

Soundings

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Remodeling and moving

The second phase of moving administrative services from the Mourant Building to the Bill Ray Center will be completed Friday (March 29) when the budget, administrative, and university archives offices take up their new quarters. **Bob Green**, physical plant director, says, "The new office area is 99 and 9/10 percent completed."

The completion of the move means other projects can proceed. "The next domino to fall," Green says, "is moving the bookstore." It's scheduled to be moved to the Mourant ground floor in June. Once the bookstore moves, the cafeteria will be expanded. "The earliest we can start on that is the end of the school year," according to Green.

Other projects scheduled by Green include replacing the dock, finishing the Soboleff Annex, completing the kiln storage area, correcting frost heave problems in the asphalt, landscaping, and spring clean up. "It's going to be a real busy spring and summer."

Sitka campus

Campus Director **Elaine Sunde** has been named to a five-person team to assist in design of the Western Virtual University, a project of the Western Governor's Association. The team will address student services and work with WICHE staff to complete the design by June. The Governor's Association plans for initial implementation of the Virtual University by Fall of 1996.

In a related development, Sitka's Health Information Management program is being used as a model of best practices for the Virtual University. "It's the only academic-based distance delivered degree HIM program in the country," according to director **Carol Liberty**. In addition to Alaska, students are also receiving the program in Wyoming and it's scheduled for expansion into New Mexico and Hawaii.

Linda Halfon, associate professor of art, has been named guest artist in residence at the 1996 summer program of the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle, Maine.

Sitka campus faculty will attend the innovative Instructional Practices Conference April 2-4 sponsored by Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii free as an on-line experience. Keynote speakers and about 50 presenters will offer papers and conduct on-line discussion via the Web, gopher, and e-mail.

UAS Faculty

Jason Ohler is making a presentation at the National Educational Technology Conference at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. Ohler leaves at the end May for two weeks. He will be working with three other universities in the Czech Republic to help them develop educational technology programs like the one he developed at UAS. Ohler said the invitation to attend the conference came about when a Charles University staff member saw his educational technology home page on the World Wide Web.

Richard Hacker spent Thursday and Friday in Ketchikan to meet with and further advise the cohort of Ketchikan students studying for the paralegal studies degree. Hacker is an associate professor of law science on the Juneau campus.

Tom Gallagher made presentations on leadership and organizational culture at the Focusing Our Work Together Workshop in Ketchikan on March 21. The workshop was sponsored by the Forest Service, the Coast Guard and the City of Ketchikan.

Robert and **Kathy Greig**, who run the Institute of Mining Technology on the Juneau campus, will be leav-

ing UAS at the end of the month. Bob Greig said, "We intend to maintain contact with the mining industry in Alaska for training and consulting and with the university."

Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "Both Bob and Kathy are very good at what they do. They have done an outstanding job with the mine training program, and they have helped prepare many workers for employment in the mining industry. Until there is a greater need for mine training we will put the Mining Technology program in a holding pattern."

The program equipment will be stored and the mining instruction area in the Bill Ray Center will be used for classrooms. "Hopefully when the need for more training is evident," Lind said, "we will be able to bring the Greigs back to Juneau to help out."

The Greigs have directed the Institute since 1988. "It's been a pleasure working with the university," Bob Greig said "and seeing the impact we've had on students and the benefits the students have gained in jobs. I also want to thank the community volunteer instructors who have helped. We couldn't have done this without them."



At left: Students in Cathy Connor's physical geology class conducted one of their spring semester field trips on the beach in front of the Anderson Building.

Juneau campus events

Mardi Gras Carnival, Saturday, March 30 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Buoy Deck is open to all ages. The first adult Easter egg hunt, Friday, April 5, at 5 p.m. in the Mourant Cafeteria for students, faculty and staff. The 10th annual kids Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 6, at noon in the Mourant Cafeteria for UAS families. The Red Neck Ball, Saturday, April 20, at Dimond Park from 4 to 8 p.m. will include a picnic, games, dance lessons and a roping contest.

Faculty judges science fair

For the third year, UAS was a contributing sponsor of the Juneau-Douglas High School Science Fair held on March 23. The university offered a 12 credit scholarship to the top biology project which was won by ninth grader **Jeff Marshall** and titled, "Age Determination of the Tide Pool Sculpin."

