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Chancellor discusses university changes

"It just doesn't make any sense in a wealthy state that is growing not to put a strong emphasis on higher education," Chancellor **Marshall Lind** told a Juneau audience.

"We have to prepare our people to want to stay here, to live here and to work here."

Lind discussed the current UA reorganization at the annual Alaska Student Affairs Conference held on the Juneau campus. "This is going to be a sorry state in terms of our long term development if we don't have a sound higher educational enterprise."

Legislators during the last session directed the university to look at cutting administrative costs, develop a strategic plan, examine extended campuses, and consider the distribution of university funding.

Lind said Chancellor Lee Gorsuch is heading a committee to examine resource allocations, Chancellor Joan Wadlow is looking at statewide administrative costs, and he is looking at extended sites. "I believe very strongly in the value of the administrative sites," Lind told the group. Because there are very high costs at some sites, Lind said the committee would look at possible options as to how to provide the services at a lower cost.

The Board of Regents plans on having an action plan in place by November to present to the next legislature when they meet in January.

Lind suggested that the UA Foundation and other supporters of the university again undertake a statewide effort to inform Alaskans about the contributions made by the university. He also advocated that the university request a budget increase during the next session. "We've got to keep up with inflation and salary adjustments."

The chancellor said that a number of comparisons of UA costs with the costs of other universities fail to take into account the community college mission of this university.



Sue Koester and Elizabeth Schelle were two of the presenters at the Student Affairs conference.

Student Affairs conference held in Juneau

"It was a great success," **Lori Exferd** says of the eighth annual Alaska Student Affairs Conference that was held for the first time on the Juneau campus Aug. 3-5.

More than 50 staff attended from UAS, UAA, UAF, statewide, and Sheldon Jackson College. In addition UAS and UAF students took part. Housing Manager Timi Hough said, "The conference was energizing. It helped us connect with other people and helped us focus on students and the upcoming year."

Keynote speaker Tracy Knofla, co-owner and featured presenter for High Impact Training, addressed the "Frame, Focus, Develop" conference theme. She said those working in student affairs need to frame on the exact issues that are important; focus on research, surveys, and assessments to determine what students want and need; develop strategies to meet student needs and foster relationships between students and staff, and finally to publicize accomplishments and recognize achievement so others know what student affairs is doing.

Exferd, who served as conference organizer, thanked those who helped including student activities, student housing, student government, media services, the computer center and graphic artist **Amy Carroll**.

Career education teaches the Coast Guard

Each year the Coast Guard brings buoy tenders from Alaska to Juneau for a week-long "roundup." Each year, while they're in town, staff at the Marine Tech Center provide instruction. "Almost 40 Coast Guard personnel took classes," according to **Gary Bowen**, associate dean for career education.

In addition to the US Coast Guard, members of the Canadian Coast Guard also took part in the instruction. Work was done on the Coast Guard boats that were hauled out of the water by the UAS crane and moved into the Marine Tech center.

UAS faculty provided week-long instruction in outboard motor maintenance, Volvo engine maintenance, emergency medical recertification, and CFC certification for handling refrigerants.

This year instruction was provided by **Chuck Craig**, Volvo engine maintenance; **Rick Winiford**, EMT recertification; **David Budbill** assisted by **Bill Bradner**, outboard motor maintenance and **Tom Fulker**, CFC certification.

Invite a new student to dinner!

Faculty and staff are being asked to host at least two new students to dinner during orientation week. **Tish Griffin** said, "We're trying to do something very special for the freshmen on their first day." Those willing to take part in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" may sign up in the Student Resource Center.

Fall schedules mailed

More than 15,000 copies of the Juneau campus fall schedule have been mailed to every address in Juneau. The 64-page document has also been placed in campus offices, buildings and Juneau area libraries. A special registration for Vocational and Technology classes will be held Saturday (Aug. 16) at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Homepage Update

The new UAS 1997-98 catalog is now on the UAS homepage under the "What's New" section. Student **Shea Rich** did the entry work for the catalog during the summer.

