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Soundings

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Marshall Lind farewell party June 23

A public farewell is planned for UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind Wednesday, June 23, at the Hangar on the Wharf from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. It's an informal "Wisconsin bratwurst" reception. Lind leaves UAS after 12 years as chancellor to become UAF chancellor in August. The latest issue of the Alaskan Southeaster magazine has a cover story on Lind. The magazine will soon be available at news stands.



Physical plant crews are working on many campus projects.

Hendrickson roof: The exterior walkway roof is being demolished, and a replacement roof is to be in place before a contractor begins re-roofing the main building in late June.

Anderson: The front access ramp will be replaced and a walkway cover will be added. Physical Plant has installed a temporary entrance/exit ramp to Anderson using the existing fire exit/entrance.

Photo lab: Physical Plant will demolish the existing lab on June 21 and install new walls, ceiling, floor, partitions, doors, plumbing, electrical, heat, and ventilation. The lab will be ADA accessible and is expected to be completed just after the start of fall semester.

Whitehead exterior: Portions of the lower level concrete sidewalk will be replaced at an elevation to provide ADA access to the photo lab, W101 and W102. All three entrances will receive new aluminum doors.

Housing Lodge: A new roof will be installed by a contractor starting about June 28. The existing metal roof will be replaced with a composition roof surface identical to the one on Banfield Hall.

Housing sidewalks: The project, that begins soon, includes removal of sidewalk surfaces near apartment building A that are in poor repair or do not meet ADA standards. They will be replaced with new surfaces to meet ADA standards. Future phases, depending on funding, will address sidewalk problems around the remaining seven apartment buildings.

Ketchikan: A new circulation desk will be installed in the library before fall semester.

Ziegler and Paul buildings: will have new surfaces installed on the exterior roof parapet walls. If there is time, the Paul Building's heating supply water will be extended through an underground pipe to the Ziegler Building.

Sitka: The remodel of the student services counter area to meet ADA standards should be completed by fall semester.

Physical Plant summer projects

Hendrickson: Old offices of education faculty and staff on the second floor of Hendrickson are being demolished by Physical Plant workers to make way for two new classrooms that are planned for completion before fall semester. Each will seat more than 40 students and will be equipped with audio conference, data connection, TV monitor and VCR capability.



Education faculty and staff, including Margaret Grogan, have moved to newly remodeled offices in the Hendrickson Annex.

Education faculty offices

The Hendrickson Annex has been remodeled by Physical Plant staff and the education faculty and staff have moved into their new offices. Now located in the same suite of offices are Dave Marvel, Jason Ohler, Kay Greenough, Marjorie Fields, Jan Parmelee, Mary-Claire Tarlow and Cable Starlings, a special education instructor from UAA. Staff members Mary Bowen, Margaret Grogan, and Yana Polyakova are located in the entry office. Phone numbers remain the same.

Ketchikan housing

The Board of Regents approved the acquisition of a former Coast Guard facility for student housing on the Ketchikan campus. The 3,500 square foot, four-bedroom house was built in 1950 and remodeled in 1981 for Coast Guard use. The house is available through the US Department of Education's public benefit allowance program for surplus federal property. At present the campus has only one two-bedroom condominium available for students. The lack of affordable housing has impaired the campus' ability to provide for the vocational training needs of Ketchikan and surrounding communities.



Dorothy Bowen collected baskets at Attu.

Basketry class

Dorothy Bowen began learning how to make baskets 60 years ago on Attu where her parents were missionaries. She came to Juneau this summer from her home in Olympia, WA to continue learning basketry through Delores Churchill's Northwest Coast basketry class. "It's a fantastic class," she said. "She's a great teacher." Bowen learned about the class in March while visiting her daughter in Juneau.

Legislature summary

The final report for the 1999 legislative session is now available at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/swlegis/ontrackfinal.pdf>

BOR updates

The Board of Regents' home page now includes the summary of actions from the June 4 meeting, the minutes for the April 23 meeting, the meeting schedule through June 2001 and addresses for the regents including new e-mail addresses for Brian Rogers and Fran Rose. The address is <http://www.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

MAT graduation June 26

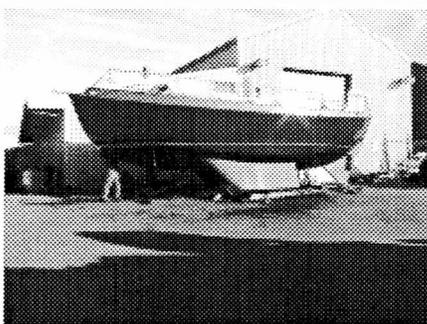
Thirty-four students have completed a year of study in their Master of Arts in Teaching year of study, and graduation ceremonies will be held June 26 at 10 a.m. in the Egan Library.

Jim Johnsen, chief of state to UA President Mark Hamilton, will be the speaker at the public ceremony for 18 secondary and 16 elementary MAT students. This is the first elementary and fifth secondary graduating class.

Mary-Claire Tarlow, elementary director, says, "The first year went great. We made a lot of adjustments through the year.

