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Holiday: The university celebrates the 4th of July holiday this year on Monday and Tuesday, July 5-6.



E. J. Hilker carried her daughter as she took part in the MAT graduation ceremonies.

MAT graduation

Graduation ceremonies were held in Egan Library for the nearly 40 Master of Arts in Teaching students who completed their degree requirements. "This is the most intensive year of anyone's life," John Pugh told the graduates and the audience of 140. "You'll have the opportunity to go out now and make a difference." This was the fifth MAT secondary and the first MAT elementary graduating class.

Dirk Miller spoke for the elementary MAT graduates. "I loved being part of this group," he said and then read the names of each of the 16 students. "We need to hire these people," he said, "because they are excellent teachers."

Lillian Boron, who is in the secondary program, said she had learned "teaching isn't for the faint of heart and that ten minutes helping one student is worth an hour of your free time."

Dean's Assistant named

Beth Weigel, assistant to the associate dean at the University of Denver, has been selected as the assistant to the dean of faculty at UAS. She replaces Jean Linthwaite, who has taken early retirement. Weigel will be responsible for on-campus academic programs. She is finishing her Ph. D. in communications, has taught at the college level and has presented original research at national conferences. Weigel is expected to assume her new duties later in July.

Ketchikan support grows

By unanimous vote, the Ketchikan Borough Assembly has increased their grant to the Ketchikan campus by \$100,000. The extra money will support a joint program with the high school for vocational education in auto and culinary arts. The grant increased from \$145,000 to \$225,000. An additional \$100,000 for equipment is still under consideration by the borough.

The programs serve both high school and adult populations. "What the borough grant allows us to do is go from a pilot program to a full program," Mary Lou Madden said. The campus and high school share facilities, resources, and conducted joint planning. "We used their facilities, and they used our faculty." High school students will now have a four year program and adults will be able to take classes in late afternoons and evenings to get job training.

Horton agreement

UAS has signed a five year lease with an option to purchase with the owners of the Horton Building near DeHarts. "Students need to have a place to congregate," Carol Griffin said. "In the absence of a rec. center, which we hope for later, we will use this building as a student center."

The university will take possession of the building on or before Sept. 15. The owners are now making improvements such as adding toilets, egress doors, sprinklers, etc. to meet code requirements.

Student president Rosie Gilbert is chairing a design committee for the Horton Building that may include exercise equipment, pool tables, a climbing wall plus areas for socializing and dances.

Fellowship offer

Awards ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000 are available to faculty and alumni from the Open Society Institute. Applications are due July 15. Contact Scott Foster, 465-6530 for an application.



Lucy Maddox, UAS Bread Loaf director, spoke at opening ceremonies in Egan Library.

Bread Loaf returns

The Bread Loaf School of English program has begun its first six week program on the Juneau campus. "This brings the finest scholars and writers in the country to Juneau," according to UAS coordinator Scott Christian.

Bread Loaf is the graduate School of English at Middlebury College in Vermont. In Sept. UAS was named as the fourth permanent campus joining Vermont, New Mexico and Oxford, England. Three week Bread Loaf programs were held on the Juneau campus for the past two summers. About 60 students, many of whom are secondary English language arts teachers, have enrolled in this full-length session. The students, 16 of whom are from Alaska, and faculty represent 22 states, Washington, D.C., Japan, and Morocco according to Maddox. Bread Loaf students eat on campus and live in student housing.

Bread Loaf reading series

A public reading and lecture series is being held as part of the Bread Loaf this summer. The presentations will be held at 7 p.m. in Egan Library and include: Nora Dauenhauer reading poetry July 8; Richard Nelson, "Celebrating the Wild in SE Alaska," July 22; Courtney Cazden, "Contributions from Indigenous Languages," July 27; John Elder, "Literature, Education and Environmental Stewardship," July 29. On Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. *Prospero and the Killer Whales* will be performed. This is a David Hunsaker adaptation of *The Tempest*. All presentations are free and open to the public.

Advisor hired

A new academic advisor has been hired for the Juneau Campus. Teri Balk, who earned a masters with a major in College Student Personnel in 1997, begins July 26. She is currently the assistant registrar at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. Balk fills a vacancy created when Lori Exferd was hired as UAS registrar. Balk, whose main job will be advising first-time freshman, has been an advisor and admissions counselor at two Billings institutions and she has advising experience at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Grant received

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$1.4 million grant over three years for the development of Tlingit Language instructional materials. The partners will be the Sealaska Corporation, Kake community and school district, the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory and UAS's Professional Education Center. "The objective," according to Scott Christian, "is to enhance instruction that has direct application to the unique lifestyle of Alaskan Native students." The project will develop, field test and evaluate new Tlingit language curriculum for grades 9-12, based on social science content, and incorporating traditional knowledge within a modern setting.

