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Soundings

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Regents Mike Kelly and Lew Williams Jr. talk with Ariel Snyder before a dinner in the Lake Room last week. Later regents said they appreciated the opportunity to talk informally with students. Chancellor Marshall Lind said, "Our students were great. They did us proud."

Faculty Council news

The final Faculty Council meeting of the academic year takes place May 1 between 4 and 5 p.m. in Egan Library and will be audioconferenced to Sitka and Ketchikan. This will be the last meeting as chair for **Lawrence Lee Oldaker** whose term is completed. **Janet Dye** was elected to be the next chair.

During the meeting, the present and newly elected Council members will elect a chair-elect to be positioned to lead the governance body during the 1999-2000 academic year. Members will also consider Board of Regents' policies related to student disability laws, student grievance procedures, and uniform course numbering and grading schemes.

Graduate brunch Sunday

Late reservations must be made immediately at Juneau's Student Services for the Alumni's graduate brunch to be held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Mourant Cafe. The brunch is free to graduates. Each guest is \$11.

Evaluation visit

Dr. **Robert Brown** will conduct a focused interim evaluation visit at UAS for the Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science degree (Juneau Campus) and the Associate of Applied Science and certificate program, Environmental Technology (Sitka Campus). Brown, Dean Emeritus at Central Washington University, will be in Juneau April 28, and Sitka April 29, and will meet with administrators to discuss information provided in the program interim reports, tour campus facilities, and meet with faculty and students to hear how the programs are working. Brown's evaluation report will be presented to the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges in June.

Distance Ed Talk

UAS distance education programs will be featured at the National University Telecommunications Network (NUTN) conference, "The Digital Millennium: Coping with a Virtual World," June 27-30 in Boston. The UAS presentation by **Elaine Sunde** will be in the opening session which features the universities that were selected by Forbes' Magazine as the "Top 20 Cyber Universities" in the United States.

Deer on campus

Students working in Egan Library saw a deer near the path to student housing last week. The deer was visible through the large library windows for less than a minute before it returned to the woods near the lake.

Commencements set

Sitka's commencement will take place May 7 at 7 p.m. at Verstovia Elementary School. **Katie Spangler**, associate professor of elementary education, will be the speaker.

Juneau's commencement begins at 7:30 p.m. May 8 at Centennial Hall. Retiring UA President **Jerome Komisar** is the speaker. **Nikki Morris** is the student speaker. The campus will present a meritorious service award. Music will be provided by Juneau Brass and the University Singers.

Ketchikan's commencement begins at 7:30 p.m. May 9 in the Ted Ferry Civic Center. The speaker is **Dennis Demmert**, grand secretary of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. During the ceremony student and faculty awards will be presented and scholarship winners will be announced.



Explorations entries

The UAS literary magazine, *Explorations*, received 650 poetry and 147 short fiction submissions from around the world for the 1998 edition. The submissions came from 275 people in 35 states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries. There were 45 Alaska submissions, 41 from New York, and 32 from California. \$500 first prizes will be awarded in poetry and short fiction.

Computer choices

The Microcomputer Support Specialist (MSS) program, recently approved by the UA Board of Regents, breaks new ground as the first "UA-wide" program. While housed at UAF, the program was planned and developed by representatives from all UA institutions including UAS representatives **Tim Fullam** and **Tim Powers** in Juneau, **Susie Feero** in Sitka, and **Diana Thomas** in Ketchikan.

The program, offering a Certificate and an AAS degree, provides students with entry level skills for supporting microcomputer users in educational, governmental, and corporate settings. It emphasizes reaching rural students so most courses will be distance-delivered.

Development of the MSS program paralleled major revisions to Business Information Systems program at UAS, and the two programs are closely coordinated. Now identified as Computer Information and Office Systems (CIOS), UAS's old BIS programs have been replaced by a series of certificates of completion that focus on a variety of computing technologies, including applications, networking, and Web publishing. Students now have a much wider range of computer technology choices in UA and UAS programs.

Ketchikan scholarship winner

The Ketchikan Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant & Retail Association has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Ketchikan campus student **Barbara Truitt**, a long time Ketchikan resident who has worked in the local tourism industry and will be pursuing a degree in education.

Student winners

Jeoung Lee, a student of **Sue Koester**, won first place in the 1998 Archie Shiels Freshman Writing Contest for UA students for "A Country of My Own." The second runner-up was **James Diebag**, a student of **Sandra Young**.

Sitka campus briefs

Kerri Byrd has accepted the position of business manager at the Sitka Campus. Since 1992, she has been with the University of Northern Arizona as an accountant and currently as business manager of the College of Engineering and Technology. She and her husband will relocate to Alaska from Flagstaff June 1.

Student Services Coordinator **Tim Schroeder** and Distance Education Coordinator **Denise Blankenship** traveled this month to meet with distance students, outreach coordinators, high school counselors, and others interested in UAS programs. They visited Angoon, Kake, Hoonah, Petersburg, Klawock, Craig, Skagway, and Haines.

A retail sales certificate program has been developed by the Office of Continuing Education. Students completing the three week program receive a certificate that assures employers they are competent in each area of study. Several Sitka businesses said they will give preferential hiring to certificate holders. The first class will "graduate" on May 4th.

"For the second year in a row there are 12 graduates in HIM program," according to **Carol Liberty**. The graduates are from Sitka, Seward, Myers Chuck, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Wasilla and Laramie, Wyoming.

Dr. **Christine Jensen** of Anchorage will be in Sitka on June 25 to teach a one-day update on TQM. Call 747-7762 to register.

