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NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY AND HIGHER SCHOOLS EXTENDS ACCREDITATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FOR FIVE MORE YEARS

The University of Alaska is starting off the new decade with extended accreditation from the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

The five-year extension was granted in light of University progress since the association's last official visit.

By implementing suggestions from the association--along with its own plans and ideas--the University made marked advances, especially in the areas of library facilities, faculty leave and tenure, a legislative body, and public service.

In a letter to University President William R. Wood, the association's executive director, James P. Bemis, stated that his group "was well pleased with the excellent progress that has been made since the last evaluation. You and the members of your staff are to be complimented. We are confident that progress will continue under your able leadership."

President Wood, in turn, stated that he was "delighted" with the association's evaluation. "This is proof," he said, "that the efforts of our faculty, staff, and students, plus the support of the state, are paying good dividends in public higher education for Alaska."

Donald R Theophilus, vice president for academic affairs, said the extension was "solid approval from our peer institutions. This shows we have an ongoing, systematic program for evaluating the needs of the state and developing policies to meet those needs."

It was Theophilus who headed a faculty group which developed the "Interim Report for Extension of Accreditation," completed last September. This report cited major University advances, including:

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BOARD OF REGENTS MEET

The University of Alaska Board of Regents will meet at 8:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday, January 9th and 10th, for their Annual Review of the University Programs--this year featuring a review of research.

The public is invited to the meetings, which will be held on the main campus. Graduate and undergraduate students will take part along with faculty and staff.

(This session will follow a meeting on campus with the State Board of Education covering matters of mutual concern.)

This year's review of research--including projects conducted at the institutes and the academic colleges, as well as special projects--is a comprehensive one.

"This is an important yearly meeting in the growth of Alaskan higher education," stated University President Dr. William R. Wood, "and we urge the public to attend." Sessions will be held at Duckering Auditorium (Room 318).

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* A new library building now housing over 300,000 volumes and growing steadily.

* Improved conditions of faculty employment, especially standards regarding tenure, sabbatical leave, and travel.

* A new legislative body, the University Assembly, which provides official representation for all professional members of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni in matters that affect the general welfare of the University and its educational purposes and effectiveness.

* Vast growth in scope and quality of public service as provided by the University's extension and research programs.

Other areas of improvement cited in the September report were clarified admissions and probation policies, administrative simplification and reorganization, etc.

The extension which resulted from this report brings to 10 years the period covered by the current accreditation. (This is the maximum time granted to any institution between official visits.)

The Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools is a voluntary organization covering Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. The standards for accreditation describe conditions and principles which characterize educational effectiveness rather than prescribe the means of achieving effectiveness.

UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE PUBLISHES ENVIRONMENTAL ATLAS OF ALASKA

Two institutes at the University of Alaska recently published an "Environmental Atlas of Alaska." The atlas gives an overall picture of many aspects of physical Alaska.

The publication's authors are Philip R. Johnson, assistant engineer for the Institute of Arctic Environmental Engineering and Charles W. Hartman, senior assistant research engineer for the Institute of Water Resources.

Maps are used as the primary means of presenting information, but a text and some tables are used to highlight and amplify them. Much of the material in the atlas was obtained directly from published sources. In other cases, published information is further developed to provide necessary information and detail.

The principal studies of physical Alaska, including its weather, have been carried out by Federal agencies. The atlas draws heavily on published material and data of the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Weather Bureau and the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

David Hickok of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska originally inspired the atlas. With his encouragement and that of Dr. Charles E. Behlke, director of the Institute of Arctic Environmental Engineering and formerly director of the Institute of Water Resources, it was developed and completed. The Federal Field Committee provided funds for final preparation and publication.

Copies of the publication are available in Room 229, Duckering Building at \$12.00 per copy.

MELANGE NOOK

Assembled by Susan Rodey

EARL H. BEISTLINE, dean of the college of Earth Sciences and Mineral Industry, has been elected to the Commission on Higher Schools of Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

During his forth coming three-year term on the commission BEISTLINE will be one of 20 educators who will review accreditation of colleges and universities in the Northwest region.

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The University Relations office will publish a revised telephone directory for use during the forthcoming semester. If there is additional staff in your department, or if the offices have moved, we will need a changed listing. Also, if there are errors in the first edition, please let us know. Otherwise, old entries will be relisted. For further information call 479-7581.

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The University of Alaska Division of Statewide Services is offering swimming classes for all ages and ability levels. The classes will be held from noon to 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 17 through March 7.

Adults, children and pre-schoolers are eligible for the classes. However, a parent must come into the pool with a pre-school child.

