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Dr. Mary Lou Madden.

## Interim Ketchikan director named

Dr. Mary Lou Madden of Juneau has been appointed interim director of the UAS Ketchikan campus by Chancellor Marshall Lind. Both Lind and Madden will visit the Ketchikan campus and community June 11 and 12.

Madden will move to Ketchikan in mid July. She replaces Dr. Fran Feinerman who resigned, after eight years, to accept the presidency of Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming.

"Dr. Madden was chosen," Lind said, "because of her extensive experience in administration and her understanding of higher education in general and the University of Alaska system specifically."

Madden has served as provost of Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, 1994-96; assistant director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, 1992-94; and senior policy/budget analyst, Office of the Governor, 1989-92. She also worked for a decade as a division director and special assistant to the commissioner in the Alaska Department of Education. Madden earned her Ph. D. from The American University in Washington D.C. in 1990 in Alaska economic development and economic history.

Beginning this fall a search will be conducted for a permanent Ketchikan campus director. The initial search this spring was halted when the top choice, Nicolas Piccolo of Caldwell, Idaho, withdraw his application.

## New UA president selected

Army Major General Mark Hamilton was selected by the Board of Regents to become the 12th UA president.

Hamilton and the other finalist, Dr. David Toppen, both toured UA campuses. Regents President Michael Kelly said faculty, staff, and public overwhelmingly supported the selection of Hamilton. Kelly also said people who had misgivings about the selection of a non-traditional candidate for the presidency were turned around by talking with him. During visits, Hamilton stressed his experience with large, complex organizations, and stressed his commitment to Alaska.

Hamilton served two tours of duty in Alaska. He received his bachelor degree from West Point in 1967, and his master of arts degree from Florida State University in 1973.



General Mark Hamilton

## 4th of July holiday dates for UAS

UAS will be closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6 in celebration of the 4th of July.

## Reading Series set for June

The Bread Loaf Literature and Writing Institute begins Monday on the Juneau campus. About 50 students, who will live in student housing, are registered to take part in the intensive three week program.

As part of the Institute this year a, free public reading series will take place in Egan Library:

**Thomas Sexton**, Alaska Poet Laureate and author of five collections of poetry, Tuesday, June 9, at 8 p.m.

**John Elder**, Middlebury College literature and environmental studies teacher, Thursday, June 11, at 8 p.m.

**Sheila Nickerson**, former Alaska Poet Laureate and author of a dozen books, Wednesday, June 17, at 8 p.m.

**Nora and Richard Dauenhauer**, writers and Tlingit ethnographers, Thursday, June 18, at 8 p.m.

**Emily Bartels**, associate professor of English at Rutgers University, Tuesday, June 23, at 8 p.m.

## Elementary MAT begins

The first class of students in the Elementary Master of Arts in Teaching program begins on July 6. The students will be on the Juneau campus full time for seven weeks this summer to begin developing their knowledge and skills, according to Mary-Claire Tarlow, program director. She said 18 students have been admitted. Eleven are from Juneau, six from other parts of Alaska, and one is from California. "They each will be working with two elementary teachers in public schools during the school year," Tarlow said.



UAS Students conduct research at LeConte Glacier.

## Glacier moves three feet per hour

UAS students studying LeConte Glacier near Petersburg determined that it is moving forward more than three feet per hour, and calving frequently. "The bay is solid ice," Cathy Connor said, "you can't even see the sea water."

Connor and Roman Motyka lead the group that included four Juneau campus undergraduates and one UAF graduate student. The group traveled by ferry, fishing boat and helicopter to two remote camps on either side of LeConte Glacier for a week of surveying, observation and data collection. Connor said, "We hope the data will help to reveal more about the current state of North America's southernmost, and most rapidly retreating tide-water glacier."

The UAS students and faculty were joined for a day by six students from Petersburg High School. In addition public TV station KTOO sent a film crew.



Eileen Franson



Dean Chantry

## UAS retirements

Among those retiring on the Juneau campus at the end of May were **Eileen Franson** and **Dean Chantry**.

Franson began at the university as personal secretary to Provost Charles Ferguson and also worked as a registrar technician, and assistant to director of personnel before being named registrar. She also took some time off including a year sailing in the early 80s. After sailing to San Diego, Franson and her husband put 2,000 miles on their motorcycle they carried on board.

