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Regent Annette Nelson-Wright, Chancellor Marshall Lind, and student president Rosie Gilbert watched the governor talk about education at the Egan Library videoconference room.

Governor proposes UA scholarship

UAS officials and students attended a videoconference meeting in Egan Library that connected Governor **Tony Knowles**, UA President **Jerome Komisar** and members of the Board of Regents. Knowles announced plans to set aside \$1 million to provide UA scholarships for the top 10 percent of students in each Alaska high school.

Knowles also said he wants to reinstate the two percent cut made to the university budget last year. Knowles said he would propose a \$167.8 million dollar budget, an increase of \$3.5 million over the current year.

Thanksgiving closure

The campuses will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 27 and 28.

Egan Library will also be closed but will reopen for regular hours on Nov. 29 (1 to 5 p.m.) and 30 (1 - 8 p.m.).

UA redesign plan on web

President **Jerome Komisar's** recommendations to the Board of Regents on the redesign of the university administrative system and the creation of administrative service centers is available on the web at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

Under the proposal UAS would become the distance delivery service center.

Ketchikan campus news

Ketchikan Housing, Inc. has identified a four-unit apartment house suitable for student housing and is negotiating with the owner according to **Fran Feinerman**. However, conversion to student housing still requires securing about \$160,000 in grant money in a few months. The project also requires loans in an equal amount. Campus officials have investigated the possibilities of student housing in the past. They recently began looking again due to changes in the Ketchikan housing market.

The Ketchikan Career Center is sponsoring a free workshop on International Marketing from A to Z Saturday (Nov. 22) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is designed to help participants learn about international marketing strategies, marketing specifics and the role of forest exports. The Career Center also co-sponsored a workshop on Sawmilling & Wood Processing Nov. 17 and 18.

New hires include **Diana Thomas** as visiting assistant professor of BIS and Ketchikan resident **Terrence Robbins** as BIS instructional technician.



Juneau students took part in the Haines Eagle Festival.

Students attend eagle festival

Students from housing and science students attended the Eagle Festival in Haines for the third straight year. **Collyn Pillgreen**, a housing community advisor, worked over two months planning the trip. The students attended workshops, a live bird demonstration, discussion groups, viewed bald eagles along the Chilkat River and watched the release of five rehabilitated eagles. "The weekend consisted of a lot of fun while still managing to be an educational opportunity for the students," Pillgreen said.



Robbie Stell was one of the volunteers placing some 10,000 holiday lights on the Juneau campus.

Campus bright with lights

Student, faculty, and staff volunteers helped light the Juneau campus Saturday. More than 10,000 white holiday lights were placed on trees and building entrances. Colored lights were placed on the tall tree in front of the Maurant Building through the use of a bucket truck loaned by GCI. Student government donated money to pay for installation of outdoor electric outlets. **Linda Snyder** and **Tish Griffin** coordinated the volunteer donation and placement effort. "It's a real campus spirit event," Griffin said. "We hope people come out and take a look."

UAS dig on POW

The Ketchikan campus conducted an archaeological field school in Craig on Prince of Wales Island in late October. Fifteen students participated in the excavation of a shell midden. Important finds included a bone harpoon toggle and a stone tool. In addition large quantities of shell, charcoal, fire cracked rock and animal bones were found. The site was occupied about 1,000 years ago. **Priscilla Schulte** coordinated the project. Seven teachers from Craig, Klawock and Ketchikan also participated and will be integrating what they learned into the classroom.

HIM update

The Health Information Management program anticipates 12 graduates in 1998. Director **Carol Liberty** attended the 1997 American Health Information Association meeting in Phoenix in October and is currently rewriting the statistics section of a national exam review text.

The Board of Regents will be requested to continue the program at their February meeting. It was initially approved for five years. HIM is also expanding the team teaching concept to two additional classes in the Spring. Liberty said the team concept helps students receive a wider perspective and attracts more professionals because of the shorter commitment time.

Faculty achievements noted

Beth Mathews' paper entitled, "Harbor Seal Investigations in Alaska" will be printed in ADF&G's Annual Report. It is co-authored by UAS biology student, **Jamie Womble** who was hired last year as a biotechnician at Glacier Bay.

Brenden Kelly co-authored a paper on harbor seals on Tugiadak Island for ADF&G and co-authored another on walrus population dynamics that was recently published in Marine Mammal Science.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker attended the annual convention of the Education Law Association in Seattle and made a presentation with **Dave Dagley** on Family Privacy Rights and School Choice.

