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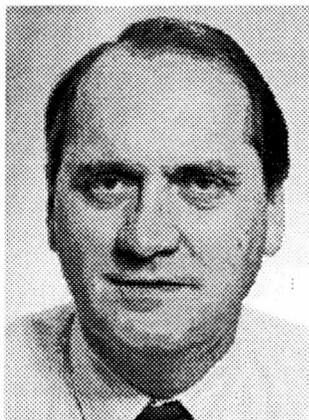
Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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UA presidential candidates visit Juneau



Gen. Mark Hamilton



Dr. David Toppen

The UA Board of Regents are scheduled to select a new university president at a special meeting June 1 in Anchorage. The two finalists will visit the Juneau campus on separate days this week. Dr. David Toppen will visit on Wednesday (May 20). He will be available at a university forum in Egan Library at 2 p.m. and will attend a public reception in the Mourant Cafe from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Maj. Gen. Mark Hamilton will hold his university forum on Thursday (May 21) at 2 p.m. in Egan Library and will have his public reception from 4:30 to 5:45 in the Mourant Cafe.

Toppen has been executive vice president and provost of Lake Superior State University in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan since 1994. Hamilton is commanding general of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. A full biography of each candidate, their photo, and a letter they wrote to the regents is available at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/opa/newsrelease/ma98-14.html>

Regent agendas

The regent's presidential selection meeting is set for 10:30 a.m. in the UAA Chancellor's Conference Room. Most of the meeting will be held in executive session. Their annual meeting takes place June 17-19 at UAF. The agendas are available five days before the meetings at campus libraries and at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>.

Adjunct faculty reception

An appreciation reception will be held for the adjunct faculty on the Juneau campus on Tuesday (May 19) from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Room. This is a public reception for faculty, students and staff.

NW art certificate earned

Jan Criswell has earned the first Northwest Coast Art Certificate. She was recognized during Juneau commencement where she wore a ravenstail robe she and others wove and a hat she made from spruce root. Criswell, a Juneau artist who also teaches on campus, started taking classes before the certificate program began. "I took whatever was offered, and what I could squeeze in," she says. The classes included carving, design and her emphasis in weaving.

"Earning a certificate is like a bonus, a gift," Criswell says. "I never thought of it as work. I thought of it as fun and adventure. It gave me an opportunity to learn more about my culture."

The Northwest Coast Art Certificate Pro-

Jan Criswell wore a traditional robe and hat to the Juneau commencement.



gram is offered on each UAS campus. Students complete a common core of five credit hours and 15 credit hours in one of three emphasis areas: basketry, woolen weaving, or carving.

Memorial Day holiday

The UAS campuses will be closed and no classes will be held May 26 in observance of Memorial day.

Reading Series part of Bread Loaf

Nearly 50 participants are expected on the Juneau campus for the 1998 Bread Loaf Literature and Writing Institute to be held June 7 - 26. As part of the Institute a UAS Bread Loaf Reading Series will be presented. The free, public readings will be held at 8 p.m. in the Egan Library and will feature **Thomas Sexton** on June 9, **John Elder** on June 11, **Sheila Nickerson** on June 17, and **Nora and Richard Dauenhauer** on June 18.

Three areas of study are being offered during this summer's Bread Loaf Institute: Native American Literature taught by **Lucy Maddox**, Shakespeare and the Wilderness taught by **Emily Bartels** and Writing in Its Place taught by **John Elder**. Students will live in university housing and eat on campus.

JDHS students accept honors on campus

More than 150 students and parents attended the annual Juneau Douglas High School Student Recognition activities held in Egan Library on May 14.

Greg Wagner, who was master of ceremonies, said "The program recognizes a broad range of students for a variety of activities." Awards were given to students honored for April and May, and award winners from the rest of the year were recognized. **Robert Winn** was the UAS student recognition scholarship recipient. He was admitted the next day to the BBA program with a management emphasis. He will start as a full-time student in the fall.

John McConnochie of the Juneau Racquet Club was the speaker. He talked to the students about taking control of their lives as opposed to wishing and waiting for things to happen.

Wagner said, "The staff from physical plant and food service make these kind of events possible and help them run so smoothly."



Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer was among those honoring retiring UA President Jerome Komisar.

President honored

UA President **Jerome Komisar** made what will likely be his last official visit to the Juneau campus before he retires at the end of June. He presented the Juneau commencement address and was honored at a public reception in the Lake Room. Among those making comments were former regents **Virginia Breeze** and **Eric Forrer**, Faculty Council Chair **Lawrence Lee Oldaker**, Staff Alliance President **Rita Bowen**, Chancellor **Marshall Lind**, and Lt. Governor **Fran Ulmer**. Komisar was presented with several gifts including a framed print by **Alice Tersteeg** of the campus totem pole.

