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## Billaud Benefit Planned

Jean-Paul Billaud appears on the concert stage at Alaskaland on December 17-18, presenting a program of Beethoven's music for the benefit of the Fairbanks Community Hospital.

The gala holiday event begins at 8:30 each evening, with champagne festivities scheduled for intermission. A donation of \$10.00 is asked from each concert-goer.

Pianist Billaud, just returned from a successful state-wide concert tour, will perform Beethoven's compositions in honor of that composer's 200th anniversary this year. The concert is part of an intensive effort to raise the nearly \$1 million still needed to complete the 116-bed community hospital.

Tickets for the event went on sale recently at the University Bookstore; they are also available from any Hospital Board member.

When need for a new and larger medical facility became apparent several years ago, the Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation was formed. This organization of concerned citizens spearheaded the fundraising drive which has provided almost all the needed funds.

Already, nearly \$7 million has been raised towards the cost of the desperately needed hospital. But spiraling construction costs, and the decision to build a larger facility, place an even greater demand on the generosity of Fairbanksans.

Construction is well underway on the \$8.4 million structure near Lathrop High School, which upon completion late next year will be the most modern hospital in Alaska. Professor Billaud, a Fairbanks resident for five years, has donated his time and talents to the hospital fund drive.



BILLAUD

## Dr. Hanna Dies

Former Alaskan G. Dallas Hanna died in California last week. Recipient of an honorary doctorate here last spring for "distinguished contributions to science and devotion to scientific research in Alaska", Hanna was formerly Scientific Director for the Naval Arctic Research Lab in Barrow. For many years Dr. Hanna was active in scientific explorations in Alaska.

He died of a stroke while returning home from a meeting of the California Academy of Science. In respect of his wishes, he will be cremated and his ashes scattered in Alaska. There will be no funeral.

Friends wishing to express sympathy may contact Mrs. Hanna at 125 Cambon Drive, San Francisco, California, 94123.

## Regents Meet Here Friday

Projects of the University of Alaska covered by a \$29.7 million bond proposal endorsed by the voters on November 3 will be discussed further by the board of regents here Friday.

Dr. William R. Wood informed the regents that if a full board meeting is not possible this week the members would convene in a joint session of the Executive and Campus Planning and Development committees.

The agenda, he announced, would include a review of Chapter 230 of the 1970 state laws covering scholarships, loans, and grants and of Article 11 providing direct subsidy for private higher education in Alaska.

The regents also plan to deal with a proposed consortium development involving the University of Alaska and Alaska Methodist University. As a step in that direction the voters, by approving the bond proposition, gave the green light to a projected \$6 million regional higher educational library to be used jointly in Anchorage by the two universities.

At last week's meeting, a new system of nomenclature for regional branches of the University was adopted by the Board upon recommendation of Dr. William R. Wood.

The University's total operations at Anchorage are hereafter to be known as the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Similarly, the total operations in the Juneau-Douglas area will be the University of Alaska, Juneau.

This is in line with a decision that wherever the University of Alaska conducts upper division and graduate programs the overall operation is to be designated the University of Alaska, followed by the name of the city.

Moreover, the board decreed that a separate name and identity of each administrative unit be shown under the name University of Alaska, or where appropriate the University of Alaska with the name of the city.

The community colleges are to carry the name of the University of Alaska as well as the names of the colleges to show their close identification with the University.

Thus at Ketchikan, for example, the University's unit will be known as "University of Alaska - Ketchikan Community College."

The Regents also authorized a change in the name of the University's agricultural unit. On January 1, the Agricultural Experiment Station will become the Institute of Agricultural Sciences.

# Assemblymen Dispute Recommendations

Recommendations presented at the Nov. 20 University Assembly meeting caused angry debate among delegates, as voting proceeded on the Assembly's Goals and Planning report.

Heated discussion followed presentation of a recommendation suggesting establishment of "specialized (subject area) branch libraries" in various campus units. A substitute proposal by the University Library, allowing for "broad subject area libraries", under the Director of Libraries, was defeated after lengthy debate.

Members of campus science institutes spoke strongly against such a measure, which they felt would, as one put it, "cripple research" by making needed materials more difficult to obtain. Several campus departments and institutes now maintain libraries with publications relevant to the research they are conducting.

