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UAS Convocation Aug 23-25

UAS faculty including adjuncts gather for three days of Convocation meetings starting Aug. 23. Chancellor John Pugh will discuss "Setting the Stage for 1999/2000" at 8:30 a.m. at Egan Library on the ground floor meeting area.

"Convocation allows all faculty to take part in workshops, training, information exchange and planning," Pugh said in a letter to faculty. "A successful convocation helps ensure a successful year. Please plan on attending."

Convocation topics include Faculty Initiatives, BLA at a Distance, Retention, Technology workshops, distance delivery programs, class schedules, faculty meetings and more.

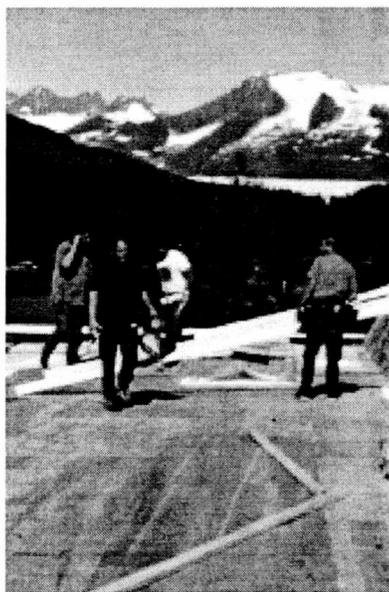
Legal Issues training Aug. 25

"Changing Legal Issues in Higher Education" is a daylong training session required for all new and recently hired faculty and staff. The training is suggested for all. The first session, "Sexual Harassment/Discrimination" starts at 8:30 a.m. in HB 113. Other topics include the "Americans with Disabilities Act", "Student/Staff Diversity," and "Faculty Evaluation Procedures."

Watch for bears

Like other parts of Juneau, black bears have been seen on the campus in the park lot several evenings, in the woods along the walkway to the Back Loop and at student housing. "They're a little bit everywhere," Bob Etheridge says.

He encourages people to pay closer attention to their surroundings at this time of year and to keep trash picked up. If there is a problem or a bear is seen on the walkway, call Etheridge at 789-8237.



One Physical Plant project has been building a new roof between the Hendrickson and Soboleff Buildings.

"Thank You" party for Physical Plant

"We want to celebrate the accomplishments of the Physical Plant staff over the summer," Chancellor John Pugh says of the August 25 Mourant Building B-B-Q starting at noon. Physical Plant summer projects include new faculty classrooms in the Hendrickson Annex, new Hendrickson classrooms, a Hendrickson roof, a new Housing Lodge roof and side-walks, a new Anderson Building access ramp, the photo lab and more.

The main entree at the B-B-Q is being provided by the chancellor. Staff and faculty are asked to bring salads and hors d'oeuvres. Tours of the Physical Plant projects will be conducted.



Ketchikan campus news

Remodeling and landscaping taking place on campus includes upgrading the outside appearance of both upper campus buildings and planting shrubs in newly cleared areas.

Neil Whitehurst and Bess Clark, Ketchikan Career Center Coordinators have resigned. Whitehurst has moved to the Lower 48. Clark has accepted a full-time position in Ketchikan.

New Ketchikan campus hires include Camille Koska who will work as the instructional technician for the CIOS lab. John Glenn, who is American Culinary Federation certified, will teach the culinary arts program for both high school and university students. Marsha Johnson has been hired by the campus and the Ketchikan and Craig High schools as a joint grant writer.

LPN class popular

Nearly 30 students have registered for the Licensed Practical Nurse program being taught by distance delivery from Weber State starting fall semester. There are 10 students from Juneau, 9 from Sitka, and 8 from Ketchikan. "There has been tremendous interest," according to Gary Bowen. "We have literally dozens of people preparing themselves for another LPN class by taking the prerequisites."

Exhibit set for Egan Library

The story of Varian Fry, an American relief worker in Vichy France, will be recreated on the Juneau campus through a traveling exhibit from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Varian Fry, Assignment: Rescue, 1940-1941 will have an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 30 in Egan Library. Fry and his associates helped nearly 2,000 anti-Nazi writers, artists, scientists and intellectuals leave France. The bookstore now has a book by Fry and four other titles about the Holocaust.

Teaching over the Internet

Dorothy Brandt, Ketchikan, taught Quality Management over the Internet this summer. "The consensus of the students was that they learned a lot and had fun doing it," Brandt said.

The students participated in weekly Internet discussions and worked as a quality consultant to one of 14 local business. The students analyzed organizational strengths and weaknesses and then made recommendations for improvement.

Brandt said the executive summaries prepared by the students for the managers/owners of these companies "were of professional quality and included many very feasible and effective ideas to improve the quality of products and services."

One Juneau student said, "This [course] opened my eyes. I will carry on the knowledge and skills I learned about Quality Management to all my future endeavors."

Juneau campus news

New students will move into housing on Aug. 25. Some rooms are available. Call 465-6389.

Adjunct faculty will meet Thursday, Aug 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Hendrickson 113.

Career education has sold three surplus UAS boats ranging from a dinghy to a 35 footer.

