education.

Among the major highlights of the Centennial celebration will be:

A dinner and original play about the history of Sheldon Jackson at the Centennial Building in Sitka on April 17. Similar celebrations will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, on April 19 and in First Presbyterian Church, Seattle, on April 21. For information, contact First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, or the

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Synod office of Public Relations in Seattle.

Major reunions of Sheldon Jackson graduates and friends will be held during May. Beginning May 18, there will be 11 days of events ranging from an Alaska Native Symposium on the future of Native higher education to bus tours of Sitka.

Many of the events are open to the public and further information can be obtained by contacting Georgia Rhyner, c/o Advancement Department, Sheldon Jackson College, Box 479, Sitka, Alaska 99835.