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Marshall Lind



John Pugh

Lind and Pugh appointed

UA President Mark Hamilton named UAS Chancellor **Marshall Lind** to become the fourth chancellor at UAF. He succeeds **Joan Wadlow** who is retiring. Hamilton also appointed UAS Dean of Faculty **John Pugh** as the next UAS chancellor.

Of the Lind appointment, Hamilton said, "I am delighted that we were able to find exactly the right person for this job at this important time of transition and growth for the University of Alaska Fairbanks." Lind has been UAS chancellor for 12 years. He will assume the Fairbanks position after July 1.

Lind has served as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education, visiting professor of education at UAS, dean of the School of Extended and Graduate Study at UAS, Kodiak Island Borough School District superintendent, and he has taught in

Kwigillingok, Goodnews Bay and Emmonak.

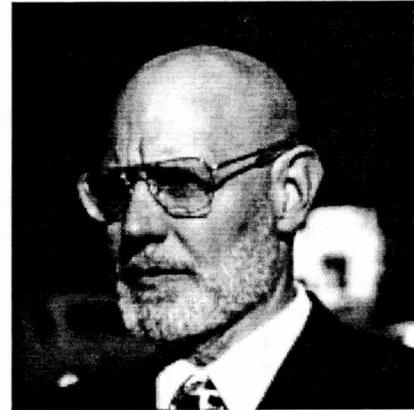
In naming Pugh as UAS chancellor, Hamilton said, "I was pleased, and not surprised, that there were strong candidates already at UAS. Promoting from within UAS will ensure a smooth transition. John has broad educational experience with the university, he is a former state commissioner, and he is a leader in his community and throughout the state."

Pugh has served as dean of faculty for the last three years and was dean of the School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science for nine years prior to that. He came to the university after a 15-year career with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services where he was commissioner from 1983-1986.

Dean of faculty search begins

Current UAS faculty and staff are eligible to apply for the position of interim UAS dean of faculty. The dean is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the university's academic, vocational, and community service programs including coordination of the offerings of all UAS campuses. Applications

should be submitted to Janet Dye, faculty council chair, by 5 p.m., March 29 at 111 Novatney Building on the Juneau campus. Applications must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, plus names and contact numbers of references. Job description details will be posted in campus buildings.



Mark Hamilton

Hamilton to speak at UAS

"The State of the University" is the topic of UA President **Mark Hamilton's** campus-wide presentation to UAS students, faculty and staff at 10:30 a.m. March 23 at Chapel by the Lake. Hamilton is making similar presentations at other UA campuses. He plans to speak for 30 minutes and answer questions for 30 minutes.



Students jump into 37-degree Auke Bay.

Polar plunge

A record number of students took part in the Polar Bear Plunge in the 37 degree waters of Auke Bay Feb. 28. "It was an absolute success and set an all-time record," **Tish Griffin** said. "We had 26 students and one administrator." **Bruce Gifford** took the plunge to raise money for students. It will be used to support a 25-cent taco night for students at Taco Bell on March 24. Griffin said about 75, another record, came to watch.

Ketchikan holds Senior Day

The first Senior Day for Ketchikan High school seniors was hosted by the campus. **Gail Klein** said it was designed to help prepare high school seniors for success in college or careers after graduation. Students participated in workshops on college study skills, time management, financial management, college success skills, career education, and job seeking skills. Many workshops also included peer presentations.

Ketchikan films shown

Films shot in Ketchikan are being shown in a program co-sponsored by the campus. **Mike Dunning** has worked on the project. Films have included "Spawn of the North" (1938); and "Silver Horde" (1930). The March 24 film will be "Cry Vengeance" (1954).

Distance ed video

A 15-minute orientation video for distance education students has been completed on the Sitka campus. "Getting Started in Distance Education" answers common questions, introduces the Sitka faculty and staff and provides information on registration, necessary equipment, and class location according to **Naomi Fischer**.

The video was shot, edited and produced by **Michelle Turner's** video production class. Starting next fall, copies will be sent to each semester to all new and interested distance education students.

Scholars dinner

More than 30 housing scholars with a 3.0 GPA and above at UAS fall semester were hosted at a special Mourtant Cafe dinner March 5. The meal, to focus on academic excellence for housing students, was served by **Robbie Stell**, **John Pugh**, **Bruce Gifford**, **Tish Griffin** and **Timi Hough**. One student brought her two daughters, Hough said, "To show what happens when you work hard."

Mona's computer tips

Do you receive e-mail about viruses infecting computers? Unsure if it's a hoax or the real thing? The following web sites document known virus hoaxes and also informs people of the latest viruses. While anti-virus software is the way to protect your computer, **Mona Yarnell** says these sites will help to stay informed.

Hoax Info: <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html>
Latest Virus Info: <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/index.html>

UA statewide

The Board of Regents' homepage includes Summary of Actions for the February meeting, and the official minutes from the Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 meetings at: <http://www.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

Steve Smith, who has 25 years experience in information technology, has been named chief technology officer for the UA system.