The original recommendation passed after the defeat of the substitute proposal.

Another library recommendation, this one specifying an additional \$1.5 million to be spent over the next five years to expand library holdings, passed overwhelmingly.

A recommendation that a task force "periodically summarize the present state of knowledge" on the nature of the learning process was soundly defeated, after discussion revealed that members of the Assembly thought it "would not serve any useful function," as Charles Parr explained for the College of Arts and Letters.

Two recommendations dealing with campus science departments were approved. One, which will "involve undergraduate students in the research life of the institution" passed without dispute, as did a recommendation that the University promote establishment of an Alaskan Academy of Science and Technology as an arm of the state government.

However, another measure concerning the University's research emphasis on northern sciences inspired prolonged discussion on the nature of research activities. The Assembly defeated the original motion, which called for the University to "continue its present policy of concentrating research effort" in sciences "for which its northern location offers natural advantages" but passed an amended version which changed the wording to "policy of encouraging research" in such areas.

Three recommendations concerning the humanities passed without argument. The Assembly voted to recommend encouragement of "systematic research of the humanistic aspects of cultures," to extend the services of KUAC in radio and TV, and to increase the University's assistance for performing and fine arts by establishing a cultural fund.

Representatives from the Anchorage area argued strongly against a recommendation that the University "approve the principle of establishing a community college in the Fairbanks area" which they felt was too limited in scope to be incorporated into University policy. Representatives from the College campus,

however, apparently felt differently, as the recommendation carried almost unanimously.

In other action of the Assembly, the report from the ad hoc committee on Bartlett Lectures was adopted, Leonard Compton was announced as the new member of the Student Affairs committee, and a Joint Assembly-Administration jurisdictional committee was approved, to consist of assemblymen Morehouse, Gordon, Flanagan and Boyd.

Seven members were chosen for the Assembly's Grievance Committee, which will consist of Dan Hawkins, Louis Renner, A.B. Frol, Sam Harbo, John Davies, James Wilson and Sally Wellman.

## Frostbite Weather Here

"Most cold injuries occur in long-time Alaskans, not in transients," Dr. Doolittle of Fort Wainwright told participants in a seminar sponsored by the Institutes of Water Resources, Marine Science and Arctic Environmental Engineering last week.

In a vivid presentation accompanied by slides and a film, the physician described the danger of frostbite to the audience, many of whom were graduate students assigned to field experiments this winter.

Although frostbite and its complications are almost completely preventable, even those experienced in cold weather need an occasional reminder of the danger, according to Dr. Doolittle. Proper clothing can insure that fingers, toes, nose and ears (the most vulnerable portions of the body) will survive the winter intact.

According to Doolittle, frostbite rarely occurs when the victim is adequately clothed, with only 15% of all cold injuries reported under these circumstances. Another 20% of these cases result from inadequately worn clothing, with the balance (65%) caused by inadequate clothing.

Doolittle cited several common mistakes in cold-weather dressing. Nylon parka hoods, he said, do not provide sufficient coverage to protect ears from frostbite. He also warns that women frequently suffer frostbite on exposed areas between skirt and boots. Down clothing, though expensive, offers the best protection, according to the military physician.

An important precaution against frostbite, often neglected, is to keep cars supplied with blankets, candles and extra clothing, which could save life or limb should the vehicle break down.

## New Business Degree Approved

A two-year associate degree in Computer Information Systems has been approved by the Academic Council.

The program begins next semester, according to Howard Zach of the department of Business Administration. Aimed at training students for computer programming vocations in business and industry, the program will be available both on the College campus and at Anchorage Community College.

Anyone desiring further information on this new degree should contact Zach at Ext. 7124.

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# PIPELINE LEAKS

BOB EGAN, head of Special Orientation Services spent last week on the campus of Oberlin College in Ohio, consulting with administrators there on establishment of "an effective educational program involving native Alaskan students," according to Kiyoski Ikeda, chairman of the college's Special Educational Opportunities Program. KAY KOWELUK of Nome also participated in this attempt to "diversify further the range of social and economic backgrounds of (Oberlin's) student body."

