

Jackson adds 3 majors

James F. Bemis, Executive Director of the Northwest Association of Schools and colleges, has announced the granting of additional accreditation to Sheldon Jackson College for three substantial changes in degrees offered by the college beginning fall semester 1985.

SJC will offer new upper division courses in 1) Natural Resource Management and Development, 2) Aquatic Resources, and 3) Business Administration. The first graduates of these bachelor degree programs will be in May of 1987.

The bachelor degree program in Natural Resource management and Development is designed to provide students with the knowledge and principles of sound natural resource development and stewardship and by the interdisciplinary nature of the field, requires broad experience in science, social science, and humanities.

The program in Aquatic Resources will have two areas of emphasis: Aquaculture and Fisheries Science.

The Aquaculture program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to participate in the growing field of marine aquaculture in the Pacific Northwest using equipment and procedures that are on the forefront of technology. The fisheries Science program will provide students with the knowledge and skills in such interdisciplinary areas as biology, economics, social science and humanities to participate in current and future development of Alaska's fisheries resources.

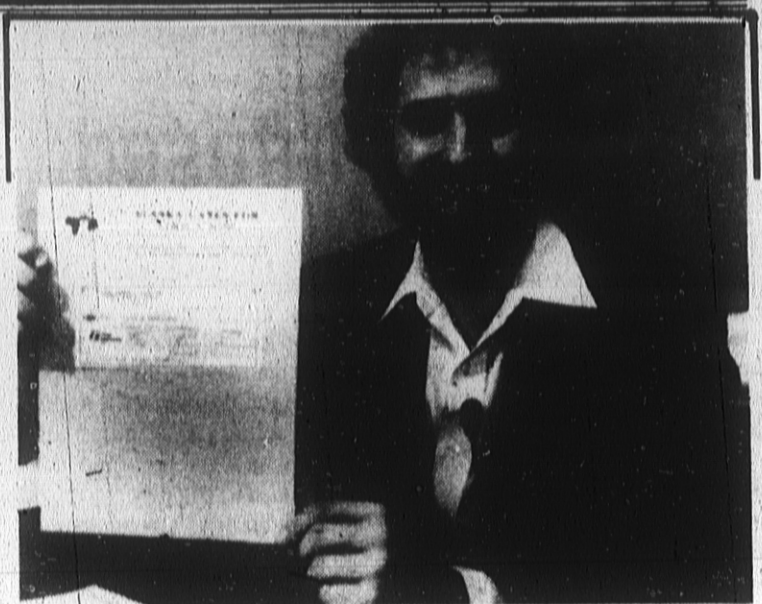
The bachelors degree programs in business Administration is designed to prepare students with broad knowledge in the principles of marketing, finance, accounting, personnel management and labor relations.

Dr. Lowell Tornquist, SJC Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated "these bachelor degrees will expand on present associate degree offerings in areas in which Sheldon Jackson college has special expertise and an already strong reputation; in areas that fit well into the special environment in which the college is located; in areas that meet the changing needs of the clientele the college serves. The majors were selected with the assistance of advisory groups that included students, faculty, federal and state

agencies, native corporations, and accrediting agencies."

SJC is obtaining the resources necessary to support the program changes. The college received a grant from the Murdock foundation and during the past year has spent \$150,000 on microcomputer hardware and software. The Grotto Foundation recently granted SJC \$195,000 to develop a production run of king salmon at the campus hatchery, Tornquist said.

The new program, in addition to the current bachelors degree program in Elementary Education, will enable SJC to provide students areas of study that expand employment opportunities in the State of Alaska, said Tornquist.



Alaska Cares for Africa Now volunteer, Galen McCord, displays the \$250,000 check sent to Africa last week.
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