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## FACULTY MEET HIATT

The university's new president, Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, returned to the Fairbanks campus on August 20 to take over the leadership of the statewide system. Dr. Hiatt had assumed his duties on July 2, but left Alaska shortly after for a trip to Washington, D.C., on business regarding his former duties as United States consular officer in Tokyo. Then he had returned to his former home in Hawaii to arrange for his move to Fairbanks.

Two receptions have already taken place in order to permit community residents and university personnel to meet the Hiatts, and two more are scheduled. On Wednesday evening, August 29, over 250 Fairbanksans attended a public reception in the city, and on Thursday evening, September 6, university faculty members were invited to meet the Hiatts at a reception on campus. Two similar receptionw will be held in the near future, one for professional research staff and another for classified staff.

Dr. and Mrs. Hiatt drove to Alaska from the west coast in a motor home, via the Marine Highway System. They stopped over in Ketchikan and Sitka to visit the community colleges there and to meet with administrators and members of the colleges' advisory committees. Dr. Hiatt will visit Juneau on September 10, Anchorage on the 14th, Ketchikan on the 25th, Palmer on October 4th, Kenai and Kodiak the week of October 15, Nome on October 29 and Bethel on November 5.

During his first two weeks in Fairbanks, he met with university faculty and staff members, gave interviews to press, radio and television representatives; and talked with native leaders, government officials and legislators who were on campus for a meeting to discuss decentralization of the Alaska State-Operated School System.

**Parking regulations on the Fairbanks campus have been revised for the 73-74 school year. This year there will be no "guaranteed" parking areas. All lots will be used on a "first come, first served" basis. All motor vehicles used regularly on campus (once a week or more) must be registered with the Department of Safety and Security and must display a University of Alaska registration decal.**

**The campus parking system was revised by the Department of Safety and Security and the University Traffic Committee on the advice of the Provost's Select Committee on Parking. Spaces having electrical outlets will cost \$20 per semester plus \$5 registration. Five dollar registration only allows parking on the unpaved portions of the South Nenana parking lots, but \$10 additional per semester allows parking elsewhere in spaces without electric outlets.**

## New Employee Insurance

New employee insurance coverage will pay expenses for dental repairs as well as for glasses and hearing aids. All full-time permanent employees of the statewide university system are eligible for the coverage, which has been in effect since September 1. There is no charge for the individual employee; costs are paid by the university as in the medical insurance program. Dependents may be included, if desired, by paying a reasonable premium.

Details of the program will be announced as soon as negotiations are completed with Continental Insurance Company of California which was low bidder for the contract. All of the bids were higher than the funds available, according to Max M. Hullinger, vice president for finance, so university officials will have to adjust the benefits of the program to fit the amount available.

"Mr. Tim Harmon, insurance broker with Dawson & Co. in Anchorage, will represent the university to the insurance company," he said. "He will be visiting the various campuses throughout the state this month to explain procedures for the university's various group insurance programs."

Anyone who pays for work on his teeth, during September, or for glasses or hearing aids, may obtain a refund if the amount spent is in excess of a minimum deductible amount. The minimum deduction will be determined when details of the new program are worked out.

If enough enroll in the program to meet the company's minimum quota, coverage of dependents will also be available; it will begin on a date to be set after the enrollment this fall.

"Including dental coverage in health insurance programs is relatively new," said Hullinger. "The state legislature took action during the last session to authorize this extension of coverage to all state employees."

Hullinger also announced that the program to enroll employees' dependents for medical insurance will be re-opened during the month of September this year. Employees will have a chance to insure their dependents without the necessity of a medical examination. Usually this opportunity to obtain insurance without showing "evidence of insurability" is only available during the first 30 days of employment.

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## Enrollment Down

Final figures remain to be tabulated, but it appears that student enrollment on the Fairbanks campus for the new academic year, which formally began today, is down from that of a year ago.

For a number of years, enrollment has grown an average of 10 per cent a year on the campus. Last year, some 3,200 registered for the fall semester. Residence halls were jammed and for a time some students had to sleep on cots.

This year, student housing officials, anticipating a lower return rate, have set aside one floor in Bartlett Hall and one in Moore Hall for visiting athletic teams and other transient guests. If enrollment exceeds expectations, these floors will be opened to resident students.

The demand for rooms is down, and fewer applications for admission to the Fairbanks campus have been received this year compared to last. Just how many students are returning won't be finally known until the close of registration on Sept. 14.