The University's BRASS ENSEMBLE and CHAMBER SINGERS returned this week from a four-day concert tour which included Valdez, Cordova, Anchorage, Dillingham, Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue. David Williams and Philip Brink of the music faculty conducted the groups, each of which consists of 16 music majors.

Rasmuson Library announces the purchase order of SEA-BED 1968, a six volume set of 250 United Nations documents collected, collated, indexed, annotated, and arranged for instant retrieval. SEA-BED's contents extensively cover explorations of the ocean's unexploited resources.

DR. ANNA HEYER, Director of Educational Technology for the National Education Association, stopped by last week, direct from the judging sessions of international instructional television and radio in Tokyo. The Japan Prize went to an entry from Switzerland called "The Ant's World", while "Sesame Street", one of the few entries from the United States, took the Jury's Prize. Dr. Heyer was able to talk with many of the University's staff, and visited the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's Curriculum Materials Center and Barnette School's open classroom.

EARTH SCIENCES SEMINAR on Monday, Dec. 4, will be "A Provenance Study of the Tertiary Sandstone in the Healy and Lignite Creek Coal Basins: A Progress Report," by Caroline Stevens, at 4:00 p.m. in Brooks 201.

The English department's DR. ROBERT E. HAINES read his paper on "Alfred Stieglitz and the New Order of Consciousness in American Literature" at last week's annual meeting of the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. The paper, a critical analysis of Steiglitz's influence on Sherwood Anderson, Hart Crane, Waldo Frank, Paul Rosenfeld and other writers, is the result of research begun by Haines four years ago and amplified at Yale University last year.

DR. KEITH VAN CLEVE has been awarded a grant of \$4,365 for a study of forest litter officially termed, "Nutrient Turnover in Forest Floors of Interior Alaska." The National Science Foundation's IBP-Coniferous Biome Program is funding the project. Forest litter, such as branches and leaves, release nutrient elements into the soil as they decay. The soil, in turn, gives back the nutrients to trees, encouraging their growth. However, in cold climates the organic decay of litter and subsequent release may be considerably slower than that encountered in temperate forests. Van Cleve's data will determine the significance of nutrient loss and the difference in rates of nutrient loss among kinds of litter.

With winter all too obviously upon us, some campus drivers are parking in a manner which blocks full usage of the headbolt heaters. Aim your car accurately — those headbolts are limited in number, and we need all we've got!

There's not even a contest for the FLYING NANOOK OF THE WEEK AWARD this time. The Institute of Marine Science cops the prize for their well-timed Christmas card, which arrived the day before Thanksgiving. We first thought that their shrewd secretaries were trying to outwit the notorious campus mail system, but that possibility was discounted when we noticed that the card was addressed to a former executive whose position has since been refilled — twice.

The fire losses of KAREN AND PETER PLISKA have been made up through the generosity of UA campus personnel. To the many contributors who left clothing and household goods, but no name, the Pliska's extend warm thanks. And a special thank-you to the staffs of Planning and the Institute of Water Resources for their monetary donations.

JOHN PALMES, guitarist and folk singer, appears in concert in the Great Hall Friday, Dec. 4, from 7-11 p.m.

Music students will present their fall semester RECITAL Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Great Hall, performing solo and ensemble works.

The University Women's Association BAZAAR is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at noon in the Patty Gym. Good place to stock up on Christmas goodies! And UWA also plans its annual Christmas party for tots at Pres. Wood's home, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

# Students Rating Profs

University students rated their instructors and courses this week, in the second official survey to be conducted on campus.

The student opinion survey, initiated last year by action of the University Assembly, was designed by Wilbur McKeachie and is also in use at the University of Washington. A standard questionnaire, distributed in all classes with enrollment of five or more, asks students to rate their instructors on fairness, clarity, flexibility, and organization, and the course on objectives, tests and grades.

Last year, results of nearly 8,000 questionnaires were compiled by the

University Computer Center, which coordinates the survey. At that time, over three-quarters of the University's instructors were rated in the highest categories on the 6-point scale.

Computerized results are given, after final grades are recorded, to Academic Vice-President Theophilus, who in turn sends copies to deans, department heads and instructors. The individual results, which are confidential, will be accompanied by over-all college results, enabling an instructor to compare his rating with the average within his college.