Students conduct survey

Students in the Biology of Marine Mammals class will participate in a marine mammal survey from Juneau to Frederick Sound Friday-Sunday, April 24-26. In addition to conducting the systematic survey for marine mammals at sea, students will assist ADF&G collect harbor seal scat as part of a broader effort to monitor seasonal feeding habits of harbor seals, according to **Beth Mathews**. Trip funding is provided by UAS and ADF&G.

Free concerts in Juneau

The Community Schools Jazz Band, under the direction of **Mel Flood**, presents a free concert of big band and pops favorites Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Hendrickson 113. The University Singers, also directed by Flood, present a free concert Sunday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in Chapel by the Lake.

Aviation visit

James Crehan, chair of Aviation Technology at UAA, will visit the Juneau campus May 27 and the Ketchikan campus on the 28th to help coordinate aviation programs between UAS and high schools. The trip is sponsored with an Alaska Airlines grant.

Leadership conference

More than two dozen attended a student leadership workshop on the Juneau campus April 18. Presentations were made by **Lori Exferd**, **Timi Hough**, **Lawrence Lee Oldaker**, **Rosie Gilbert** and **Sue Koester**. Topics included teambuilding, personality profiles, time management, and conflict resolution.

Student art display

Work from Juneau art students is on display in Egan Library through May 5. **George Parker** says public displays help build confidence in student esthetic decisions. Works include sculpture, ceramics, water color, print making, drawing, painting and batik.

Faculty news

Robert Sewell has submitted a manuscript to the Journal of Mental Health Administration entitled "Ending Out-of-State Placement: History, Success & Failure of the Alaska Youth Initiative."

Robin Walz has been invited by the Juneau Jewish community to give a public presentation on "Denying the Holocaust: What is the problem, and what can be done?" Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. at Northern Light Church.

Elaine Sunde has been appointed to the Sitka City & Borough Assembly to fill a vacancy created by a council member's resignation. The appointment will extend to the regularly scheduled election in October.

Patricia Macklin has been hired at the UAS/Electronic Learning Center's help desk staff (465-6400) which is a pilot project UA has implemented with the GartnerGroup. She has worked professionally in the theatre, at the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and as a UAS computing lab consultant.

Eric Leegard retirement events include a picnic Saturday May 2 from 1-3 p.m. at Auke Rec. and a dinner Saturday, May 9 at El Sombrero. RSVP to 465-8770.

Rebecca Moorman leaves Egan Library April 24 to work as technical services librarian at the American University in Saipan, in the Marianna Islands.

Ed Caine has resigned and will move to Seattle to provide assistance to his son who will be entering a community college. In addition he will work as an environmental consultant.

Joey Wauters has submitted her resignation.

KINY features UAS site

The homepage for KINY radio is featuring the web site for the Juneau campus summer class schedule this week. Morning announcer **Chris Burns** placed the linkable schedule at the top of the KINY homepage: <http://www.ptialaska.net/~kiny/>

Housing CA's

Juneau housing has selected their community advisors for fall 1998. They are **Martha Hill**, **Mark Duran** and returnees, **Amy Dagly**, **Collyn Pilgreen**, and **Michelle Wheeler**.

Extended hours listed

Egan Library will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 25 and May 2.

The Computer Lab is open through finals week Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.

Juneau Calender

Friday (April 24)

- Community Schools Jazz Band free concert, 7:30 p.m., Hendrickson 113.

Saturday (April 25)

- Flower planting, 1-3 p.m., student housing.

Sunday (April 26)

- Graduate brunch, 10:30 a.m., Cafe.
- Three-on-three basketball tournament, 11 a.m., housing.
- Yard sale, 1-3 p.m., student housing.

Monday (April 27)

- 40-cent candy bars through finals week, Bookstore.
- Free massages 1-3 p.m., Mourant Cafe
- Free beginning Yoga class 3:30-4:30 p.m., Lake Room.

Tuesday (April 28)

- Free acupuncture 2-4 p.m., Lake Room
- Yoga 4-5 p.m., Lake Room.

Wednesday (April 29)

- Free massage, 10 a.m.-noon, Mourant Cafe.
- Ice cream social 3 p.m. Mourant Cafe.

Thursday (April 30)

- Blood drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., sign up in student activities.
- Free acupuncture, 2-4 p.m. Mourant Lounge.
- Parent's study break 5-8 p.m., leaving kids with staff, Mourant study.

Friday (May 1)

- Free massage 1-3 p.m. Mourant Cafe.
- Student government, 3 p.m. Mourant Study Room.
- Faculty Council, 4 p.m., Egan Library
- Year end picnic 4-6 p.m., Mourant courtyard.
- Water bikes at the dock 1-6 p.m.
- Cinco de Mayo dance 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Baranof Hotel.

Saturday (May 2)

- 25 cent coffee, Food Service.

Sunday (May 3)

- University Singers free concert, 7 p.m., Chapel by the Lake.
- Housing Lodge study snack break, 9:30 p.m.

Monday (May 4)

- Free massage, 4-6 p.m. Mourant Cafe.
- Housing Lodge snack break, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday (May 5)

- Relaxation facials 9 a.m.-1 p.m. sign up at student activities.
- Ice cream social 2 p.m. Mourant Cafe.
- Housing Lodge snack break 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday (May 6)

- Free massage, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mourant Cafe.

Thursday (May 7)

- 25 cent sodas with student ID, Food Service.

Friday (May 8)

- Juneau commencement 7:30 p.m., Centennial Hall.