Coastal Science Institute

The third annual Southeast Alaska Coastal Science Institute runs July 9-18. Sixteen high school juniors from around the U.S., who all have strong science backgrounds, will attend and live in student housing. Carl Byers is facilitating the institute with Cathy Connor, Randy Stahl, Brendan Kelly and Beth Mathews. Field studies for the students include alpine ecology, glaciology, marine mammals, water chemistry, bird ecology, and plant succession. Trips include cabin camping and a research cruise.

Juneau campus events:

Staff picnic: Held at noon on Thursday, July 1 and will include door prizes, volleyball, music and more. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. The main entree is provided by the chancellor.

Travel Raffle: begins July 1 and runs through Sept 18. Coast Alaska (public radio) and UAS are co-sponsoring the regional raffle. UAS retains all money it raises. Campus tickets will be available in Sitka from Luda Konshin, in Ketchikan from Gail Klein and in Juneau from Tish Griffin. Money will be help fund the UAS Tuxedo Junction or alumni scholarships.

Faculty/staff news

Jonathan Anderson has been appointed by the Juneau Borough Assembly to the Juneau Human Rights Commission

Diane and Tom Climo have a new baby. Sean Humphrey Climo was born June 25th at 11:39 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz. Photos are on the web at <http://www.ptialaska.net/~sitkosp/moms.html>

Abby Cropley, Sitka admissions, and full-time UAF distance student, will spend two months studying in six European countries and Canada. She is working toward a BA degree in Rural Development with an emphasis on Rural Health & Human Services. Cropley, a non-traditional student and single parent, will complete 28 credits this year and has a 4.0 GPA.



Bob Broddy volunteered his company's labor to pour a new walkway to the campus totem pole.

New walkway donated

A new concrete walkway leading to the Juneau campus totem pole is in place because Bob Broddy Concrete donated their labor. UAS paid for materials. Broddy put in the forms and his crew poured concrete on June 19. "We were doing work for the university last year," Broddy said, "and we noticed some of the seniors had a hard time getting to the totem pole. We asked if it was OK if we donated a walkway."

Bob Green said building the walkway "would have been a lot later if Santa Claus hadn't come along."



Marshall Lind wears one of the gifts given to him at a farewell reception.

Lind farewell party

A public reception for Marshall and Lois Lind filled the Hagar's ballroom. Students, alumni, faculty, and staff offered tributes and thanks. Alice Tersteeg presented Lind with tie-dyed long johns for use in Fairbanks. Lind, who is from Wisconsin, received a cheese-head from former office employee Tiffany Johnson. Lind said, "In 1961, Lois and I drove up the highway excited about Alaska. Next month we'll drive the highway again to a new assignment." The Linds leave Juneau July 26. He begins as UAF chancellor on Aug. 2.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, July 1

- Staff potluck picnic, noon, Mourant.
- ravel Raffle for scholarships begins.

Sunday, July 4

- Food service closed.

Monday, July 5

- University holiday, food service closed.

Tuesday, July 6

- University holiday

Thursday, July 8

- Bread Loaf public reading series with Nora Dauenhauer, 7 p.m., Egan Library.

Friday, July 9

- Coast Science Institute begins.

Explorations winners

More than 550 sent submissions to *Explorations* 1999, the UAS literary magazine now in its 18th year of publication. The \$1,000 first prize was awarded to Leo Haber of Brooklyn for his short story, "Fortune Cookie." The \$500 second prize went to Holly Guran of Boston for her poem, "Cranberry Harvest." Anna Smith of Anchorage received the Alaska Native Writer's Award for Literature for her short story, "Fire." First prize for art went to Ronalda Cadiante Brown of Juneau. *Explorations*, edited by Art Petersen, is available at the UAS Bookstore, Hearthside and The Observatory for six dollars.

Softball victory

The UAS Flukes, a co-ed softball team, won another game. Playing with nine instead of the legal 10 players allowed, the Flukes took a two run lead into the bottom half of the last inning and held the NBA team scoreless to come away with their second victory of the season. In the excitement after the game, third baseman Mike Ciri shouted, "I should have been a jock instead of a geek." John Pugh coaches the team composed of faculty, staff and spouses.