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Juneau commencement Sunday

The 26th commencement begins at 4 p.m. Sunday in Centennial Hall. More than 175 certificates and degrees have been earned by students including more than 50 masters degrees. The commencement speaker is **Ken Thompson**, president of ARCO Alaska. Special recognition will be given to 12 students who are the first to complete the third level of the Certified Public Manager program.

The student speaker is receiving his degree 34 years after he started college in 1963. "I've pecked away at a degree all of my adult life," **Jim Collard** said.

Faculty are asked to arrive at Centennial Hall by 3:15 p.m. with their robes and hoods. Faculty and staff are invited to join graduates and their families following commencement at the Chancellor's reception in the Treadwell Room at the Baranof Hotel.



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Juneau student nominated as regent

Annette Nelson-Wright, 28, has been nominated as the student regent. She is working toward a BLA with an emphasis in social sciences and wants to work as a parole officer. She served as Whalesong editor this past year. Nelson-Wright said students are concerned about tuition increases, declining university budgets, and bureaucracy. She hopes to communicate with students through campus papers and e-mail. Nelson-Wright is the first student regent appointed from a Southeast campus in 12 years. She replaces Joe Hayes of UAF whose term expires in June.



UAS student Annette Nelson-Wright.

Sitka professor speaks in Australia

Marilyn Knapp will address an international meeting in Sydney, Australia this summer. Her topic is "The Ripples We Create: Citizen Connections in the People's Republic of China" and is based on her experiences as an educator in China from 1993-1995.

Regent speaks at Sitka commencement

Lew Williams, Jr., a member of the Board of Regents since 1991 and retired newspaper publisher, will present the commencement address to the Sitka campus class of 1997. Commencement begins at 7 p.m. Friday (May 9). A public reception will follow.

Ketchikan commencement Thursday

Borough Mayor **Jack Shay** is the speaker at the Ketchikan campus commencement held Thursday (May 8) at 7:30 p.m. at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. The class of '97 nearly doubles the '94 and '95 classes and is just two fewer than last year's large graduating group. Campus Director **Fran Feinerman** said the graduates are an unusual group ranging from those earning certificates and associate degrees to those receiving bachelor degrees from other campuses but who have received many classes on the Ketchikan campus.

Juneau faculty honors

Steve Tada performed a duet with master violinist **Denes Zsigmondy** during Juneau and Haines concerts. Tada, concertmaster and principle violinist with the Juneau Symphony, helped organize the concert and is a former student of Zsigmondy.

Patricia Thornton, an instructor of Chinese language, received a An Wang post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University for the 1997-98 academic year. She is receiving her Ph.D. in Political Science from UC Berkeley this spring.

Tom Thornton recently gave an invited seminar at Princeton University based on his paper, "The Localization of Traditional Ecological Knowledge." He will spend part of this summer working on a traditional cultural property evaluation of Auke Cape, the proposed site of the new NOAA consolidated facility.

Joey Wauters, who is on a leave of absence, recently won first place in the prose contest of the Redwood Coast Writers' Association in California. Her poetry has been featured in an art exhibit and she continues publishing essays and poems in literary journals and anthologies. Wauters has also become a visiting scholar/associate faculty in the English department at Humboldt State University.

Rick Belaugh has been hired as a full-time assistant professor to teach Spanish.

Chancellor Lind receives a Gold Award from United Way campus coordinator Lawrence Lee Oldaker.



UAS support of United Way increase

During the last ten years, UAS has steadily increased support for the United Way according to **Lawrence Lee Oldaker** who coordinates the campus campaign. He said more than \$8,000 was raised as the result of donations from Sitka and Juneau personnel. Oldaker has recently been appointed to the United Way board of directors. New campus coordinators will be named later.

Housing art selected

Stained glass art was tentatively selected for the Juneau residence hall under the percent for art program. A review committee considered 18 submissions before tentatively choosing a stained glass proposal by **Vivienne McConnel** of Chugiak featuring diagonal color high-lights that would be inset into the windows on the hall's main entry. The review committee included **Ginny Mulle, Alice Tersteeg, Tish Griffin, Mike Greene, Scott Foster** and students **Autumn Lowrey** and **Carol-Beth Sheely**.

Retirement planning offered

A seminar to help university employees with retirement planning will be held Monday (May 19) from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Egan 210. It's part of the TIAA-CREF (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund) financial education series. Reserve a place by calling TIAA-CREF at 1-800-842-2733 ex. 2061. TIAA-CREF is one of the four vendors of the university pension and optional retirement program and also offers tax-deferred annuities.

