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Soundings

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Convocation starts Aug. 21

UAS faculty will meet in convocation on the Juneau campus Aug. 21 and 22. Academic departments will hold individual meetings on the 23rd. Convocation topics include UA presidential initiatives, rethinking the UAS mission, UAS restructuring, faculty development, student outcome assessment, models for senior/terminal outcomes assessment. In addition to presentations, there are a number of small group discussions scheduled.

Chancellor on radio

John Pugh will be live on KINY radio each Monday morning at 7:40 a.m. presenting "The Chancellor's Report." The first of the weekly reports begins Aug. 14. He will appear as the guest of KINY morning host Chris Burns.

New mail server

After more than a year of planning, the new UAS mail server is in place. "It was a major undertaking," Mike Ciri said. "The biggest for our department in a number of years. The success is shown by how invisible the change was to users." Ciri said. Mona Yarnall coordinated the change.

The new mail server is faster, makes it easier to send multiple messages, can be accessed from any web browser on the Internet, has shared folder capability, automatic responses, more security and requires fewer passwords.

Sitka Outreach gets a Boost

UAS Sitka has three new outreach coordinators this year: Norma Sheakley in Hydaburg, Mike Cottrell in Petersburg and Julie Stutervant in Coffman Cove. They join coordinators in 17 other communities to assist students taking UAS distance courses. Coffman Cove residents interested in careers in medical transcription acquired a grant to allow thirteen students to enroll in Human Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Terminology by distance this fall, according to Naomi Fischer. The City Council of Coffman Cove also donated a trailer for use as a classroom for these new students.

UAS Alumni planning events

The Alumni Association is planning fall events. The alumni board members co-sponsor the annual Welcome Back Student Picnic and participate in the university's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." In addition, the board has scheduled a reception in Whitehorse on Sept. 9 in conjunction with the Klondike Race, a beer and wine tasting event in Juneau this fall, and the fall raffle fundraiser begins in September. Contact Diana Cote, alumni president, 364-3699.

Bread Loaf finishes year

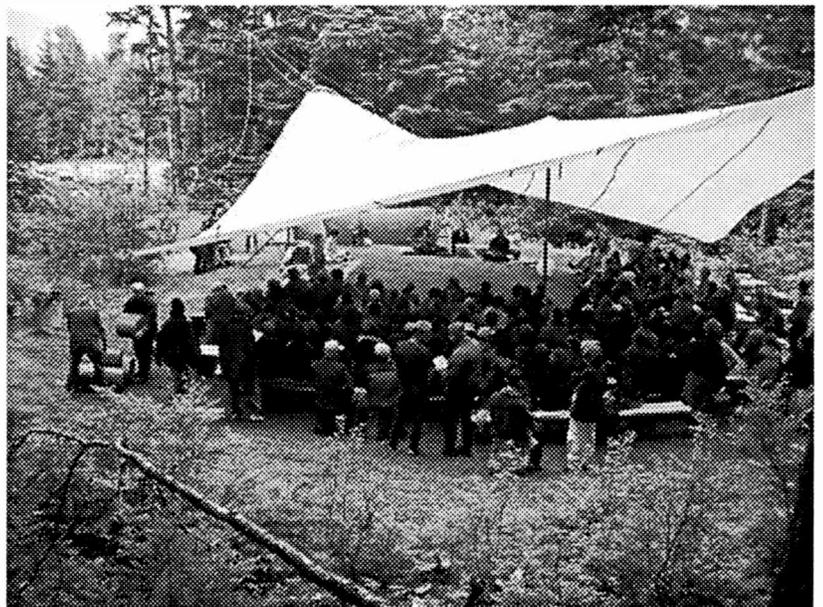
"This summer went absolutely, wonderfully well," according to UAS Bread Loaf Director Lucy Maddox. More than 80 graduate students and faculty took part in the six-week summer session. Maddox said the Juneau Bread Loaf has a good reputation. "People know this has been a successful program and students have gone away very happy." She predicted increased numbers of students next year. Maddox also said, "UAS has

been terrific. Our relationship with UAS gets stronger and stronger."

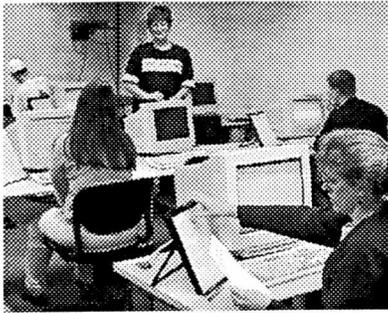
Bread Loaf also presented a public Summer Lecture and Reading Series on Thursday evenings. The final presentation was a theatrical production at an outdoor theater built above the UAS parking lot. More than 450 attended the three evening performances of Cuchulain's Fight with the Sea.



At left: Bread Loaf students took a boat ride as their last activity for the 2000 summer session.



Below: A temporary outdoor theater was built for a Bread Loaf presentation of Cuchulain's Fight with the Sea.



Sharon Crostlick administers one of the screening tests for the Instructional Technology program

Information Technology

More than 40 students applied for 20 scholarship openings in the one-year pilot Instructional Technology program starting on the Juneau campus. Orientation is Aug. 30. "Our goal is to put the students to work in the IT field," according to Edwell John who is coordinating the program with Sharon Crostlick. Students can earn certificates in Computer Applications, Web Publishing, Networking Essentials, and Cisco Networking. Part of the program includes internships for the students next summer.