## 2nd Convocation Requested

At the request of faculty members at last Tuesday's general faculty convocation, Earl Beistline, provost for the university's Northern Region, has scheduled a second convocation, at 1 p.m. next Thursday, Sept. 13, in the Fine Arts Theater.

Dr. Rudolph W. Krejci, professor of philosophy, requested a second convocation, and Dr. Wolf Hollerbach, associate professor of French and Spanish, supported the request.

Krejci asked for another convocation to continue discussions at last Tuesday's general meeting on the new Fairbanks campus paid parking plan. Hollerbach objected to the plan.

# Marathon

The University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Equinox Marathon — an event for nearly everyone — will be held on Sept. 22 this year, and runners once again will be trying to better the record for the event set by Chris Haines in 1970.

Haines, son of Dr. Lewis Haines, provost of the university's Southcentral Region, ran the 26-mile, 385-yard event that year in 2 hours, 59 minutes and 1 second. It was the first time anyone had finished in under three hours.

The marathon, held on the Saturday nearest the autumnal equinox, is more than a running contest, however. It is an event that draws hundreds of hikers into the brightly-colored fall countryside around Fairbanks each year since 1963. More than a thousand persons participated in 1969.

Runners must submit an entry form and \$4 fee to Equinox Marathon, Department of Health Physical Education and Recreation, Box 95551, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 by 6 p.m., Sept. 19. The forms and information bulletins may be obtained from the department office in the Patty Gymnasium.

Hikers are not required to submit an entry form. They will pay a \$2 fee when they pick up their numbers in the Patty Gymnasium on the morning of the marathon.

## REGENTS TO MEET IN KETCHIKAN

The University of Alaska's Board of Regents will hold its fall meeting in Ketchikan, from Sept. 25-27, Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, the university's new president, has announced.

The Board's Finance and Business Management Committee, the Campus Planning and Development Committee, and the Educational Policy and Program Committee meet Sept. 25.

Robert E. McFarland of Anchorage is president of the Board of Regents, Mrs. Edith Bullock of Anchorage vice president, Mrs. Vide Bartlett of Fairbanks secretary, and High B. Fate Jr. of Fairbanks treasurer.

Other members of the university governing body are Brian Brundin of Anchorage, Frank Doogan of Juneau, A.D. Robertson of Ketchikan, and Roy Madsen of Kodiak.

## INSURANCE (Con't. from page 1)

Another opportunity during September will be open enrollment to obtain increases in life insurance benefits beyond the \$2500 ordinarily provided without charge by the university. Enrollment in this option also usually requires a medical examination after the first thirty days of employment.

There will also be a chance during September for faculty and professional staff to enroll family members for survivor benefits in the teachers retirement program.

Further information can be obtained about these insurance programs from the Personnel Offices on the Fairbanks and Anchorage campuses.



## KUAC-TV Channel 9

**Monday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.**—"The Unreasonable Man." Black comedy; satire. DR. JOEL FURTS' ideas about today's bureaucracy. Will repeat Wednesday at 9 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.** Book Beat—"THE COWBOY AND THE COSSACK" by Clair Huffaker. A novel about American cowboys from the old West who go to Czarist Russia to herd cattle with the cossacks. Repeats Friday at 9:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.** Jazz Set—"KENO DUKE QUINTET." Keno Duke, a trombonist with more than two decades of experience in the U.S. Navy and in professional bands, introduces his quintet in this repeat performance.

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.**, "The Outsiders." NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC Music Director Pierre Boulez will explore the musical ideas of two unorthodox 20th century composers, Charles Ives and Edgard Varese. (Repeat from Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.)

## KUAC (FM) 104.7

**Sunday, Sept. 9 8 p.m.** — KUAC Special of the Week. "Sound on Film." The director, Lindsay Anderson, the star, Malcolm McDowell, and the composer, Alan Price, of the British entry in the 1973 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL. "O Lucky Man," talk about putting the film together. Their attitudes, inspiration, methods, hopes and achievements are all discussed.

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m.** — A Sketch of JAPAN. This easy-to-understand word picture of Japan gives basic information on the daily lives of the Japanese people, as well as traveling hunts. The program replaces "Olympic Portraits," formerly heard at this time.

## KUSKOKWIM BUILDING

### AND ANCHORAGE TV FACILITY

The single bid received for construction of Kuskokwim Community College's first building at Bethel has been rejected because it exceeded funds available for the work, but the project is not being put on the shelf.

