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UAS offers new degree

An environmental science bachelor degree will be offered for the first time next fall on the Juneau campus. It's the first new bachelor degree offered by UAS in ten years. The Board of Regents approved the degree during their recent Juneau meeting.

"It's the kind of program that's very appropriate for Juneau," Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "because it will build on the wonderful resources that we have surrounding the Juneau area."

The real significance of the degree, according to Dean of Faculty **John Pugh**, is that it meshes with the existing marine biology and Juneau Icefield programs. "It's really the third leg of putting this whole thing together of utilizing our environment to teach students."

This degree program is important to UAS, according to Pugh, because it will attract students from around the state as well as some from outside the region who will be prepared to work on Alaska jobs. The environmental science degree will begin with freshman next fall.

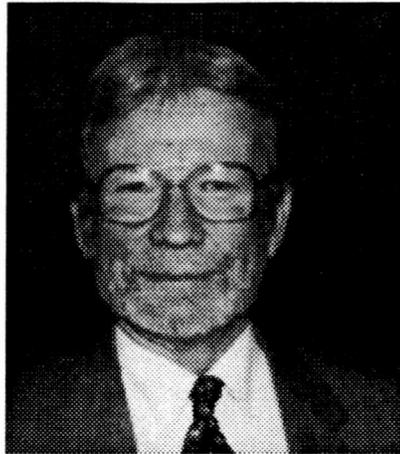
JEF project update

The deadline has been extended to submit appeals of evaluation title or grade results to Friday, March 14. The original deadline had been Feb. 28 but was extended to allow more time to review information.

All JEF results system wide are on the web at <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/eval/>

Blues concert set

Saffire: the Uppity Blues Women will perform at Centennial Hall March 7. The concert is sponsored by student government. President **Shawn Paul** says, "We...think we've put together the hottest blues party to ever hit Juneau." Tickets, \$16 for general admission and \$10 for students, are available at the Bookstore.



Oldaker chairs Faculty Council

Lawrence Lee Oldaker assumes the position of Chair of the Faculty Council with the retirement of **Phil Slattery** at the end of February. Oldaker said one of his top priorities is "to stimulate more participation in curricular and instructional support issues through open consensus building."

Under the UAS reorganization that went into effect at the beginning of spring semester **Robbie Stell** assumed the position of vice chancellor, **John Pugh** became dean of faculty and a Faculty Council, with Slattery as chair, replaced the Faculty Senate.

Faculty on all three campuses are now grouped into seven different Faculties: library, business, social sciences, science and math, humanities, education, and career education. One member from each of the Faculties and a representative from each UAS campus serve on the Faculty Council.

New Sitka staff

Timi Hough begins Monday on the Sitka campus with responsibilities for housing, advising and student activities. She fills a temporary position until the end of the semester and assumes duties performed by **Phil Slattery** who is retiring and **Noah Flesher** who resigned and is moving to Seattle to work in banking.

Hough earned a masters in student affairs from Michigan State in 1991. She has been the director of student activities at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, but resigned to move to Southeast. She had volunteered with the Forest Service on Admiralty Island in 1995. "I fell in love with the area and wanted to come back," she says. Hough moved to Juneau last summer and has been working as a substitute teacher.

Distance delivery ideas

Business faculty and other staff attended a two day distance delivery workshop in Anchorage. One presentation about POLIS demonstrated how faculty can easily place portions of their class on the web. According to **Barney Norwick**, who attended the meeting, faculty could use POLIS to place their syllabus, lessons, discussion questions on the web and students could use it for on-line collaborative projects.

Student elections

Elections will be held on the Juneau campus to elect two representatives. Voting will take place March 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in student activities and from noon to 4 p.m. in student housing. Candidates are Shelia Martin, Pat Cunningham, and Michelle Wheeler.

Smart cart update

The cart and video projector part of the smart cart are now on the Juneau campus and are available for faculty check out from Media Services in the Egan Library. Faculty using the equipment will need access to a laptop computer. A new PC and Mac laptop, which will complete the smart cart, are on order. The present equipment, when hooked to a laptop, can show computer or Internet applications in the classroom.

UAS helps science fair

Faculty and staff from the Juneau campus helped organize and judge the 5th annual Capital City High School Science Fair held at JDHS Feb. 22.

UAS judges were **Cathy Connor**, **Dennis Russell** and **Roman Motyka**. **Barbara Minton** served on the scientific review committee, and **Shirely Grubb** served on the organizing committee.

UAS awards a tuition scholarship to a student for a project in biology or environmental science. This year's winner was sophomore **Helen Imamura** for her project, "Do Crows Have a Size Preference for Mussels?"

Faculty art selected

Todd Turek, assistant professor of art, has had works in clay shown in the Wayne, PA "Craft Forms '96" exhibition. They are now on display in the "Art of Craft" show at Long Beach Arts in California.