All instructional faculty are required to participate in the survey; students, however, have the option of not participating.

# Olanna Off to Bush

A young Eskimo artist from the University took off last week for the village of Wainwright on a pioneering mission.

Melvin Olanna, an instructor in the university's Arts and Crafts Extension Program, has 24 visits scheduled before the end of March in a project aimed at helping Alaskan artists improve the quality of their work, become more efficient at producing art objects and raise the economic level of the villages.

The State Department of Vocational Education provided the funding \$25,900 until June 30. Olanna, with perhaps a second touring artist joining the

program on March 1, will spend periods of two or three weeks in the field. Periodically he will be back on the campus at College for a week, reporting his findings and recommendations to members of the art department and officials of the university's Division of Statewide Services.

Olanna took with him on his first trip examples of work in silver, marble, soapstone, rosewood, cherrywood and other materials, along with films. Now "28 or 29" years old, he was originally an ivory carver when he began making a living as an artist at 15.

"I'll show these items and let the artists choose their own materials," he related.

# ISEGR at PLLRC

Two members of the University's Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research leave next week for California, where they will participate by invitation in the Public Land Law Review Commission hearings.

Dr. George Rogers, professor of economics, and Dr. Robert Weeden, professor of wildlife management, will be among Alaskan representatives at the hearings, at which public opinion leaders will discuss their reactions to the Commission's recent report.

The report, issued last June after five years of preparation, is a comprehensive study of the myriad laws and regulations concerning use of the U.S. public land, of which nearly 1/2 is in Alaska.

The Alaska panel, which also includes John Borbridge, Gene Guess and Joseph Fitzgerald, will present their views on the first afternoon of the two-day conference. Dr. Rogers will be the featured speaker at that meeting.

# UGN Results

With final results of the campus United Good Neighbors campaign being tabulated, it appears that the University, while topping past records, will still fall short of the quota set for the drive.

To date, donations total \$10,707.16, with 318 of a potential 990 campus employees contributing. The original quota of \$18,000-20,000 was based on an estimated donation of \$1 per week per employee.

Only a few University departments boast near-total enrollment in the fund drive: University Relations, the Carpentry Shop and Mechanical Maintenance had 100% enrollment, while Safety and Security, Electrical Shop, Private Maintenance, Alumni Services, the Bookstore and the Health Center hit close to that mark.

The majority of the contributors desired their funds to be distributed among the dozen community service agencies that benefit from the yearly drive; however, a substantial number specified the Alaska Crippled Children's Association, the Salvation Army, and the Hillcrest Home for Boys as recipients of their donations.

Because several volunteer units have not reported their totals to UGN chairman Harold Byrd, a revised figure will be released when complete results become available.

# Tomlin Here

Dr. Don C. Tomlin joined the University of Alaska this month as Assistant Professor of Animal Science with the Agricultural Experiment Station. The recruitment for this position was initiated last summer with a new start in red meat research approved by the board of regents and the legislature.

Dr. Tomlin brings ten years of research in animal science to the program, including three years at the Prince George Experimental Farm in British Columbia and the last three years at the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. He holds doctoral and masters' degrees from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree from California State Polytechnic College.

Dr. Tomlin is joining Dr. Arthur L. Brundage in the animal science department of the experiment station and will have major responsibility for the initiation and development of a research program in beef, swine, and sheep. Although he will be stationed at the College Research Center of the Experiment Station, it is expected that he will become a familiar figure throughout the state where animal industries are developing.

# Forum Plans

A discussion of campus "morals and standards," a talk on the uses of the land in Alaska and a discussion with a clairvoyant are scheduled for the last three meetings of the Alaska Forum this semester.

On Dec. 8, Tuesday at noon, members of the staff of the Polar Star will talk about campus morals as a follow-up to a series of articles appearing in the student paper on Dec. 4.

Prof. Robert Weeden will discuss the uses of the land and the Native Land Claims Bill on Dec. 15. Rev. Noel Street, a clairvoyant, and his wife, Coleen, a yoga expert, will discuss the occult on Dec. 17.

Forum meetings in the Upper Commons each Tuesday (Thursday, Dec. 17, is a special meeting) at noon are open to the public.