Faculty/staff news

Robert Baker, Ketchikan math, presented a talk on "The Mathematics of Poker Machines" to a standing room only crowd at the Western Regional Conference for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Great Falls Montana, March 4-6, where poker machines and machine-gaming are legal.

Timi Hough, Juneau housing, is serving a two-year term on the executive board as the Alaskan state representative on the Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers

John Bowman, Juneau faculty, was honored during Engineering Week for his achievements and contributions to the engineering profession over the past decade. The honor was presented by his peers in the ASCE and ASPE, Juneau Chapters.

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, is attending a Gordon Research Conference in California on carbon flux in polar seas March 7-12 and will present a poster about Pacific walrus.

Juneau campus

Information Technology: Michael Zastrocky, a Gartner analyst and consultant on higher education will discuss information technology in higher education Thursday, March 18, at 8:30 a.m. in Egan 211. "We encourage faculty to come and hear him," Robbie Stell said.

Technology Issues: Dr. Rose Marie Isett will discuss the impact of TV on several rural Alaska communities at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Lake Room as part of the "Technology and Society" series. On March 25, David LaChapelle will discuss "Y2K and Other Problems of the Fallibility of Technology" at 6 p.m. in the Lake Room.

Softball: Faculty or staff (or spouses or significant others) who are interested in joining a UAS softball team for May-June of this year should contact Chris Weaver (6421) before spring break. Registration is \$23 per person. "All players must take an oath of non-competitiveness!" Weaver says.

Bookstore: Instructor's summer book orders are due on Monday, March 15. Graduation orders are due Friday, March 12. Anyone may sign up for a sweatshirt drawing on St. Patrick's Day.

Global Connections: Meets Friday, March 12, 12:30 p.m. in the Mourtant Student Lounge to plan for April events.

Grant: Applications for the 1999-2000 Juneau History Grant, which provides up to \$1,000 for Juneau-Douglas history projects, are available for students and others. Contact Robin Walz for an application (465-6433; rwalz@uas.alaska.edu). Applications are due before June 15. The grant program begins with a free performance of "Mary Joyce's Story in Her Own Words," Saturday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Nativity downtown.

Disaster Class: Training for those involved in post-disaster building assessment will be held March 18-19 in Hendrickson 113. Bob Green reports part of the course will include assessment to simulated damage to several campus buildings.

Retirement: Representatives from TIAA-CREF will offer individual counseling sessions for Juneau employees Friday March 26 in Novatney 108. Advice and options for investing pension, Optional Retirement Plan, or tax-deferred annuity money will be available. For an appointment call (800) 842-2007.

Bartlett Speech: An overflow audience of nearly 200 attended the presentation by Dr. Jill Tarter on "The Search of intelligent Life in the Galaxy" March 5. She spoke as part of the UA Bartlett Lecture Series.

Students at Rotary: Josh Horst, Nicole Laeger, and Wonder Russell made their third Rotary presentation about student life on March 11.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, March 11

- "Impact of TV on Rural Alaska," presentation, 6 p.m., Lake Room.

Friday, March 12

- Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Lake Room
- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourtant lounge
- Polis and Caucus Training, 2 p.m., Computer Center

Saturday, March 13

- Buddy Tabor concert, 7 p.m., HB 113.

Monday - Friday, March 15-19

- Spring break for students.

Thursday, March 18

- Michael Zastrocky, Gartner specialist in higher education information technology, 8:30 a.m., Egan 211.

Sunday, March 21

- Family Film, "Black Beauty" 2 p.m. JDHS.

Tuesday, March 23

- President Hamilton presents "State of the University" address to students, faculty, and staff, 10:30 a.m., Chapel by the Lake
- "Life History, Dispersal of Marine Invertebrates," Dr. Ginny Eckert, faculty candidate, noon, Anderson 221
- Relationship series for couples, 7 p.m. Lake Room.

Thursday, March 25

- "Y2K and other Problems of the Fallibility of Technology," 6 p.m., Lake Room.

Friday, March 26

- Web publishing, 2 p.m., computer center.

Scholarship given

Jessica Rehfield, a JDHS sophomore was awarded a full tuition UAS scholarship by **Lori Exferd** at the Capital City Science Fair Saturday, March 6. Her science project included collecting Juneau fossils determined to be 11,000 years old.

Study abroad

Elizabeth Schelle returned from the Northwest Council on Study Abroad in Portland convinced "that we should aim for a significant percentage of our students to have a semester or year abroad. It's simply too good an educational opportunity to pass up!" Study abroad opportunities for next year are available. Credits and financial aid apply and no foreign language is required for most programs. Contact Schelle at 465-6455.

Oil spill anniversary

Bruce Wright will appear on 60 Minutes, March 14, for a story about the 10th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. He has also been interviewed by nearly two dozen other media in the past month including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, European media, Radio Toronto and more. Other oil spill anniversary programs include National Geographic Explorer, March 17 4:05 p.m. 8:15 p.m. on TBS; Discovery ABC News Discovery Channel, March 19, at 3 p.m.