Dianne Anderson, who teaches painting on the Juneau campus, has 21 hand-tinted zinc etchings and hand-made paper on display at KTOO's "Tuning In To Art" series through June 27.

Australian talk Friday

Kemmie Garrison will give a presentation to Global Connections at noon Friday in the Lake Room on her year as an exchange student in Australia. "Bring a brown bag lunch and hear about Kemmie's year," Global Connections advisor **Elizabeth Schelle** says.

Sitka whale research on TV

Humpback Whale Researcher **Jan Straley** and her UAS student interns will be featured in the Thursday, March 6, episode of Rain Country, at 8:00 p.m. on Alaska One (channel 14 in Sitka, 10 in Juneau and 9 in Ketchikan.)

Kevin Hartwell, KTOO's producer, said "Watching Jan Straley and her students at work was definitely a highlight of putting this episode together."

The students, from UAS, Sheldon Jackson College, Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Schools, are enrolled in a variable credit internship through the University.



Ruth Danner talks about the UAS Alumni at the Board of Regents meeting.

Alumni news

Chris Phillips, UAS alumni president, and **Ruth Danner**, vice president, participated in a tri-campus alumni meeting in early February in Anchorage with their counterparts from Anchorage and Fairbanks. "We are banding together," Phillips said, "to make the alumni association and the university system a stronger force within the state."

Representatives of the UAS Alumni Association made a presentation to the Board of Regents during the recent Juneau meeting. They discussed the association's mission and objectives and plan another presentation when the board again meets in Juneau in April.

The Alumni Association's annual Spring Banquet & Auction will be held at the Baranof Hotel April 11, 1997. The gathering will also be an all-class reunion. Auction proceeds will benefit the alumni association and the scholarship fund.

New Ketchikan staff

The Ketchikan campus has hired a coordinator to set up training in health-related fields. **Bess Clark**, who has a background in early intervention special education, will handle credit and non-credit offerings in entry-level health care as well as continuing education for professionals. Clark works part-time in the new position which is partially funded by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

Ketchikan graduation held

The most diverse class of certified nurse assistant students graduated on the Ketchikan campus Feb. 21. Instructor **Judy Heimrich** brought 13 graduates through the six-week course. For the first time, more than a third were male. Two were from outside of Ketchikan. Students ranged in age from late teens to middle age and included a pulp mill worker and a shipyard manager.

The graduates were **Carol Arriola, Tammy Bullock, Jonathan Cameros, Thomas Day, Roberta Dossman, Cathy Harris, Lewis Kahle, Steve Matoon, Antaya McClelland, Denice Porter, Donald Snyder, Nan Story and Craig Trettevik.**

Ketchikan faculty aid community

Two Ketchikan campus faculty members provided special community service projects in February.

Nancy Siemon presented a workshop on overcoming math anxiety at the Ketchikan Job Center. Those attending included pulp mill workers, college students, people considering a return to college, and a distance delivery student. One student even brought her parents.

Eric Karolak and staff produced a series of short profiles of notable American women for radio broadcast during Women's History Month. In part, Karolak drew on his historical research for this semester's course on the History of Women and Work.

CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 28

- Noon, Lake Room, Global Connections

Saturday, March 1

- Class on Rape Aggression Defense, 6 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Monday, March 3

- Dick Marston interviewed on KINY radio 8:15-9 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday, March 3-4

- Student representative elections.

Thursday, March 6

- 8 p.m. Sitka campus students on "Rain Country" TV Friday (March 7)
- Faculty Council, 2 - 4 p.m., Egan Library

Friday, March 7

- Saffire, blues concert, 8 p.m., Centennial Hall.

Monday, March 10

- 5:15 p.m. UAS Alumni Board meeting, Hendrickson Annex, Room 110

Monday-Saturday, March 10-15

- Student spring break on Juneau and Ketchikan campuses

Thursday, March 13

- Juneau Campus Council, 11:30 a.m. Lake Room, Mourant Cafe.

Egan Library hours

Following are special hours at Egan Library during spring break:

Saturday, March 8, closed

Sunday, March 9, closed

Monday-Friday

March 10-14th, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, closed

Sunday, March 16, 1 a.m. - 8 p.m.

RAD class taught

Harold White will teach a class on Rape Aggression Defense at the Housing Lodge Saturday at 6 p.m. White has taught this class previously at Tulane University.

Marston on KINY

Dick Marston will be interviewed on Chris Burns' "Capital Chat" program Monday from 8:15 to 9 a.m. on KINY radio. Marston will discuss the Juneau Icefield Research Program. Phone calls are welcome at 586-1800.

Bookstore deadlines

The Juneau bookstore is accepting graduation announcements. The forms and fees are due by the end of March. Summer textbook orders are due March 14 and fall orders are due April 15.