Interested persons should pre-register by calling 479-7295 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost for each class is \$15.00.

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LOST AND FOUND--A 35mm camera and light meter was left in one of the biology labs or classrooms in Bunnell. The owner may identify and claim both in Bunnell 202 or call Karen Ruth (7542).

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Four University of Alaska scientists were among 25 scientists who studied the Aurora Borealis, or "Northern Lights" in December using the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Convair 990 jet aircraft, "Galileo" as their observation platform.

UA scientists were: GERALD J. ROMICK, associate professor of geophysics; WALLACE B. MURCRAY, associate professor of physics; NEAL B. BROWN, assistant geophysicist, and DR. SYUN-ICHI AKASOFU, professor of geophysics.

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ALASKAN CHILDREN TO SUBMIT ART WORK TO UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

The University of Alaska Museum has received a grant from the Alaska Council on the Arts to college children's art from throughout the state. Children will be asked to produce pictures illustrating "life in Alaska today."

Children in grades kindergarden through high school are eligible to submit pictures to the Museum. The pictures must be flat, but any medium may be used. Entries must not be larger than 16 x 24 inches.

Each entry should have the following information on the back: name of artist, age, home address, name of school, grade, and teacher's name. Pictures may be submitted individually or in class groups. The deadline is April 1, 1970. Entries should be mailed to: University of Alaska Museum, Children's Art Project, College, Alaska 99701.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL NEWS
NEW HIRES

NOV 24: ELAYNE PARRIS, Anchorage Community College (ACC). DEC 1: JOHN BARR, Maintenance; JOHN HAYES, Maintenance; JOSEPH FORD, Maintenance; ESTHER CHRISAWN, Cooperative Extensive Service--Anchorage; PHYLLIS PERREAULT, Library; WILMER KARJALA, Maintenance; CHARLES BARLOW, ACC; DAVID BOOTH, ACC; ROBERT HEASLEY, ACC; OPAL OSBURN, ACC; KENNETH WILLIAMS, ACC. DEC. 4: MELISSA SIMPSON, Institute of Arctic Biology. DEC. 11: JANET NAVIN, Business, Economics & Government; VICKIE MERCER, Institute of Arctic Environmental Engineering. DEC. 12: JOHN WARD, ACC. DEC. 15: EILEEN MACLEAN, Office of Financial Aids; CAROL HAERTEL, ACC. DEC. 17: CAROLYN HICKMAN, Civil Defense Education--Anchorage. DEC. 19: MARILYN ASICKSIK, Library. DEC. 22: LAURIE SLOTNICK, Library; JOHN GENSCHE, Mineral Industry Research Laboratory. DEC. 23: JAMES HARRISON, Safety & Security. DEC. 29: ELIZABETH PALMITESSA, Institute of Arctic Biology; JOHN BEESE, Institute of Arctic Biology. JAN. 5: SHIRLEY GLAUDO, Planning and Operations; RACHEL PATTERSON, Institute of Water Resources.

TERMINATIONS

NOV. 24: DENNIS MILLER, Maintenance. NOV. 28: LOUISE OWENS, Office of Accounting Services. DEC. 5: RIETA DOUGHERTY, Institute of Arctic Biology. DEC. 12: MELVIN LENSEGRAV, Safety & Security. DEC. 16: BEVERLY MYERS, Civil Defense Education--Anchorage. DEC. 23: DIXIE MYERS, Safety & Security. DEC. 31: KATHLEEN JORDAN, News Service.

TRANSFER

DEC. 8: JEANNE HUME from Planning and Construction to Safety and Security.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JAN. 9, 1970

8:30 a.m. UA Regents (public meeting), Duckering 318
5:30 p.m. preliminary game, Patty Gym
7:30 p.m. UA Nanooks vs. Okla. City University, Patty Gym
7:00 p.m. ASUA movies, Schaible
8:00 p.m. Folk Dancing, Commons Lounge

SATURDAY, JAN. 10, 1970

8:30 a.m. UA Regents (public meeting), Duckering 318
5:30 p.m. preliminary game, Patty Gym
7:30 p.m. UA Nanooks vs. Okla. City University, Patty Gym
7:00 p.m. ASUA Movies, Schaible

SUNDAY, JAN. 11, 1970

Noon, Residence halls open
6-9 p.m. Orientation Dinner, Commons Lounge
7:00 p.m. ASUA Movies, Schaible

MONDAY, JAN. 12, 1970

8:00 a.m. Orientation and guidance testing of new students and counseling of students by advisers

TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 1970

8:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m., Registration of all students
Dinner, meal tickets effective at Commons

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14, 1970

8:00 a.m. Classes begin

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