Chris Weaver, Joe Devine Don Cecil and upper division English student **Victoria Savalei** will make a presentation at the 1998 Conference on College Composition and Communications meeting in Chicago entitled "What We Talk About When We Talk About Process."

Elizabeth Schelle attended a meeting of the Northwest Council on Study Abroad, a consortium of Northwest colleges and universities that sponsors study abroad programs in six foreign cities. UAS is affiliating with the Council to open term-based study abroad options for students and teaching opportunities for faculty. Contact Schelle for details at 465-6455.

Robin Walz has a web site dealing with a French criminal archvillain. Walz collaborated with Moe's Books in Berkeley to create the "Fantomas Web Site" <http://www.fantomas-lives.com> A series of 32 "Fantomas" detective novels were written between 1911 - 1913.

Juneau activities listed

Flight seeing over the glacier is available Saturday (Nov. 22) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for students, faculty, staff and family members. Sign-up in the student activities office for flights in a restored 1943 Stinson.

A Turkey Bowl will be held Wednesday (Nov. 26) at 3 p.m. in the Mourant courtyard. Contestants will "bowl" with a frozen turkey to win prizes.

Student activities is looking for staff and students to work on a Renaissance Faire in late March. Call Tish Griffin at 6529.

Student art displayed

UAS student art will be displayed during Gallery Walk Dec. 5 & 6 at the Mt. Roberts tram terminal. **Alice Tersteeg** said student art would include two and three dimensional pieces such as batik hanging from the ceiling, prints, etchings, drawings, paintings, sculpture and ceramics. Most of the art will be for sale.

Student care packages

The Community Council of the Residence Hall is selling \$10 care packages for housing students. The packages will be delivered just before finals. To purchase a care package for anyone in housing contact **Timi Hough** at 465-6489. Orders are due by Dec. 5.

Whalesong delayed

The Whalesong's Friday publication date is being delayed until Monday. Editor **Alexis Ross Miller** is covering the Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage. Staff will put the paper together over the weekend.

Manuscript completed

Jawrite staff has completed a manuscript summarizing parts of its Year-1 experience entitled "Enhancing the Journal Assignment: Integrating Student Perceptions and Course Structure." The document is being submitted to Written Communication and is co-authored by student staffers **Sonja Cary, Russ Nesje, Victoria Savalei, Don Underwood** and **Debe Wilson** with faculty member **Robert Sewell**. Students interested in participating in Jawrite projects may call 465-6413.

Learning Center help

The Learning Center staff will organize workshops to help students complete writing assignments. **Jo Devine** said faculty wanting better student essays should "talk about us in your classes and encourage, or require, students to work with one of our excellent writing tutors."

UAS helps research

More than 70 UAS employees on the three campuses participating in Lee National Denim Day, Oct. 10, raised \$486 for breast cancer research. The donations were sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Juneau Calender

Thursday and Friday (Nov. 20/21)

- Board of Regents, Anchorage

Saturday (Nov. 22)

- Glacier fights, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. sign up in Student Activities.

Sunday (Nov. 23)

- Granite Creek Basin hike. Sign up at Student Activities.

Monday (Nov. 24)

- Juneau Campus Council, 11:30 a.m. Lake Room.
- Adjunct faculty member Bret Dillingham presents story telling, 7 p.m., Fiddlehead.

Tuesday (Nov. 25)

- Biological sciences seminar on Dungeness crab and sea otters, noon, Anderson 221.

Wednesday (Nov. 26)

- Turkey bowl, 3 p.m. Mourant courtyard.

Thursday and Friday (Nov. 27/28)

- Thanksgiving holiday, library and campus closed.

Saturday & Sunday (Nov. 29/30)

- Egan Library open for regular hours.

Thursday (Dec. 4)

- Inauguration of SJC President Meekhof.

Friday (Dec. 5)

- Tom Thornton speaks at Faculty Friday, noon, Lake Room.
- Student art displayed during Gallery Walk at the Mt. Roberts tram terminal Friday and Saturday.

Helpful homepages

Following is a list of helpful homepages provided by **Tom Dienst**, personnel manager:

UA Board of Regents <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/bor/>

UA Office of Public Affairs <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/opa/>

UA Benefits <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/benefits/index.html>

UA Job Postings <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/jobs/>

UA Job Evaluations <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/eval/>

UA Labor Relations <http://info.alaska.edu/UA/labor/>

UAS homepage <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/>

State of Alaska homepage <http://www.state.ak.us/>

