



ELAINE RAMOS will be honored by the National Indian Council Fire as an outstanding American Indian of the Year.

## NICF Will Honor Elaine Ramos Jan. 19

The National Indian Council Fire will present its Outstanding American Indian of the Year Award to Elaine Ramos, Vice-President for Institutional Development at Sheldon Jackson College.

The annual award will be presented to Mrs. Ramos in Washington, D.C. on January 19. The Sitka resident is currently on a one-year leave of absence from SJC and is working in native language development for the Northern Educational Research Center at the University of Alaska.

Mrs. Ramos, a Tlingit Indian from Yakutat, Alaska, has actively assisted the formulation of national legislation and funding for American Indian educational programs. She also sits on the policy-making Pro-

gram Agency of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

After attending high school at the Wrangell Institute and Sheldon Jackson High School, Mrs. Ramos graduated from the Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Ganado, Arizona. She was the first registered nurse among the Tlingit people. Mrs. Ramos also received an A.A. degree from Sheldon Jackson College.

Mrs. Ramos organized the Southeast Health Aid Program, started the first Native Board of Health in Yakutat and helped to organize the state-wide Native Board of Health.

At Sheldon Jackson, she has served as Associate Dean of Students, Director of Special Services and Native Studies and has coordinated language workshops in the Tlingit and Haida languages.