Steward and Company of Anchorage submitted a base bid of \$425,853 but only \$350,000 was allocated. A new design will be submitted for bids in the fall.

R.C. Hedreen Co. was awarded a contract for a \$2,010,000 auditorium and \$830,000 for a performing arts wing on the Anchorage campus. The bid includes funds for construction of a shell for an educational television broadcasting facility. The work is scheduled for completion by the summer of 1974.

## EDUCATORS AND LEGISLATORS

### DISCUSS S.O.S. DECENTRALIZATION

Decentralization of the Alaska State Operated School System to provide for more local control of rural schools was the principal discussion topic at a two-day joint meeting in August. The 24-member Policy and Evaluation Advisory Council for the University of Alaska's Center for Northern Educational Research and the legislative Interim Committee on Pre-Higher Education took part in the meeting. Dr. Frank Darnell, CNER director, scheduled the council meeting to coincide with a planned meeting of the legislative committee, whose chairman is Sen. Lowell Thomas Jr., R-Anchorage.

In a letter to council members announcing the meeting, Darnell wrote:

"In our work following the March meetings, it became obvious that the issue of decentralization of SOS then under discussion was far from resolved. The council needs to continue deliberations on the subject of the delivery of educational services to the people of the unorganized borough and related problems.

Sen. Thomas is a member of the advisory council as well as the legislative committee.

## Help Wanted

Additional information may be obtained through Central Personnel, 112 Bunnell Building, 479-7349.

**Roof-Carpenter** — Grade 16 — one position, requires a valid Alaska drivers license.

**Building and Equipment Foreman** — Grade 16 — one position, prefer two-four years bowling mechanical experience.

**Athletic Equipment and Maintenance Man** — Grade 13 — one position.

**Property Clerk** — Grade 12 — one position. Must be a licensed driver.

**Technical Secretary** — Grade open, one position; requires ability to transcribe from mechanical equipment.

**Executive Secretary** — Grade 12, one position, requires 100 wpm shorthand.

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# Potpourri

On August 14 the university conferred an honorary Doctor of Science degree on **Dr. Per Fredrik Scholander**, pioneering physiologist who led the scientific group which established at Barrow shortly after World War II the research station that was to become the world-renowned Naval Arctic Research Laboratory. The degree was conferred on Scholander by **Brian J. Brundin**, a member of the university Board of Regents representing board president **Robert McFarland**. Scholander, currently a professor of physiology at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, was born in Sweden but moved to Norway at an early age. He received a degree in medicine at the University of Oslo in 1932 and a Ph.D. in botany in 1934.

Enrollment at an August short-course in **mushroom identification** in Fairbanks had to be limited to fifty persons, but over 80 applied. The course was designed to teach about fungi in general, and edible mushrooms in particular. Instructor **Ann Larson** emphasized that "when in doubt, don't eat" since even non-poisonous varieties give an allergic reaction to some people. There are many delicious varieties of edible mushrooms growing in Alaska this time of year, however, and members of the class learned to use a botanical key to identify and recognize some of them.

Increasing food prices are of concern to everyone, but there is a bright side to the picture, according to **Dr. Horace F. Drury**, director of the university's Institute of Agricultural Sciences. "Anything that raises the price of food relative to the price of other things is going to increase the margin of profit for farmers," he says in an introduction to the latest issue of "**Agroborealis**" magazine, the institute's publication about northern agriculture. Increasing the margin of profit "is Alaska's chance to turn a marginal enterprise into a solid source of income," according to Drury. "**Agroborealis**" — northern agriculture — is available free to any interested person. It is published once or twice yearly, and a free copy may be obtained from the Institute.

An Anchorage Community College professor told a conference of municipal treasurers meeting in Anchorage that changes in the economy in the next three decades will place heavy demands on those in the field of economics to continue their educations. **Larry Ross**, assistant professor of economics in Anchorage, spoke to some 200 persons attending the Annual Conference of Municipal Treasurers Association of the United States and Canada in Anchorage last month. Ross said changes occurring in the economy in the next 30 years will demand that people involved in economics keep abreast of developments, especially those involved in the public sector of the economy, and that continuing education will help to provide the means for coping with the change.

The Alaska Association for the Arts is offering a **\$150 scholarship** to area students in the various art disciplines. Last year, **Jimmy Truett**, a violin student, received the scholarship in order to attend Kings Lake Music Camp. Students up to 25 years old, from elementary school through college, are eligible to apply. Mail applications to the Arts Association, Box 2786, Fairbanks, at least 30 days prior to the time funds will be needed. Additional information may be obtained from **Mrs. Don Dafoe**, Chairman of the scholarship committee, 479-7380.