Equipment swap meet

Extra office supply and equipment will be swapped Aug. 17 and 18 in the Mourant Cafe. Office "stuff" ranging from notebooks and easels to desks and cabinets unused in one office may be helpful to another. Swap items should be brought to the Cafe before 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 17. Items currently on inventory (computers and equipment over \$2500) may be swapped, but official transfer papers must be completed. Call Shirley Grubb 6353 or Beth Weigel, 6282.

Juneau campus

Goodbye Potluck: There will be a potluck reception at noon, Thursday, August 17 in the Lake Room for Rae Korpela (career education) who is retiring and Karen Cummins (Business and Public Administration) who is moving to California.

Language Institute: Closing ceremonies for the two week Sealaska Heritage Foundation's language institute will be held in the SAC from 4-6 p.m. on Aug. 11. This is the second year the institute has been held on the UAS campus.

Nursing: Efforts by UAS to ease the shortage of health care workers in Alaska is described in an article in the current issue of the Alaskan Southeaster magazine.

Food Service: Hours will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. until the start of fall semester.

Whale research

During July, Jan Straley, Sitka marine biology, and a student from her whale research practicum flew the outer coasts of Kruzof and Chichagof islands looking for dead gray whales. This is part of a National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska-wide monitoring program, from SE to Bristol Bay, to assess gray whale mortality. "We saw no dead whales, only live grays and humpbacks," Straley said. She is, however, aware of a dead gray whale on Kruzof Island that is not visible from the air.

Take a new student to dinner

Faculty and staff willing to take several new students to dinner on Aug. 31 should contact Tish Griffin at 6529. The annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner evening begins at 6 p.m. "We hope that faculty and staff will take a few students home for dinner or out to eat," Griffin said. "This is a vital connection at a vital time in the freshman experience, and we need dozens of faculty to participate!"

College of Fellows Fund Raiser

UA President Mark Hamilton will be the keynote speaker at the UAS College of Fellows fund-raising dinner at the Mt. Roberts Tram Timberline Restaurant on Sept. 15. "This is a chance to hear President Hamilton talk about things other than the university," Development Officer Lynne Johnson said. Hamilton has been asked to speak about his life experiences. Tickets for the dinner, tram ride, and UAS donation are \$50 per person and available in the Chancellor's Office. Call 6416 for details.

Faculty/staff/students

Jan Straley, Sitka marine biology, will present her research on Overwintering Humpback Whales in SE at the International Conference on Humpback Whales in Brisbane, Australia, Aug 29-Sept 2 and will chair a session on population dynamics.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, has an article, "Mining on the Periphery: The Lost Dutchman of the Chemehuevis" just published in the 1999 Mining History Journal.

Robin Walz, Juneau history, has been nominated for the Millstone Prize by the Western Society for French History for his paper, "Tintin au Congo: Stereotypes and the Civilizing Mission in Herge's Comics." The Millstone Prize recognizes the best conference paper with an interdisciplinary focus presented at the WSFH annual meeting.

Bread Loaf: Three UAS teachers/staff members are published in the Spring/Summer 2000 Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network magazine. Helena Fagan and Tom McKenna wrote "Discovering Best Practices," and Scott Christian wrote "Sustainable Partnerships: New Ideas for Professional Development."

Bruce Wright and Jason Gasper participated in the Alaska Salmon Shark Assessment Project July 13-24. They captured and collected data on 20 salmon sharks and deployed three satellite tags.

Debbie Gleaton, Juneau food service, returns to work Aug.14.

Megan Baldwin, a student with the UAS Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, left Aug. 2 to assist Beth Mathews with long-term research in Johns Hopkins Inlet in Glacier Bay.

JUNEAU CAMPUS

Friday, Aug. 11

- Language Institute closing ceremonies, 4 p.m., SAC

Monday, Aug. 14

- Chancellor Pugh on KINY at 7:40 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17.

- Equipment swap, 9:30 a.m. Cafe and Lake Room
- Goodbye potluck for Rae Korpela and Karen Cummins, noon, Lake Room.
- Faculty contracts begin

Friday, Aug. 18

- Equipment swap, until 3 p.m. Cafe and Lake Room

Sunday, Aug. 20

- Start of Tlingit and Haida conference, through Aug. 25

Monday, Aug. 21

- Chancellor Pugh on KINY at 7:40 a.m.
- Convocation, Egan Library

Tuesday, Aug. 22

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Wednesday, Aug. 23

- Academic group meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Housing move in

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Cummins leaves

After 16 years at UAS, Karen Cummins has resigned to move with her husband Chris to Watsonville, CA where he has a new job. "UAS is going to be a hard act to follow," Cummins said. "The reason it was such a part of my life and perhaps generated my over-enthusiastic attitude and dedication was the atmosphere, the faculty and of course the students. It kept my attitude young."

Cummins worked in the Chancellor's Office, the Business Office, and the School of Business. She also served as president of Staff Alliance, and 14 years ago organized the annual campus holiday donations for the Glory Hole. "I didn't work at the university because of the money," Cummins said. "I loved what I did and why I did it. I became involved with governance because I wanted to make it a better place, and I hope I had some affect over the years."

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