The new faculty handbook is also located on the web at <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/faculty/handbook>

The Board of Regents' home page has a new URL and the Regents' Policy and University Regulation are on-line and up-to-date. The URL is: <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

New Sitka hires

Megan McCarthy has been appointed to the Pacific Alternative High School staff in Sitka. She will teach math and science as a member of the three-person professional staff. McCarthy has a masters in Natural Science Education from Western Washington University. She has over seven years as a classroom math and science teacher in Washington, New Mexico and Alaska. Since moving to Sitka, McCarthy has worked as an adjunct science instructor at Sheldon Jackson College and a substitute teacher for the Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

The Sitka Campus administers the Pacific Alternative High School under contract to the Sitka School District. The program, housed on the Sitka Campus for the past five years, serves between 50-60 secondary students each year. The campus employs three credentialed teachers, along with representatives of Alaska Native educational programs. This is the only high school within the UA system.

Phyllis Clarke has been hired as administrative clerk on the Sitka campus. She and her husband have recently relocated from Barrow where Clarke was a library assistant at Ilisagvik College. She also has an accounting clerk certificate from the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward.

Luda Konshin has been appointed manger of the Sitka campus student residence hall. She will also direct the student activity and leadership program.

Konshin, who is fluent in Russian and Ukrainian, completed a Masters in Education Degree in student development administration from Seattle University in 1997. She has been working as a member of the Skagit Valley College student services program and was a member of the student services staff at Seattle University for three years.

Oldaker promotes Juneau conference site

Last year **Lawrence Lee Oldaker** submitted a bid that was accepted to have a national convention held on the Juneau campus in 1998. Next week he attends the national convention of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration to encourage attendance at the Juneau meeting. He'll be accompanied at the Vail meeting by representatives from the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau and Alaska Travel.

Oldaker will also make an academic presentation at this year's meeting, "Should there be a national standard of decency on the scholastic Internet?"

Golfers help scholarship fund

More than 80 golfers entered the Fourth Annual UAS Open to play for prizes and help raise money for scholarships. The golf tournament was organized by the UAS Alumni Association. Although no one got a hole-in-one to win a new car or Jamaica or Bahama vacation, the Alaska Airlines ticket was awarded in a drawing.

Alumni member Diana Cote said the tournament raised people's awareness about the association. "The turnout was really high. People saw there were a lot of good prizes and that should increase the turnout next year."

Ruth Danner and Chris Phillips were some of the UAS alumni who organized the 4th UAS Open.



Liberty attends workshop

Carol Liberty attended a training workshop for new members to the American Health Information Management Association Panel of Accreditation Surveyors. She is a member of the organization's national accreditation team. This panel is responsible for the on-site evaluation of new and continuing HIM programs across the country. Liberty will make her first observer visit in the fall.

Juneau Calender

Saturday, Aug. 16

- Voc/Tech registration, Nugget Mall 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Petersen's new book called "Gold Fever"

Art Petersen has edited and published a new book about the Klondike Gold Rush between 1897 and 1899. "Gold Fever" is an unpublished manuscript by the Rev. R.M. Dickey. The 278 page book includes dozens of photos by E.A. Hegg who worked in Skagway and Dawson during the Klondike gold rush.

Petersen was featured in the July 31 Juneau Empire. The front page of the Preview section included a color photo of Petersen and a story written by Riley Woodford.

"I think it's a story worth telling," Petersen told the paper. "It's a revealing, first-hand eyewitness account of the time." Dickey was a young Presbyterian minister studying in Canada when he was asked go to the Yukon. Dickey spent two years in Skagway, Lake Bennet, Dawson and Eldorado. He began writing his book in 1941 but died before it was published. The manuscript was kept by his daughter in Ottawa. Petersen's research for another book, "Murder, Madness and Mystery, lead him to the missing manuscript.

Petersen printed 2,000 copies of "Gold Fever." It will be available at Hearthside and the Observatory bookstores and from Petersen.

Computer tips

Computing Services has developed an information sheet to address problems experienced by Windows 95 Dialup Networking (PPP) users in Juneau. The information sheet provides instruction on how to adjust the Dialup Networking settings to overcome connection problems.

Visit the Computing Lab located in Whitehead Building Room 207 for a copy of the Windows 95 Dialup Networking information sheet. Computer tips are provided by **Mona Yarnell** of Computer Services.