**Dr. Benjamin Chinitz**, professor of urban studies at Brown University and noted regional economist, recently spent two weeks at the UA's Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research to advise the institute director and staff on the design and implementation of the new **Man in the Arctic Program**, an economic research project supported primarily by the National Science Foundation. During his stay, he also participated in a two-day workshop (August 14-15) designed to explore and identify economic objectives of the MAP project. Chinitz, since taking a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1956, has served as a consultant to the United Nations as well as to the U.S. Government, including the Council of Economic Advisors, President Johnson's Task Force on Transportation Policy, and President Kennedy's Appalachian Regional Commission.

"**At the Mouth of the Luckiest River**," a new book for children published early this summer, is now available at bookstores throughout Alaska and the nation. A little Indian boy with a crippled foot is the hero of this story written for children from 7-12 years old. The author is **Dr. Arnold A. Griese**, professor of education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The story is about the upper Koyukan tribe of Athabascan Indians who lived in central Alaska more than a hundred years ago. Their village was south of Huslia and Hughes at the mouth of the Kateel, "the luckiest river," where game and fish were abundant. **Tatlek**, the Indian boy, has become friends with an Eskimo boy who came to the village to trade. The story tells of **Tatlek's** struggle to prove that he, too, has a rightful place among the men of the tribe, and of his effort to help his Eskimo friends.

**Professor Charles J. Keim** was honored by **Wendell H. Ford**, Governor of Kentucky last summer, when he and **Bernd A. Gaedeke** of Fairbanks received commissions as Kentucky Colonels. Both are registered guides and were chosen for the award because of their espousal of the fair chase ethic in hunting. Keim, a professor of Journalism and English on the Fairbanks campus, recently published a book with the late **Hal Waugh** titled "Fair Chase with Alaskan Guides." Gaedeke, a 1967 UA journalism graduate, wrote an award-winning article in "Alaska" magazine, "Polar Bear Hunt: Eskimo Style."

The **Tundra International Symposium** met on the Fairbanks campus from August 3 through 15. The scientists at the conference are participating in the International Biological Program, studying the biology and ecology of grassland areas, woodland areas, and other natural formations in addition to the treeless northern tundra covered mainly with mosses and lichens. The International Biological Program in the United States is funded by the National Science Foundation. **Dr. Patrick Flanagan**, associate professor of microbiology at the university's Institute of Arctic Biology, was chairman of the symposium, which was attended by researchers from throughout the polar region.

Auditions are being conducted now for a **University Chorale** on the Anchorage campus which will be launched this fall as part of a developing music program. **Mrs. Elvera Douglas** will direct the chorale which will have two afternoon rehearsals a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Douglas urged those interested to call her at 277-7340 for an appointment to audition prior to Sept. 12.

# Kellog Grant for Education

President Robert W. Hiatt announced this week the award of a \$681,461 grant to the university from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan. The funds will be provided over a five-year period, and will be used to develop a long-range educational program to help Alaska's Eskimos and Indians acquire managerial skills.

According to the proposal developed by Dr. James W. Matthews director of the

Cooperative Extension Service, the university will contribute over \$350,000 during the last three years of the program, bringing the total funds available to over a million dollars.

The grant will be used to coordinate existing university programs and Extension Service field operation in rural Alaska, as well as to develop new programs. Major areas of instruction will be natural resource management, local government development, corporate management, financial planning, and political processes.

Matthews will direct the new program assisted by a policy council which will consist of three Native leaders to be selected by the Alaska Native Foundation and the Alaska Federation of Natives, and three representatives of the university. The university members of the council will be Dr. Don M. Dafoe, Dr. Frank Darnell and Prof. Victor Fischer.

## UNIVERSITY FIREMEN WORK

### IN SIMULATED DISASTERS

Fire station personnel on the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus had five days of intensive training and responded to at least two major "disasters" early this month. University firemen were called out to a simulated bus-auto crash and fire on Yukon Drive near the Bartlett-Moore-Skarland student residence hall complex. The City of Fairbanks dispatched its ambulance to assist with the "casualties," volunteers from local Boy Scout Troop 92, who were taken to the university's new Student Health Center for "treatment."

The firemen, working with city firemen, also sharpened their skills on a fire in a two-story house with basement at 341 Slater Street acquired by the city for training purposes.

