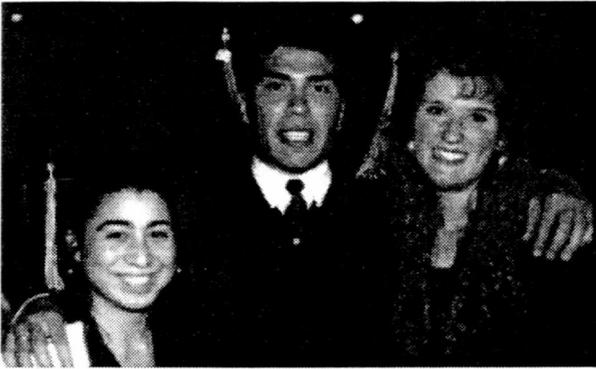


Soundings

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Juneau commencement

A record number of students received degrees at commencement on the Juneau campus. Three of them were Nicole Wery, Julio Cassesil, and Stephanie McGee.

School district and UAS sign agreement

School Board President **Phil Smith** and UAS Chancellor **Marshall Lind** signed a Cooperative Vocational Agreement at Tuesday night's school board meeting. The agreement continues a policy of joint facilities and expands the joint "Tech Prep" program.

"Tech Prep helps high school students get a head start on college and careers," Lind said. "By doing well in high school classes and then passing university competency tests they get credits without having to take the same class over at the university and without having to pay university tuition. It's a good deal for good students."

The new agreement also expands the Tech Prep offerings from Business Information Systems to accounting, the visitor industry program, and construction technology.

JDHS recognition night

Juneau Douglas High School senior **Ryan Funk** received a full year UAS scholarship worth more than \$1600 at the JDHS recognition night on the Juneau campus last week. About 150 high school students and their parents attended the annual event held in the Egan Library to honor local high school students who have been recognized for their accomplishments during the year.

"It's a good opportunity for us to showcase the university and promote a worthwhile program," according to Director of Admissions **Greg Wagner** who also served as the evening's M.C.

UAS student **Nicole Wery** spoke to the students. "The point was not to take this recognition lightly," she said. "You can put it on your resume, it gives you confidence and it's an esteem builder." Wery won a JDHS recognition award in 1993. Two days before her speech she earned her AA degree from UAS.

The UAS scholarship is funded by earnings from the endowed Student Recognition Scholarship that was founded in 1991 by the JDHS Parent Advisory Group with initial funds matched by the Chancellor's Fund.

Mourant Building remodeling

Bid opening for the remodeling of the Juneau campus food service facility is expected to take place in mid June. Construction would begin shortly thereafter and continue for two months. Food service will remain open at least during the first session of summer session classes.

"We will let folks know if there will be any food service on campus during construction," according to Director of Student Activities **Tish Griffin**. "We are looking at getting a 'cart' but haven't put out a formal proposal."

Bids are being sought to expand the Mourant Building kitchen and food preparation area to accommodate students who will be living at the new student residence hall. Bid alternatives are also being sought for expanding the dining area and creating a separate coffee shop and eating area. Project completion is expected in September.

Plans are also being finalized for the relocation of the bookstore to the ground floor of the Mourant Building. Remodeling will begin as soon as a building permit is obtained.



Sitka commencement

Sitka campus graduates took part in commencement ceremonies on May 10. Pictured from the left are Cynthia Swanson, Robyn Johnson, Robin Klanott, Teruko Ogawa, Debbie Eisenbeisz, Pik Lee, Rava Yager, Farrell Swain, Tamzyn Cropley, Ron Woodall, Ramona Hatfield, Jonni Scharp, and David Daley.

Memorial Day holiday

UAS will observe Memorial Day on May 27. The campus will be closed and no classes will be held.

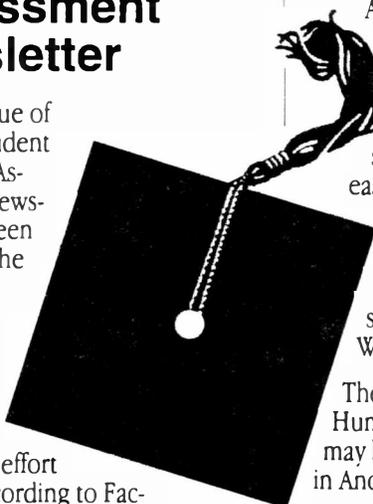
Student Outcomes Assessment Newsletter

The first issue of the UAS Student Outcomes Assessment Newsletter has been printed. "The point is to make more people aware of the entire outcomes assessment effort at UAS," according to Faculty Senate President **Rita Dursi Johnson**.

