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Soundings

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Faculty Council increases participation

The reorganization of UAS and the creation of the Faculty Council has been "a breath of fresh air" according to council chair **Phil Slattery** of the Sitka campus. He made the comments at the most recent Juneau Campus Council luncheon.

"We've accomplished more to this point this year through the Faculty Council than we did all last year in the Faculty Senate," Slattery said. "It was an idea whose time has come."

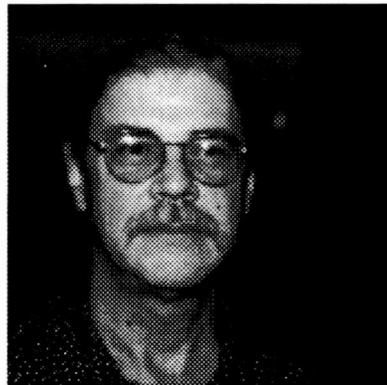
The UAS reorganization took effect at the start of the spring semester. It established a vice chancellor, **Robbie Stell**, a dean of faculty, **John Pugh**, and created seven different Faculties who work with the dean: Library, Business, Social Sciences, Science and Math, Humanities, Education, and Career Education. The Faculty Council is composed of a representative of each Faculty as well as a representative of each UAS campus. Slattery is chair of the Council.

"Over the years we've had representation by default," according to Slattery. "Now we're getting more participation." Slattery said the Council has brought more junior faculty into the process and is developing more con-

sensus among faculty members.

In an effort to stimulate more participation, Slattery said the Council's agenda and minutes will be placed on the WWW. He also said faculty leaders on the Anchorage campus have expressed interest in the Council.

Slattery also told members of Juneau Campus Council that he will be taking early retirement and leaving the university near the end of the month. Among his plans are expanding his interest in ivory carving.



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Scholarship deadline March 1

The deadline for the University of Alaska statewide scholarship applications is March. **Barbara Carlson Burnett** says, "We have a ton of applications sitting in our office and at other locations around campus, which tells me that a lot of students have not picked them up. I'm starting to get worried."

Burnett requests that faculty announce in their classes that the application packets are available. The applications require letters of recommendation which take extra time to gather, Burnett said, so students should not wait until the last minute to start the process.

"We do not entertain late applications," Burnett says. "If we don't have a large number of applicants by March 1st, then we just won't have a large number of scholarship recipients."



Laraine Derr will work with the Alaska Hospital and Nursing Home Association.

Laraine Derr retires

After working for UAF, the Department of Education, the Juneau School District, the Department of Revenue and UAS, **Laraine Derr** is retiring from the state. Most recently, Derr has been assistant to the dean in Business and Public Administration. While at UAS she helped get the Certified Public Manager program certified and started the statewide BBA program.

Derr has accepted a position as president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Hospital and Nursing Home Association. One of her duties will be to lobby the legislature. "That's going to be the fun part for me," Derr says. Derr plans to keep her ties to UAS. She was a charter member of the alumni association, has been on the board since 1984 and plans to continue working with them.

Distance delivery workshop

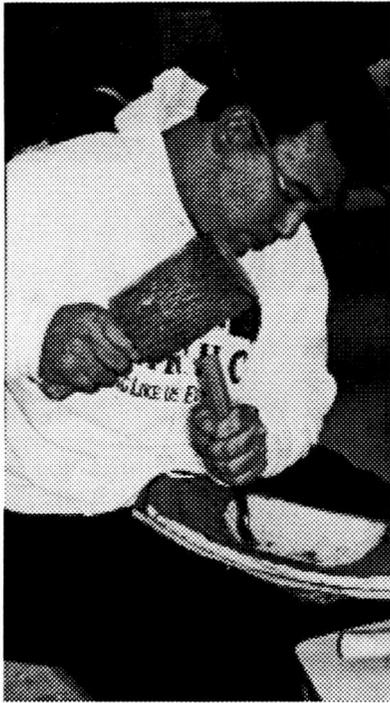
A two-day workshop in Anchorage will help faculty involved in the statewide BBA distance delivery program. "The purpose is to help acquaint UAS BBA faculty with more mediums of delivery," according to **April Crosby**, assistant to the UA president, who is organizing the workshop. An emphasis will be on providing innovative instructional methods including how to put courses on the WWW and effective teaching using audio conferences.

Among those attending from UAS are **Mary King, Jim Goes, L.A. Wilson, Wayne Roberts, Barney Norwick, Susan Warner, and Robbie Stell.**

Registration goes on Banner

A mock registration will be held in Records and Registration Feb. 17 to test the new Banner Student. The coming summer session fall semester will be the first to go live on the new system according to registrar **Eileen Franson**. "We know there will be kinks to work out and R & R is grateful for your patience during this hectic time."