# Constitution Square Contract

A \$75,000 contract has been awarded to H & H Contractors of Fairbanks for development of Constitution Square — the area bordered by Constitution Hall, the Fine Arts Building, Rasmuson Library and Gruening Building.

The work—to be completed by Oct. 15—is to consist of grading and drainage, installation of lighting and 10-foot-wide asphalt walkways, and placement of topsoil and gravel.

If weather permits, the topsoil areas will be seeded this year. If not, this will be done in the spring.

A more extensive project, including concrete walkways, had been advertised earlier this year by the university's Office of Planning and Institutional Studies. The only bid to come in, from H & H, was in excess of funds available for the work, and the project was subsequently redesigned to bring down the cost.

The project is financed by general obligation bonds approved by voters in 1970.

## RESEARCHERS MEET

The "Climate of the Arctic — Its Physical Causes, Biological Effects and Consequences to Man" was the theme of the 24th Alaskan Science Conference held on the UA's Fairbanks campus August 15-17.

More than a hundred scientists—some from the Soviet Union, Germany, Austria, Australia, Sweden and Canada — took part in the conference, sponsored by the Alaska Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and by the American Meteorological Society.

Conference chairman was Dr. Gunter E. Weller of the university's Geophysical Institute, president of the Alaska Division of the AAAS.

Also in August, the UA's Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research conducted a two-day workshop to discuss the economic components of the Man in the Arctic Program. The program is a five-year multidisciplinary research project which was begun this year at the institute to study basic socioeconomic forces of change in Alaska and the relationship of these changes to social and economic development in the north.

The workshop was organized by David T. Kresge, director of the program's economic project and chairman of the sessions, and Victor Fischer, director of the institute. Participants outlined the objectives of the economic research program; discussed research strategy; reviewed problems of data collection and analysis; and explored ways of augmenting the data base for research, and for public and private decision-making. The workshop was attended by well-known economists from within and outside of Alaska, and by policy planners from a number of state agencies.

# COMING EVENTS

**FOLK DANCING**, Fridays, 8 p.m., Wood Center multi-purpose room.

**CASINO**, Wood Center Lounge, Friday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m.

**MOVIES**, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Schaible Auditorium, Bunnell Building. Sept. 7-9, "King Kong" and "Picture Mommy Dead."

**AUDITIONS FOR "The Ghost Dance,"** a play to be produced by the UA Drama Workshop, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8, 7:30-10 p.m. Fine Arts Theatre, Public invited.

**SKI TRAIL HIKES**, Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., Patty Gym.

**ORIENTATION BARBEQUE FOR NEW STUDENTS**, Saturday, Sept. 8, noon-2 p.m., West Ridge, behind Geophysical Building.

**FACULTY-STUDENT SOFTBALL GAME**, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m. in front of Beluga, west side of Patty Gymnasium.

**"GLASS BEAD GAME" in concert**, Saturday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Patty Gym, \$.75 for UA students, \$2.50 general admission. A 10-member popular Fairbanks rock group.

**ART SHOW RECEPTION**, oil paintings by William D. Engles. Sunday, September 9, 1-5 p.m., lower-level gallery, Wood Center. Alaskan featuring Athabaskan village life.

**SECOND FACULTY CONVOCATION**, Thursday, September 13, 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Theatre, Fine Arts Complex.

**LATE REGISTRATION CLOSES**, Friday, Sept. 14.

**ASUA DANCE**, Friday, Sept. 14, Wood Center Ballroom.

**MOVIES**, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Schaible Auditorium, Bunnell. Sept. 14-16, "Will Penny" and "One-Eyed Jacks."

## SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS

### FROM GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE

The Geophysical Institute on the Fairbanks campus is inviting bids for 300 items of surplus material, and an additional 99 lots of mixed and miscellaneous items.

Items include power supplies, electronic equipment, cast metal sinks, typewriters, desks, automobiles needing repair, electric switches, hardware, and miscellaneous office and electrical supplies. Some are not in operating condition, but are considered useful for repair, modification or salvage.

Bidders are urged to inspect the property at the Institute's Ballaine Lake Field Station, 1 Mi. Farmer's Loop Road, 9-4 on Saturday, September 8 and 8-12 noon on Wednesday, September 12. Bids will be opened Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4:00 p.m. and equipment must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. Sept. 17.

For further information contact Scientific Services, room 616 Elvay Building, Box 95651, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Telephone 479-7291.