Franson returns to campus part time on June 9 to provide training and create an operating manual for the department. "It's something we didn't have time to do during the school year," said **Bruce Gifford** who will be acting registrar until a replacement is hired. "We hope to have someone on the job by Sept. 1," Gifford said. The full time, professional position is now being advertised

Chantry, who retired after 20 years at UAS, began in accounts payable, worked for nine years as a general ledger clerk, and was budget technician for the last ten years. His first office was in what is now the Auke Bay Post Office. When he began, he recalls there was one mag card machine and five memory typewriters at the school. Chantry will continue working 40% through Aug. and then seek work in the private sector.

## Bookstore website

The UAS Alumni Association has created a website for the Juneau campus bookstore that includes pictures and descriptions of 20 different items for sale. The site, created by recent UAS masters graduate **Ruth Danner**, is at <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/alumni/store.shtml> The bookstore is having a pre-inventory sale June 1-15 on art supplies, binders, notebooks and some clothing. In addition, the bookstore will be closed for inventory June 29-30. Staff will help customers via the cashier window.

## Housing news

Juneau student housing is filled on June 7th. All of the university's 284 beds have been reserved for participants in the Bread Loaf Institute, Elderhostel, and other classes and programs taking place. In addition, **Tanya Poth**, a recent Clemson graduate, is working with housing staff as conference coordinator until August when she enters Denver University Law School.

## Arctic study conducted

**Brendan Kelly** and students spent a month studying ringed seals on the shorefast ice north of Prudhoe Bay. Using two Labrador retrievers as "seal sniffers," the group located 50 seal breathing holes. Kelly said, "We monitored the seals' use of those holes." During the next two years he hopes to develop a correction factor for the proportion of seals unseen during aerial surveys and to learn more about the behavior and seasonal movements of ringed seals. Among the students taking part was Juneau campus biology student **Ori Harding**.

Kelly and students, including **Jamie Womble** and **June Knuth** from the Juneau campus, will spend two weeks in icy Strait. They will continue work to acoustically track sea otter dives.

## Truck driving course in Ketchikan

During May ceremonies, 14 students received certificates for completing construction carpentry and commercial truck driving classes at the Ketchikan campus. Program coordinator **Steve Kinney** said the classes were a response to the town's educational needs after the closure of the Ketchikan Pulp Co. last year.

Students attended classes eight hours a day, five days a week. Driving student **Phillip Major Jr.** of Ketchikan said the class will open doors for employment.

**Shane Privett** of Wrangell said he decided to take the class after working in the construction industry. "They always need truckers around," he said.

Kinney said 15 different Ketchikan businesses donated equipment, time and other support for the two classes. Similar classes will be offered this fall, and a four-week construction class is being offered in Klawock this summer with help from Tlingit-Haida Central Council.

## Statewide changes

**David Creamer** and **Marylou Burton** have left their positions in the statewide office. As a result President **Jerome Komisar** has announced that **Jim Lynch** will serve as interim vice president for finance and planning, and **Pat Pitney** has been appointed director for budget development and institutional research.

## Library hours listed

Egan library has established summer hours on the Juneau campus. Until June 7 library hours will be: Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, closed; and Sun, 1-5 p.m.

Between June 8-27, the library will be open Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sun, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

## Andree attends conference

**Judy Andree** took part in a conference combining writing and critical thinking abilities held in Portland May 16-17. The conference was sponsored by the Foundation for Critical Thinking.

## Juneau Calendar

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### Thursday and Friday, June 18-19

- Board of Regents, Fairbanks.

### Friday-Monday, July 3-6

- UAS 4th of July holiday.

## Seminar videos to be shown

Videos of an Anchorage seminar will be shown in Juneau. On June 5 Intellectual Property will be shown and on June 12 the topic is Internet Law. Both will begin at 9 a.m. at Dillon & Findley law firm. To register, call the Bar Office at 272-7119 or Susan Gibson at 474-5974. Cost \$45.



Gavin Denton, Alexander Hoke, and Zander Hoke, presented a scholarship check to Chancellor Marshall Lind.

## Scholarship money donated

The board of directors of Glacier Highway Electric Association have donated money to UAS to fund a perpetual scholarship. "We intend that this scholarship be made available to residents of Juneau in consideration of the 43-year relationship that our association had with Juneau residents as a provider of electric power," the board said in a letter to Chancellor **Marshall Lind**.

