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Soundings

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Chancellor explains budget cuts

"There is less money, there will be less money, and the university has to change," Chancellor **Marshall Lind** told faculty and staff during an all-campus meeting Friday. His comments were audioconferenced to the Bill Ray Center, and to the Sitka and Ketchikan campuses. Lind said he would schedule similar meetings at least once a month, "to keep everyone informed."

In fiscal 1998 the university will receive \$164 million in general funds. That's about \$3 million less than last year and the lowest level since 1991. Proposals are now being discussed by the Board of Regents on how to save about \$10 million dollars. Lind said, "No decisions have been made yet." The discussion will take place between now and November when the board is expected to adopt a long-term budget reduction plan that may include university reorganization.

In the short-term, Lind said UAS must cut about \$600,000 in FY 98. Lind said UAS would use a combination of approaches including: leaving vacancies unfilled, reducing travel, and increasing the number of mandatory leave days generally taken during the winter holiday. In addition Lind expects the UAS trend of

increased enrollment to continue and provide more revenue. He also said new summer programs, like the Middlebury Bread Loaf program, will likely increase revenues and help defray on-going summer expenses

"We'll be tight in '98, but we're going to make it," Lind said. "The problem comes in '99 and 2000 and beyond." Regents and the UA president are considering different models to reorganize the university and reduce administrative costs. Two models being discussed are a single university system and a coordinating system which would increase autonomy to local campus, the approach favored by Lind.



Chancellor Lind told staff he will hold regular meetings to inform people about budget cuts.

First Coastal Science Institute starts

A science institute for high school students will be held at the Juneau campus for the first time this summer. "This is a field based program," Dean of Faculty **John Pugh** says. "This will help young people interested in science and it will introduce them to the UAS campus."

The Southeast Alaska Coastal Science Institute runs July 19 through July 31. **Ed Caine**, associate professor of marine biology, and **Randy Stahl**, assistant professor of chemistry, are the coordinators and lead faculty. UAS biology majors **Anne Reynolds** and **Rich Morris** will assist.

"We targeted students that scored 1300 on the SATs and ones that had com-

pleted chemistry, physics, biology and calculus," Caine said. "These are really top notch students."

Some 4,000 informational brochures were sent to the targeted group. About one in every 13 responded asking for more information. The fee for the instructional self-support institute is \$1650.

"The thing that surprises most people," Caine says, "is that there's only one male in the group." Twelve students will take part in this first institute.

The institute is designed for seniors-to-be who are interested in careers in ecology, marine biology, conservation or the environment.



The Soboleff Annex remodel is just one of the UAS summer construction projects.

UAS summer construction

A variety of construction and maintenance projects are underway on the UAS campuses this summer, many are being done by Physical Plant staff. Director **Bob Green** said all campuses will also have ordinary and preventive maintenance

On the Juneau campus an interdisciplinary teaching lab for the sciences will be established in the ground floor of the Hendrickson Building. Green said walls will be taken out of existing offices, the ceiling will be raised, a chemically resistant vinyl will be installed and storage areas will be established.

"We are creating a state-of-the-art teaching classroom," Dean of Faculty **John Pugh** said. "This is a new way of teaching that will help students simulate real-world conditions." The lab will include network installation of computer hardware and software, multi-media equipment and science supplies.

Pugh said the lab will be used for environmental science, geology and physics classes. Anthropology and physical geography classes will also use it. Funding was provided by the president's reallocation fund.

Other Juneau campus projects include remodeling of half of the Soboleff Annex to create offices for math, physics and geology faculty and repainting the housing lodge and apartments.

On the Sitka campus, the first floor classroom expansion is underway. It will create two science-technology laboratories, one 'dry-lab' and one 'wet-lab,' plus training space for the new Environmental Technology program. Sitka Director **Elaine Sunde** said, "This will enable us to install water systems and demonstration equipment for students who are preparing for operator certification." Completion is expected in September.

The Ketchikan campus will have a new boiler installed in the Paul Building. The old 8,000 pound boiler, that developed a leak, will have to be removed. In addition, Physical Plant is working on installing a new chair lift to meet ADA requirements for moving people between the fourth and fifth floors.



Art Rice described a vision of Juneau 50 years from now.