New classes for both programs begin June 28. Seventeen students will begin the secondary and 15 will begin elementary MAT. There are almost as many men as women entering the elementary program.

For the first time, secondary MAT students will be placed in Ketchikan and Haines. The Haines internship is possible because of a pilot program using distance delivery. Most of the secondary students intern in Juneau and Sitka. All of the elementary students intern in Juneau.



After four years, Phil McRee's boat is in the water.

Boat launched at MTC

Adjunct professor and student Phil McRee worked on his steel sailboat for four years at the Marine Technology Center. The largest vessel built by a student at UAS was launched on June 10. The 32 foot boat, with unusual bilge keels, will be rigged as a gaff cutter. The boat will be completed in the water. When asked when he expected to have the boat finished, McRee said, "The only boats that are finished are the ones that sink."

Researchers return from Arctic

Brendan Kelly, five UAS students, and others have completed nearly two months of study of ringed seals on the Beaufort Sea. The group lived in two huts with wooden floors. Part of the research was a continuation of Kelly's study of how the ringed seals navigate in the dark under the ice. New research this year involved collecting on-site data to help correct annual aerial seal surveys. Kelly said some seals can't be counted from the air because they are under water or in snow caves. Two of the students, Raychelle Daniel and Shannon Crowley, went from the Arctic research to their continuing research in the Gulf of Alaska.

Staff Council picnic

The UAS Staff Council is inviting all part-time and full-time staff to a potluck lunch at noon, Thursday, July 1. The chancellor is providing the main entree (cheeseburgers and ribs) as well as punch. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share. The picnic will include music, door prizes and a chance to decide on a community service project for the Staff Council.

Staff Council Officers are Tish Griffin, Sheri Gray, Elizabeth Hoffman and Mona Yarnell. Call Tish, 465-6529, for information.



A student from Trinidad learned about the Early Childhood Institute on the Internet.

Institutes held on campus

Tlingit Language Institute: More than 40 students from around Southeast, including some UAS students, are earning up to five credits during the two week institute. Richard and Nora Dauenhauer teach socio-linguistics in the morning. In the afternoons, students study Tlingit language.

Early Childhood Institute: More than 20 students from across Alaska are taking part in two, one-week sessions. The first week's subject was math and science taught by Don Greenberg and Christine Chaille from Portland. Principles and Practices is the second week topic and is being taught by Marjorie Fields and Kathy Hanna.

ARCTIC Institute: The first group of Alaska teachers taking part in a five year federal grant to integrate technology into the classroom spent a week on the Juneau campus. Increasing numbers of teachers will spend part of the summer on the Juneau campus for each of the next five years.

Summer picnic with Navy

More than 80 sailors from the USS Juneau attended a summer session picnic on the Juneau campus. Tish Griffin said, "Their activities guy on the ship contacted our activities person here, and we made it happen." The ship was on a port visit before sailing to it's new station in Japan.

The sailors brought their own food. Griffin said they also brought appetites. "Every single guy took one of each...hot dogs, hamburgers, and BBQ ribs."

The group presented the campus with a plaque and signed USS Juneau hats to Marshall Lind and students Collete Costa, and Rosie Gilbert.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, June 18, Farewell potluck for Rita Johnson, noon, Lake Room.
Wednesday, June 23, Farewell party for Chancellor Lind, 5:30 p.m., Hangar on the Wharf ballroom.
Saturday, June 26, Graduation for MA students, 10 a.m., Egan Library.
Monday, June 28, New elementary and secondary MAT classes begin.
Thursday, July 1, UAS Staff Council potluck lunch, noon, campus.

Virus warning

Computing Services has received credible information regarding a destructive virus that is spread by email. To prevent infection do not open any attachment that has a ".exe" extension unless you are absolutely certain of the contents. Please visit the UAS Help Desk for more on the virus: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/helpdesk/docs/worm.html>

Coastal Science

Sixteen high school science students from eight different states have confirmed they will attend the third Alaska Coastal Science Institute on the Juneau campus. Those confirmed are from HI, CA(3), MN (3), MI(5), WA, CO, MT, and WI. Three students are on the waiting list. The institute runs July 9-18.

Carl Byers leads the faculty team of Cathy Connor, Brendan Kelly, Beth Mathews and Randy Stahl. The students, six male and six females, will stay at student housing. Hosts will be Rosie Gilbert and Shannon Siefert.

Student research

Angela Hunt, a junior majoring in biology, is conducting summer research in the chemistry lab under the supervision of Randy Stahl. Her project is the pH buffer MES, used to control the pH in hydroponic solutions and tissue culture media for plants.

Summer activities

Free bowling is offered for students, faculty and staff from 9-11 p.m. on the following Saturday evenings: July 24, Aug 7 and Aug 21.

Weekly summer volleyball takes place from 7 - 9 p.m. Sundays at Dzantik'i Heeni for students with IDs. Sign up in the student government offices.

Barlow wins trip

Sue Barlow, Sitka campus, won a \$1000 and two airline tickets for being one of the first four winners in the UA "Master Students Count" award on June 4. Awards recognize UA staff who have provided outstanding service to students.