Faculty Council closes year

The chair of the UAS Faculty Council called the past academic year "a crowning success." **Lawrence Lee Oldaker** said the Council had an orderly closure to a year in which the group evaluated and acted on over 200 academic proposals, maintained governance functions through standing and temporary work groups, and strengthened the collegial faculties that span three campus settings and outreach programs.

Although there were contentious issues that surfaced during the year, Oldaker said, "The Council matured throughout the months and achieved a remarkable degree of closure in facing matters that would have been more troublesome for a less cohesive group. Council members were active in regional and state-wide projects such as faculty evaluation, accreditation, professional development, and the current presidential search process."

Noting that UAS faculty members are now represented in one of two unions, each represented by separate bargaining contracts, Oldaker said that "as the year closed, it was a growing concern to support labor relations processes and, at the same time, keep union affairs from becoming unproductively entangled in the Council's academic mission."

Having served as council chair for a year and a half, due to the early retirement of Sitka's **Phil Slattery** in the spring of 1997, Oldaker said he looks forward to continued service on the governance group next year as chair of the education faculty, turning the leadership-at-large role over to **Janet Dye** of the Juneau campus business faculty.

Sitka picnic held

The Sitka campus held their Spring Fling '98 May 3rd at Halibut Point Park for students, faculty, staff, and their families. The Student Activities sponsored event featured volleyball, horseshoes, marshmallow roasting, beach combing, and plenty of food.

Sitka commencement

Seventeen UAS students participated in the Sitka campus commencement May 7th at Verstovia Elementary School. This year, ten students from Pacific High School graduated in the shared ceremony. In attendance were Dr. **Jerome Komisar**, Chancellor **Marshall Lind**, Vice-Chancellor **Robbie Stell**, and Regent **Lew Williams**. Dr. **Katy Spangler**, associate professor of education, was the commencement speaker. **Debra Dozier**, who received her bachelor of education degree, gave the student response. A reception sponsored by UAS-Sitka student government and Pacific High School followed the ceremony.

Ketchikan campus news

Faculty at the Ketchikan campus graduation presented two awards to student leaders who had made outstanding contributions to student life and the campus: **Ivan Sultan** and **Adeline Geldenhuys**. The students gave the instructor of the year award to part-time lecturer **Lisa Pearson**. The College Council gave recognition awards to a faculty member (business), **Dorothy Brandt**, and a program coordinator (technical studies), **David Sweetman**. Campus Director **Fran Feinerman** said, "Both have increased the visibility of the campus, developed new classes or programs, brought new clientele to campus, are well known and highly regarded in the community for their campus work."

Mike Dunning and **Priscilla Schulte** will be teaching in Juneau this summer. **Dorothy Brandt** will be in Juneau to record videos for the distance business classes she plans to deliver next year. **Dawn Montgomery** has attended a national conference on developmental education. **Diana Thomas** will attend the national TLTR meeting in Phoenix with other UAS folks. **Bill Trudeau** will be departing for a Ph. D. program in Arizona. **Virginia Hampton**, learning center instructional technician, beloved by generations of struggling students, retired at the end of this semester.

Juneau Calender

Tuesday, May 19

- Adjunct faculty reception, 5-6:30 p.m. Lake Room.

Wednesday, May 20

- UA presidential candidate Dr. David Toppen university forum 2 p.m. Egan Library; public reception, 4:30 p.m., Maurant Cafe.

Thursday, May 21

- UA presidential candidate Gen. Mark Hamilton, university forum 2 p.m., Egan Library; public reception, 4:30 p.m. Maurant Cafe.

Saturday, May 23

- Skateboard free-for-all, The Pipeline, Noon.

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day holiday.

Thursday, May 28

- Retirement party for Dean Chantry after 20 years of service, 3-5 p.m., Bill Ray Center.

June 7-26

- Bread Loaf Institute.

Campus housing busy

Four different groups are staying at Juneau campus housing in May since the end of classes. The groups include Southeast Alaska Pediatric Forum May 13-16; Juneau Jazz and Classics May 20-30; Silverwood, Washington, Junior High, 23-28; and Sealaska Historic Site meeting May 19-23. Housing manager **Timi Hough** said, "Congrats to the cleaning staff that turned over 80 beds in just a few days, so that they are ready for guests."

Property manual on web

The Statewide Property office has established a homepage to access the property manual at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/swprop/>

The property manual will no longer be distributed in hardcopy, so those needing access should bookmark the site. If there are questions call 474-6554 or e-mail syprop@orca.alaska.edu

Taiwanese to visit

A delegation from Juneau's sister city in Taiwan will again spend most of July on the Juneau campus. Seven elementary school teachers are expected this year. This is the seventh year an exchange group for Chai-yi City will visit. They stay at UAS housing, study English on campus and learn about American culture while touring the area.