Assessments are used to document student performance against outcomes. UAS accreditation requires outcome assessment which is a demonstration of the effects of the educational program upon students.

The eight page newsletter contains articles written by **Art Petersen, Rita Dursi Johnson, Elizabeth Bennett, Ginny Mulle, Vesna Kilibarda, Beth Matheus, Chris Weaver, and Mary King**. This issue will be given to faculty at convocation. It's also being sent to the Board of Regents, the UAS campus and regional councils, and chancellor's cabinet and to superintendents and principals statewide.

Although UAS began a portfolio process for writing assessment in 1988, the recent visit of Dr. **Don Farmer** of Kings College, Pennsylvania helped broaden the assessment effort from writing into development of six competencies. UAS faculty are integrating competencies for critical thinking, communication and information literacy into the curriculum. In addition other competencies will soon be integrated in professional behavior, computational skills, and computer usage.



Faculty Notes

Greenberg attends seminar

Don Greenberg has been accepted to attend the two-week summer seminar on "Teaching Introductory Physics Using Interactive Teaching Methods and Computers." Greenberg will join a group of more than 60 other university and high school instructors June 16-28 at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Proposal funded

A Juneau campus faculty member's proposal was ranked first among nineteen submissions to the Alaska Humanities Forum. The proposal by Assistant Professor of Anthropology **Tom Thorton**, "Goldschmidt and Haas, 1946 Manuscript, Possessory Rights of the Natives of Southeastern Alaska," was approved at the Forum's May meeting in the amount of \$11,200.

Art Petersen, Forum president and Juneau professor, said, "This grant will help bring the manuscript to publication through the University of Washington Press."

The next deadline for grant proposals to the Alaska Humanities Forum is October 15. Grant Guidelines may be obtained from Petersen or by calling the Forum in Anchorage at 272-3979.

Faculty and staff make presentations

Mike Stekoll and two of his students made presentations at an Environmental Technology and Resource Development Conference at UAF this week. In addition, Dean **John Pugh** spoke to the conference on Friday about UAS's partnerships with the private sector in the area of resource development. The three day conference examined ways to build the state's economy while protecting its environmental values.

New faculty and staff

The Sitka campus has hired several new faculty. **Joseph Liddle** is the new full-time tenure track assistant professor of math. He comes from Arizona Western College in Yuma and has spent time in the Peace Corps in West Africa.

Sandra Young is the new assistant professor of English. She comes from the University of Louisville.

Steve and **Jane Curtis**, who have Ph.D.'s in psychology, will job share a three year grant-funded position with the Alaska Native Student Retention Program. They are completing appointments with the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation. Both have been adjunct faculty on the Sitka campus.

The Juneau campus bookstore has a new clerk. **Sara Hagen** moves from the library and begins on May 28.

Juneau Calendar

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day: Campuses closed

Thursday, May 30

- Juneau Campus Council: Housing Page

HIM scholarships awarded

Professional organizations in two different states have established and awarded scholarships for students in the Health Information Management program originating from the Sitka campus.

The Alaska HIM Association awarded \$1500 in scholarships to two Sitka campus students in April. Now the Wyoming HIM Association has awarded two \$500 scholarships to Wyoming students who are taking the UAS program at a distance in Wyoming. The two Wyoming students have completed the first year of the HIM program and expect to graduate in 1997.

Preparing for the cost of college

The new edition of "Preparing Your Child for College" is now available from the U.S. Department of Education.

The 57 page document includes a course planner and college preparation checklist for students, a financial preparation checklist for parents, suggestions for academic preparation, strategies for keeping costs down, and places to go for college planning information.

The 1996-97 edition, written by the Office of the Under Secretary in the U.S. Department of Education, is now available in their Online Library at: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare/>

A paper copy may be ordered by calling 1-800-USA-LEARN.

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