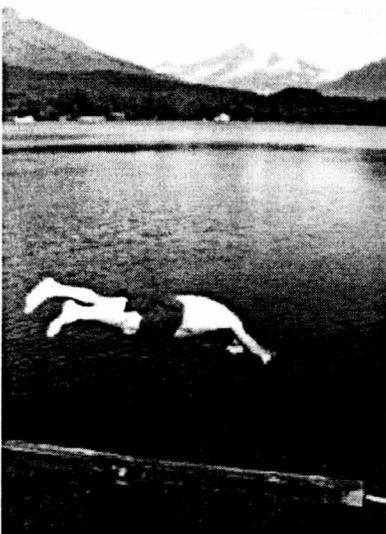
Textbooks are arriving at the bookstore along with new clothing and supplies.

Math camp held in Ketchikan

The Ketchikan campus has again teamed with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District to present the second annual "August Math Camp." The camp gives students a jump-start on the new school year and ran Aug. 9 - 13. Robert Baker hosted the section devoted to "math analysis and trigonometry" for high school juniors and seniors.

Construction Tech in Sitka

A Construction Technology program will begin this fall on the Sitka campus. The program, funded by a Carl Perkins Vocational Grant through the Sitka Education Consortium, will serve students interested in working in the residential construction industry. Pat Hughes, a Sitka contractor, has been hired to establish the program.



New chancellor dives into his work. John Pugh was among many, including Bread Loaf students, who took advantage of the warm weather to swim in Auke Lake.

Faculty/Staff news

Sherry Taber will retire after the October accreditation visit. Taber has been director of Library and Media Services since 1994. In 1995 she also assumed responsibility for computing. She first worked at Egan Library from 1984-1987.

Brendan Kelly will be in Norway Aug. 14-21 as part of a delegation of U.S. scientists to discuss shared interests and possible collaborations in Arctic research. He will co-chair the biology session.

Bruce Wright has coordinated numerous visits to Prince William Sound by international reporters including German Public TV, National Geographic, and the BBC. Subjects have included pollution, salmon sharks and jellyfish.

Kevin Krien and Timi Hough presented "How to Thread Faculty into Student Affairs" at the Alaska Student Affairs conference in Anchorage in July.

The Learning Center has hired a new English Educational Technician, Brenda Shrum, a UAS graduate, who replaces Natasha Zahn. Kimberley Jensen is the new Math Educational Technician.

Stacy Bunko begins Monday, Aug. 16, as administrative clerk in the Chancellor's Office replacing Este Fielding. Bunko has worked as administrative clerk the Kodiak UAA campus.

Anderson on CBJ committee

Jonathan Anderson has been appointed one of the "assessors" who will evaluate the five finalists for Juneau chief of police. Anderson, who is on the CBJ Human Rights Commission said, "I'm very excited in being part of this process and part of development and growth of Juneau."

Students study in Glacier Bay

Erik Norberg and Clara Paynter, two students enrolled in UAS's Behavioral Ecology Field Course are in Glacier Bay National Park to assist with a harbor seal research project led by Beth Mathews. The students will count seals and make behavioral observations from a field camp next to a tidewater glacier.

Herbal medicine workshop

The Sitka Campus will again offer a workshop on Native American Herbal Medicines, taught by Patty Dick, September 10-12. For details call Bonnie at 1-800-478-6653, ext. 762.

BOR agenda

The agenda for the Aug. 19-20 Board of Regents' meeting in Seward is available at <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/>

UAS Accreditation comments sought from the public

UAS will be visited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges Oct. 13 - 15, 1999 for reaccreditation. UAS is currently accredited by the Commission. Their most recent action at UAS was in 1998 when they approved the addition of the Environmental Science bachelor degree program and the Environmental Technician associate of applied science degree. The public is invited to send written, signed comments directly to the Commission before September 13, 1999 at the following address: Commission on Colleges, 11130 N.E. 33rd Place, Suite 120, Bellevue, WA 98004.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday and Friday, August 19-20
• BOR meeting in Seward.

Monday, August 23
• Convocation begins 8 a.m., Lake Room.
• UAS Alumni meet at 5:30 p.m. at Diana Cote's home, 719 St. Ann's in Douglas.

Tuesday, August 24
• Convocation, 8 a.m. Lake Room.

Wednesday, August 25
• Legal Issues in Higher Education, 8:30 a.m., HB 113
• Physical Plant "Thank You" B-B-Q, noon, Mourant Bldg.
• New students move into housing

Thursday, Aug. 26
• Adjunct faculty meeting, 5:30, Hendrickson 113.

Friday and Saturday, August 27-28
• Regular registration

Monday, August 30
• First day of classes.
• Opening reception for Varian Fry "Assignment Rescue" exhibit, 5:30 p.m. Egan Library



Karen Blejwas in the Chukchi Sea.

Students conduct field studies

Student Karen Blejwas joined Brendan Kelly and others in a demographic survey of walrus in the Chukchi Sea July 12-30. Former student, Lara Dzinich joined the ship mid way through the cruise. Kelly said, "We observed over 5,000 walrus, dozens of polar bears, and many bearded and ringed seals. We also made a rare sighting of a ribbon seal on the ice and a polar bear attacking an adult walrus."

In mid July, Oriana Harding joined recent graduate, Raychelle Daniel on Tugidak Island to continue field investigations of the population status of Pacific harbor seals. Another recent graduate, Shannon Crowley, is in Cross Sound conducting parallel harbor seal studies.

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