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Guide to Collection

**Brown, Jeff**

**Jeff Brown's Satirical Postcards, 1980-1990**

**PCA 323**

45 postcards

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**Acquisition:** Jeff Brown donated this satirical post card collection to the Alaska State Museum. The Museum transferred these materials to the Alaska State Library in Juneau in June 1990. Other Jeff Brown postcards are added to the collection as donated. Acc. #1990-030. Box 2 was added in 2012, Acc. # 2011-041.

**Access:** The postcards may be viewed. Photocopying is permitted.

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**Processing:** The postcards are numbered and housed in mylar. Photo inventory was taken from descriptions on the postcards. A finding aid is available.

## Biographical Note

Jeff Brown was born October 17, 1953 in Santa Monica, California. At the age of 19 he joined the U.S. Coast Guard serving as a boatswain's mate and hospital corpsman. It was in September 1975, during his tour with the Coast Guard, that Jeff came to Alaska.

During the same year Jeff discovered public radio at the Merchants' Wharf Mall in Juneau, began volunteering and "couldn't stop." He assisted in the Alaska Public Radio Network production of CAPITAL CONNECTION. After leaving the Coast Guard in 1977 he joined KTOO-FM and KTOO-TV as a full time employee and was instrumental in the beginnings of this public television station.

From 1980-1983 Jeff attended college at Western Washington University majoring in Visual Communications Education with a specialty in television and photography. Upon graduation he returned to Juneau and began producing post cards. During this time he worked at Juneau-Douglas High School in a technical position. However, he returned to KTOO-FM and KTOO-TV where he has remained as a full-time employee.

Jeff's accomplishments include the production of *We Like Kids!* -- a nationally-syndicated radio show for children, co-editor of *Juneau What* -- a satirical newspaper for the Capital City, and compiler of *Dictionary of Alaska Terms*. He is also a founding member of *Alaska Headliners - Today in Alaskan History*.

As of July 1990, Jeff is collecting state songs of the 50 states to produce a radio series. His long-range goal is to collect and produce humorous images "from anywhere." Jeff is known for his wit and satirical pranks which continue to amuse Juneau residents.

*[This information is based on Gladi Kulp's personal interview with Jeff Brown in July 1990.]*

## Scope and Contents Note

The postcards reflect the politics, history, geography, and other major Alaskan themes. People in photos are mainly from the Juneau area. The postcards were primarily published between 1980-1990.

## Inventory

1. CRUISIN' JUNEAU! During the hectic summer season in Juneau, cruise ships are nearly as plentiful as pedestrians.
2. SURFING THE TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE. Surfers come from around the world to "hang ten" on a 800-mile ride from Barrow to Valdez, Alaska.

3. WE DROVE THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY! Thousands of motorists annually enjoy the scenic Alaska Marine Highway, noted for it's [its] pristine wilderness and abundant water supply. Lucky travellers are able to catch tasty seafood delights from their car window.
4. CABIN FEVER. Alaskan-sized thermometers are needed to diagnose this rare, but deadly, north country malady.
5. MODERN ALASKA TOTEMS. Modern art mirrors the traditional.
6. SEE ALASKA BY RAIL. Nothing beats the comfort of riding the smooth rails of the Alaska Railroad!
7. SHOWS HOURLY. Alaska totem trainers amaze visitors daily.
8. UFO APPROACHES SEATTLE SPACE NEEDLE. Mistaken for public art, this visitor from outer space hovered around the Space Needle for over two hours, then disappeared forever.
9. TYING THE KNOT IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA. Traditional marriage vows are often accompanied by traditional rainfall in Southeast Alaska.
10. GREETINGS FROM WASTED WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. It's high time for the high life with higher education, and these Bellingham students really know how to take the load off studies.
11. [PENNZOIL OIL CANS].
12. A HARECUT AT THE SPORTSMAN. Quality harecutting by Deb n' Sheri at The Sportsman Barber Shop. Hop-in's welcome!
13. [CAN ABOVE KTOO STUDIO]. Modern telecommunications help link KTOO-FM & TV with the world.
14. MUSKEG MESSAGES. "Muskeg Messages" reach out to you over KFSK-FM, Petersburg, Alaska.
15. TAKING ON A NEW ROLE. Ed Christian & Louanne Jensen prepare for their roles in the upcoming production of "The Wedding," scheduled to open July 12, 1986.
16. ALASKA -- WHERE THE STREETS ARE PAVED WITH MUD! MUD! It's cheap! And the kids love to play in it too!