Several Juneau faculty judged the Science Fair including **Cathy Connor, Dennis Russell, Don Greenberg, Carol Gerken, and Linda Himmelbauer. Shirley Grubb** and **Roman Motyka** were on the organizing committee, and **Barbara Minton** served on the scientific review committee. **Tom Shirley** and **Bill Smoker** from UAF also served as judges.

Fulbright deadlines approach

The first of several deadlines for the Fulbright Scholar Program grants for 1997-98 is May 1st for chairs in Western Europe and Canada. Other deadlines are August 1 for worldwide lecturing and research awards, and November 1 for International Education Administrators Programs in Germany, Japan, and Korea. Contact Dean of Academic Affairs **Robbie Stell** at 465-6472 for details.

NEH offers \$30,000 stipends

Applications for the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships for university teachers are due May 1. The support is for six to twelve months of full-time work on projects that will make a significant contribution to thought and knowledge in the humanities. Applicants need not have advanced degrees. For information contact Dean of Academic Affairs **Robbie Stell** at 465-6472.

UAS Activities

Upcoming Faculty Forums with Dr. Margaret Kaus, Assistant Director Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

Implementing Outcomes Assessment: Policy and Practice
Monday, April 8 2-4:30 p.m. Lib. 105
Tuesday, April 9 9-11 a.m. Lib. 105
Faculty may attend either one of these.

Outcomes Assessment Committee meets with Dr. Kaus*
Monday, April 8 5-6:30 p.m. Chanc. Conf. Rm.

Informal dinner with Dr. Kaus and interested folks*
Monday, April 8 After 6:30 p.m. Canton House
RSVP to Jo Devine or Janet Dye

Academic Restructuring Committee/Chancellor's Cabinet/ Dr. Kaus*

Tuesday, April 9 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Video Conf. Rm
2:30-5 p.m. Video Conf. Rm

*In addition to committee members, interested faculty may attend any of these discussions.

Ketchikan campus

The new personnel technician on the Ketchikan campus is a veteran of the UA system. **Gail Adams**, a life-long Alaskan, was activities director at UAF for five years before moving to Ketchikan. She has a B.A. in marketing from UAF. Adams replaces **Marcia Yenor**, who returned to Florida when a former employer made an offer she couldn't refuse.

Priscilla Schulte, professor of anthropology and sociology, has received an additional \$19,200 from the UA Natural Resources Fund for a broad-based educational project on Southeast caves and karst. The supplement is in addition to nearly \$33,000 that was previously allocated. Schulte and **Karalynn Crocker-Bedford**, visiting associate professor of science, are working on curriculum and activities for classrooms and have provided inservices in southern Southeast schools. The UA money also provided a foundation for producer **Ward Serrill's** slide-and-sound show on the caves. The show premieres in April 5 in Ketchikan. The additional funding allows for extension of the show's tour to Anchorage and Fairbanks.

A business consultant with experience ranging from teaching to running a store is hanging a shingle at the campus-based Economic Development Center. **Kirk Flanders** of Juneau's Business Development Council will make semimonthly visits to Ketchikan for the rest of the fiscal year to help the local Overall Economic Development Program group maintain momentum and to counsel entrepreneurs and operators of small businesses.

The interim measure gives the college and the borough-based OEDP time to decide how to staff the development office, which has previously done research and consultation.

"What you do speaks so loudly that students can't hear what you say."

Sign on Juneau classroom wall

Juneau Calendar

Wednesday, April 3

- Regional University Council: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ketchikan Campus

Thursday, April 4

- Global Connections: Noon. Vesna Kilibarda speaks about Yugoslavia. Mourant Lounge

Summer schedules mailed

More than 15,000 copies of the UAS summer class schedule have been mailed to Juneau residents. The 16 page schedule lists more than 70 different classes and includes basic registration and campus information, tuition fees, applications for student housing, a phone registration guide, and a mail-in registration form.

Phone registration for the classes is now underway for those who have previously taken a UAS class. Walk-in registration begins next month.

The first session of summer classes runs May 20 through June 27. The second session takes place July 1 through August 15.

"UAS summer session is a great time to take a class to learn something you've always wanted to know or improve a skill," according to summer session director **Jean Linthwaite**.



The summer schedule cover features three students framed by campus flowers and the Juneau Icefield.

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