Juneau Century class reports

The fundamental character of Juneau will change in the next 50 years if a strategy isn't adopted soon according to North Carolina State University professor Art Rice. He and his landscape architecture students teamed up with UAS students to look at Juneau's last 50 years and next 50 in the Juneau Century class.

Rice summarized some observations about Juneau's next 50 years at a public meeting: The present low-key use of the downtown waterfront will disappear in 10 years and visual and public access could be lost unless steps are taken now; Gold Creek could be developed with trails as a way to direct tourist foot traffic; the airport will stay in its present location but will see increased impact from nearby ancillary development; transportation routes will have a fundamental role in where development takes place; before adding another access point to Douglas Island it's important to have land use plans in place; the population will probably triple in 50 years; population growth will be driven by quality of life issues of people now living in congested areas; Juneau is presently in a sea of natural area with isolated spots of human development and most other places are just the opposite.

"Juneau right now is a wonderful place," Rice said. "It is going to change dramatically and the current way of dealing with change won't work."

Governance Reports on-line

The Governance Report was established at the request of the Board of Regents to be a standing item in Board of Regents agendas for their regular meetings. There are seven volumes dating from June 1996 currently on-line on the internet for access at <http://sygov.swadm.alaska.edu/news/govreps/>

Taiwanese visit Juneau and Sitka campuses

Eight Taiwanese are on the Juneau campus. The group from Juneau's sister city, Chia-yi City, will study at UAS and visit throughout Juneau. They also plan a ferry trip to Sitka before their departure from Alaska on July 27. The group will stay at the UAS residence hall, study English on campus and learn about American culture while visiting the Juneau and Sitka areas. This is the sixth year an exchange group from Chia-yi City has visited Juneau. The group includes three government officials and five school teachers.

Etulain discusses law enforcement training

Kathie Etulain, representing the UAS Law Enforcement Program, attended the Northwest Community Policing Training Conference at Portland, in June. Sponsored by the Alaska Police Standards Council, Etulain and Caroline Holmes, UAF Criminal Justice program, participated in a panel discussion of training in Alaska. The project is supported by a U. S. Department of Justice \$1 million dollar grant to promote community policing activities in a six state region, including Alaska.

UAS directory on line

The computer center has put a UAS phone and e-mail directory on-line. The listing is not yet linked to the UAS homepage so faculty and staff can look at it and make corrections, changes, etc. Check if you are correctly listed at

<http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/directory/>

The listings include job title, degrees, phone and e-mail address. Any corrections or suggestions should be e-mailed to jaxwww@am@acad1a

Health benefits issues

The cost of the health care plan to the university has more than doubled in the last 10 years to about \$16.0 million in 1996. UA insurance is self support. In an effort to reduce expenses, the UA Business Council is recommending a surcharge per employee. The Health Benefits Task Force has prepared a report on the issue. It is available on the University of Alaska Benefits Information homepage at <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/benefits/>

Thanks to "UAS family"

Karen Cummins has sent her thanks to all the UAS family who provided her with frequent flyer upgrades enabling her to travel to St. Louis to be with her ill mother. Cummins said she was overwhelmed with the response. "UAS has a big heart and I appreciate that now more than ever." She plans to return to work on July 21.



Linda Rugg has retired-as food-service manager on the Juneau campus. At a farewell gathering, Chancellor Lind said, "You made it fun to come to the cafeteria."

UAS Calender

Thursday and Friday, July 3-4

- The UAS campuses will be closed and no classes will be held Thursday and Friday in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

Mona's computer tips: Excel Autosave Feature

Tired of losing documents during a power outage or when your computer locks up? Excel offers an Autosave feature which will save documents at a specified interval.

How to Enable Autosave

- Under the 'Tools' menu bar, select 'Add-ins'.
- Select 'Autosave'. If 'Autosave' does not appear, the Autosave add-in must be installed.

How to Setup

- Under the 'Tools' menu bar, select 'Autosave'.
- Select 'Automatic Save Every' and specify interval (in minutes).
- Select 'Save Active Workbook Only' to save just the current workbook or select 'Save ALL Open Workbooks' (Recommended option).
- Select 'Prompt before saving' if you want a confirmation window.

Computer tips is submitted by **Mona Yarnell** of the computer center.