17. GUSTAVUS -- GATEWAY TO GLACIER BAY, ALASKA! The community of Gustavus is best-known for it's (sic) down-home hospitality.
18. KEEPING THE TREES GREEN IN ALASKA. Landscape painters keep harmony in nature using harmony in color.
19. GENTLEMEN PREFER HAINES. Men (and women) of distinction prefer the socially-correct climate in Haines, Alaska.
20. TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN ALASKA. The cutting edge of telecommunications is old hat to bush Alaska.
21. BEAR MALLING. Alaskan brown bears typically wait for the early morning hours to forage during their weekly malling.
22. ALASKAN CHAIR LIFTS. The long, cold ride to the top of Alaskan ski slopes prompted radical design innovations, much to the comfort of both Alpine and Nordic skiers.
23. CLEANING GLACIERS IN ALASKA. There's no vacation for Alaskan glacier cleaners, who travel from glacier to glacier to help keep Alaskan glaciers sparkling clean!
24. THE KOTZEBUE NATIONAL FOREST. There's a woman behind every tree in arctic Alaska!
25. ALASKAN AIR CONDITIONING. Form follows function to help keep modern Alaskan homes cool and ultra-comfortable.
26. HATCHING ALASKAN SALMON. High technology and good Alaskan sense has increased the number of salmon per egg from two to as many as eleven.
27. THE SALMON FERRY. Fresh loads of salmon are harvested daily in the waters of Alaska.
28. SOURDOUGH'S GOLD. An Alaskan sourdough gold-panner shows off his bounty.
29. BARE HUNTING IN ALASKA. Successful hunters know that travelling light is the key to following the really big game.
30. VISIT VISQUEEN ACRES. Alaska's newest and oldest housing development, VISQUEEN ACRES, encompasses traditional lifestyles, thrift, and thousands of miles of clear plastic.

31. RECORD CATCH IN ALASKA! The sea provides a bounty of delights to satisfy even the most demanding audio enthusiast.
32. DRYING SALMON IN ALASKA. Modern technology combines with tradition to provide tasty treats -- all year long!
33. THE JUNEAU GLACIER.
34. CLAMS' REVENGE. An Alaskan fisheries experiment gone wild resulted in this unfortunate incident. However, the clams, when finally captured, fed eighty-seven people.
35. PENGUINS VISIT ALASKAN IGLOO. Penguins (which don't exist in Alaska) visit an igloo (which don't exist in Alaska, either!)
36. WE DROVE THE ALL-CAN HIGHWAY! The All-Can Highway runs 1,520 miles, from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks, Alaska; and is paved with over seventeen million recycled aluminum cans.
37. EXPERIMENTAL FOREST. Scientists conducting agricultural experiments take advantage of long summer days in Alaska.
38. SKAGWAY -- HOME OF THE NORTH WIND. Light winds catch local residents by surprise.
39. PARKING IN ALASKA? NO PROBLEM! With millions of acres of ice and snow, there's never a problem finding a place to park for the winter!
40. ALASKAN ICEBERG LETTUCE. Lettuce frozen since the ice age is freed as gigantic glaciers melt in the hot Arctic Sun.
41. GLACIER EXPRESS. Visitors can enjoy the beauty of Alaska from "The Glacier Express" on ice roads hundreds of years old.
42. VISIT THE PARKLANDS OF ALASKA! The Parklands of Alaska offer miles and miles of blacktop, white lines and mud.
43. FRESH ALASKAN SALMON. Is Alaskan Salmon fresh? You bet! -- Thanks to Shelby!
44. ALASKAN OUTDOOR PLUMBING. Modern conveniences help make life in the Northland a little more civilized. -- Thanks to Johnny!

45. SMALL CHANGE. A sudden outpouring of oil money startles Capital City residents, 1985.