Once Banner Student is fully operative, Franson said, it will provide more management information. Banner Student is linked with financial aid, human resources and the finance system to give a fully integrated management system.



Clint Watanabe was one of the students taking the NW Coast art class.

Northwest Coast art course offered in Sitka

Basketry, bentwood boxes and carving were some of the subjects taught during the Northwest Coast art classes offered earlier this month on the Sitka campus. **Steve Bevan** taught design and carving, **Ernest Smeltzer** taught bentwood boxes and chest carving and **Delores Churchill** taught basketry.

Students displayed their artwork at a community potluck after the classes were completed.

HIM credential exam

Sitka Campus Health Information Management (HIM) students successfully completed the 1996 credentialing exam, earning the professional Accredited Record Technician designation. They include **Andrea Paige Adams**, San Diego (formerly of Sitka) **Cynthia Fyfe**, Dillingham; **Cathy Gross**, Wrangell; **Dorothy Locke**, Seward; **Louise Matteson**, Laramie, WY; and **Ron Woodall**, Sitka. The students scored above the national mean on 7 of the 8 domains, and on the coding exercises which count for about 30% of the exam.

Faculty resource information available

The Office of Academic Exchanges and Internships (AEI) has the following resource information for faculty:

- International Teacher ID Card — educator discounts and benefits.
- National Science Foundation research fellowships and undergraduate faculty enhancement projects.
- UA Angus Gavin Memorial Bird Research Grant.
- Fulbright programs for faculty and students.
- Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Ford Foundation pre and post doctoral fellowships for minorities.
- American Association of Univ. Women (AAUW) fellowships and grants, including AAUW Recognition Award for Emerging Scholars.
- The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation programs for students.
- Resources to enhance diversity in higher education, and reference library for service-learning opportunities for students.

For information contact **Elizabeth Schelle**, 465-6455

Juneau banners mark the seasons

Seasonal banners have been added to the familiar blue and white UAS banners flying on the Juneau campus. The light pole between the Mourant and Novatney buildings hold the banners which will change during the school year.

In February a red and white hearts banner is on display. Other banners include a snowflake for March, rain and flowers for April, tulips for May, a sun for June through August, fall trees for September, a pumpkin for October, a Horn of Plenty for November, and holiday ornaments for December.

Sitka graduation held

Ceremonies were held Wednesday for 13 Sitka campus students who completed the Certified Nurse Assistant program. The welcome was given by **Kathie Etulain** and **Elaine Craddick-Patt** was the graduation speaker. Special awards were given to **Suzanne Portello** and **JoAnn Curtice**.

The class of 1997 included **Michael Baca**, **Melissa Calhoun**, **Alfred Carlson**, **Susie Chalupsky**, **Beth Haynes**, **Jodie Hyde**, **Tasha Kaiser**, **Patrina Kilkeary**, **Emma Landers**, **Tawnya Osbakken**, **Joseph Partido**, **Vivian Prescott** and **Shelby Twaddle**.

AIDS awareness meeting

Nearly two dozen people attended an AIDS awareness meeting on the Juneau campus Feb. 8. "It was really successful," according to **Rita Bowen**. She said the gathering helped to desensitize the issue and make sure people aren't afraid to talk. "Some people carry a lot of stress," Bowen said.

The Juneau campus offers free, private, and confidential services and testing for HIV. Contact Rita Bowen in Student Services for details.

UAS Calendar

Friday, February 14

- Baron of Beef dinner, candles, and music, Mourant Cafe.
- Going away party for Laraine Derr: 3 p.m. BPA Conference Room in the Novatney Bldg.

Wednesday–Sunday, February 19-23

- Native Higher Education Forum at Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka.

Friday, March 7

- Concert: Saffire "The Uppity Blues Women" 8 p.m., Centennial Hall. Tickets at Hearthside Books and UAS cashier.

Tourism conference in Ketchikan

A two-day Tourism Development Conference was co-sponsored by the Ketchikan campus and the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau in late January. The conference was designed for people considering a new tourism business or currently operating one.

Conference topics included developing rural tourism, obtaining Forest Service permits, brochure designing, web site bulk mail, tourism trends, state cooperative marketing efforts and more. The Ketchikan campus offered college credits.

Ketchikan public school enrollment drops

Enrollment in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District has dropped by 74 students since October according to a story in the Ketchikan Daily News. The paper said the trend was likely to continue due to the pending pulp mill closure and could mean more than \$400,000 less in state funding next year.

Book orders due

Summer book orders are due March 15 and fall book orders are due April 15. Instructors needing examination/desk copies of textbooks should make requests through their department secretary. The bookstore is also now taking graduation orders for caps, gowns and announcements.