Faculty Council news

The new Faculty Council Chair-Elect is **Janet Dye**. The representatives for next year follow: Business, **Janet Dye**; Career Ed, **Kathie Etulain**; Education, **Lawrence Lee Oldaker**; Humanities, **Art Petersen**; Library, **Anna Salyer**; Science and Math, **Randy Stahl**; Social Sciences, **Tom Thornton**; Juneau At-Large, pending; Ketchikan At-Large, **Rod Landis**; Sitka At-Large, **Joe Liddle**.

The Faculty Council approved on first reading the new M.A.T. in elementary and early childhood education. This is a joint effort between the Juneau School District and UAS.

The most recent Faculty Dinner was held Wednesday in the Lake Room. **Lorene Palmer** spoke about "Tourism and U."

Ketchikan update

About 70 attended an lecture on "Shipwrecks of Southeast" and an open house Wednesday night at the Ketchikan Career Center. **Leonard McCann**, curator emeritus of the Vancouver Maritime Museum, spoke as part of Celebration of the Sea events. Celebration co-chairs are campus maritime coordinator **Steve Kinney** and College Council chair **Paul McIntosh**. Kinney started Celebration as an adjunct to the maritime program.

Randi Sulkin, who founded the campus's continuing education program, has been appointed head of the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council. Director Finerman said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for her after nine years at the college." She said the two will work closely together developing arts related projects.

In other news, Kinney directed the Community Chorus performance, which includes many campus members, last weekend; **Rod Landis** will attend the Breadloaf writing institute in Vermont this summer with other Ketchikan teachers; and a celebration of completion of level one of CPM will be held Friday.

Alaska joins cyberspace university.

Alaska is joining 13 western states and Guam to develop an information technology-based "virtual university." UA President **Jerome Komisar** and Gov. **Tony Knowles** will serve on the board of the Western Governor's University. WGU is based on the premise that instruction can be delivered electronically from anywhere to anywhere at anytime. Alaska is contributing \$100,000 toward operation of the cooperate effort, which is also backed by many western-based industries.

Conference on Juneau campus

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the President's Council on Sustainable Development will meet in the Egan Library May 29. Governor **Tony Knowles** has been invited to deliver the keynote address. Faculty, staff and the public are invited. The Juneau meeting is designed to generate dialog between those interested in sustainable development.

Student Art display

More than two dozen examples of student art from this semester are on display in Egan Library through Saturday. **Todd Turek** said the art includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, prints, batik and mixed media.

Juneau bookstore

Manager **Linda Synder** asks instructors to place fall book orders before leaving for the summer.

Juneau Calender

Sunday, May 11

- Commencement, 4 p.m. Centennial Hall
- Chancellors reception for graduates, faculty and staff, 6 p.m. Treadwell Room, Baranof Hotel

Monday, May 12

- JDHS recognition, Egan Library

Tuesday, May 13

- Staff Alliance, 9:30-11:30 a.m., audiokonference, Rita Bowen's Office
- Middle school math/science student recognition, Mourant

Thursday, May 15

- System Governance Council, 2-4 p.m., audiokonference, Rita Bowen's Office

Monday, May 19

- Retirement planning seminar, 1:30 p.m. Egan 210.
- Classes begin for summer session

Thursday, May 29

- Sustainable development conference, 3-6 p.m. Egan Library.

Holiday card winner

Juneau student **Mary Holloway** won first place in the chancellor's 1997 holiday card competition. Her entry shows silhouetted spruce trees and mountains with a winter pink/purple sky and sea.

Bald eagle institute

The American Bald Eagle Research Institute has elected officers: **Dennis Russo**, president; **Bruce Wright**, vice president; **Jamie Parsons**, treasurer; and **Scott Foster**, secretary. The Institute is part of the American Bald Eagle Foundation and works with UAS to encourage research, education, veterinary science and library research programs regarding the bald eagle.

Computer tips

To keep your Teamlinks mailbox from growing too large delete old messages and ensure the Teamlinks software "Purge the Wastebasket" is setup.

To setup Windows 3.x/Windows 95: Log into Teamlinks. From the Menu Bar, select Options. Select 'Empty All Wastebaskets on Exit.'

To setup Macintosh: Log into Teamlinks. From the Menu Bar, select Tools. Select Preferences. Select General. In the 'When Quitting Mail' window, select 'Empty Wastebasket.'

Note: When deleting e-mail messages, they are marked and moved to the wastebasket folder where they remain under purged.



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