

Soundings

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UA faculty approve new union

Faculty members from the University of Alaska campuses voted 382 to 214 to form a new union, United Academics-AAUP/AFT. It will represent about 800 full-time, permanent faculty members throughout the state. About 55 UAS faculty members on the Juneau campus will be in the new union. About 25 UAS faculty members are already represented by the Alaska Community Colleges Federation of Teachers.

Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "The faculty voted to form this new union which is their right to do. This will mean new relationships between administration and faculty. I want them to develop as smoothly as possible, and I want to begin them in the right way."

Lind said he has talked with UAS Faculty Senate President **Rita Dursi Johnson** about the recent vote and the proposed UAS reorganization. "The faculty has invested considerable time in the proposed UAS academic administration reorganization. I asked Rita to work with our administration and legal counsel to review the recommendations for restructuring and identify areas that may be effected by the establishment of the new union. I don't want to delay reorganization of our academic administration."

July 3 B-B-Q on Juneau campus

A campus-wide lunch will be held Wednesday (July 3) under the Mourant Building walkway. "We'll be cleaning out the food service freezers," Activities Director **Tish Griffin** said, "so we'll have everything from steak to hamburger to hot dogs."

Participants are asked to bring side dishes, desserts, or drinks. In addition there will be recognition of the several staff members celebrating 4th of July birthdays.



One of the "experience" options during new student orientation is a four day, guided kayak trip.

First Week student orientation

New student orientation on the Juneau campus will be different this fall. All first time freshmen will be required to take part in a one-day, on-campus orientation August 20 and then choose from two off-campus experience options for the remainder of the week. The new First Week activities are also recommended for all transfer and exchange students.

Option #1 is a wilderness experience in which students will take part in a four day, guided kayak trip north of Juneau. During the day they'll be looking for sea mammals, exploring shorelines, and hiking. They'll spend the nights camping out on the beach. This option is limited to 12 students and costs \$350.

Option #2 is a challenge experience and takes place on the SAGA ropes course near Amalga Harbor. It's designed to improve teamwork, communications, problem solving and decision making. The various challenges require social, mental, and physical cooperation. Each student chooses their own level of participation. The on-campus portion of this option includes practical information exchanges on topics like computing, healthy lifestyles, the Juneau job market, student exchange programs, etc. Option #2 costs \$70.

What's happening at UAS?

Throw modesty aside and let "Soundings" know what you and others at UAS are doing. Call or contact Scott Foster 465-6530.

Holiday Thursday and Friday

The UAS campuses will be closed July 4 and 5 in observation of the 4th of July holiday.

Food service closed

The Juneau campus food service is closed until the start of fall semester, and the furniture has been removed from the student lounge. Construction of the new facility is scheduled to begin July 8. The remodeling is needed to expand food service to accommodate additional students housed at the new residence hall.

The Food Service coffee machine has been moved to the registration area in the Novatney Building. Cash is required to use the machine.

Bookstore closed

The Juneau bookstore is now closed in the upstairs Mourant building location. The cashier and some bookstore items such as candy, clothing, supplies, and text books for July classes have moved on a temporary basis to room 104 in the Mourant lower level. This temporary situation will continue until the new bookstore is completed in early August. No special orders will be processed until bookstore manager **Linda Snyder** returns near the end of July.

Collective bargaining bill signed

Governor **Tony Knowles** has signed into law the bill implementing the monetary terms of the collective bargaining agreements with the University of Alaska Classified Employee Association and the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers.

The university will now implement the contract provisions for the CEA which includes a \$600 signing bonus, placing employees on the negotiated wage grade schedule and providing annual step movement. The ACCFT faculty union members are to receive a 3% increase that is retroactive for FY96.

Two paychecks

UAS employees can expect two paychecks on July 19 due to the division of the normal pay period by the fiscal year start/end. Despite the two paychecks, the actual earnings should be consistent with normal biweekly-weekly pay rate!

New travel regulations announced

The Business Administration Office has announced that new travel regulations have gone into effect. Copies are available either from department heads or the business office. One change is that those who use overnight lodging will now be reimbursed at the actual cost and per diem will no longer be available for lodging. That means those traveling will be required to turn in receipts for lodging in order to be reimbursed.

Ketchikan campus library proposal moving ahead

The plan for the Ketchikan campus library to be managed by the First City Library System is moving forward according to **Fran Feinerman**, campus director. The Ketchikan public library has returned the proposal to the university. "It looks like a go," Feinerman said.

The new arrangement would result in cost savings to the university, according to Feinerman, and would provide better integrated service to library users throughout Ketchikan.

Art exhibited on Sitka campus

Students attending the Sitka Fine Arts Camp exhibited some of their art in the Sitka campus atrium. The art included paintings, drawings, etchings, handmade paper and collage pieces. More than 100, 5th through 12 grade students from Alaska and the West Coast attended the camp which began in 1973.



Delores Churchill (right) taught Northwest Coast Basketry as one of the UAS summer session classes on the Juneau campus. In addition to classroom work, students like Mary Lou King also gathered spruce roots to use in making baskets.

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Employment changes noted

Several staff changes have taken place on the Juneau campus. They include:

Dee Dawson has transferred from Student Activities and Housing to the Financial Aid office effective 6/17.

Roxanna Felkl has been hired to replace Dawson in Student Activities and Housing effective 7/15. She previously worked in the office in 1991.

Valerie Stearns will be assuming the responsibilities of the Library Serials position on 7/15 after four years of "cheerful & efficient" service in the Chancellor's Office.

Jeanny Wharton will transfer to the Housing Lodge from the Mourant Cafe effective 7/1.

Dr. **Richard Marston** has moved into his Bill Ray Center office in preparation for the summer Juneau Icefield Research Program.

Steven Tada has been hired effective 6/27 as a Drafter to assist in the Facilities, Planning & Construction office.

Speech on Freedom from hunger set

A public presentation will be made on the international organization, Freedom from Hunger, at 9 a.m. on July 9 in the School of Business conference room. **Heidi Kuhn** will speak about the international organization that makes entrepreneurial loans to women in third world countries.

Thanks to math faculty

The Juneau Empire recently printed a Letter to the Editor thanking members of the UAS mathematics department for helping with the second annual Southeast Alaska Calculus Camp held at the Shrine of St. Therese. **Jim Preston** of the JDHS mathematics department praised **Don Greenberg** and **Sigrid Dahlberg** for their "generous donation of time to help run the review session" for 27 advanced placement calculus students. Preston's letter to the editor also said, "A special thank you goes to **Dean Webb**, chairman of the mathematics department, for his invaluable help in providing the university instructors and support for the content of the sessions."

Mail change

Effective July 1, third and fourth class mail was merged and renamed "Standard Mail." Since third and fourth class no longer exists, the proper name to put on packages in that category is standard mail!

Putting calls on hold

During the summer when staff is reduced, it's necessary to put calls on hold more frequently. Don't forget to ask whether the call is a "transfer" before asking "can you hold" and then quickly putting the call on hold.

If the call is a "transfer" it's not possible to go back to the caller and explain, "We were on hold", and it's not an alternative to transfer the call to a line "on hold." Therefore callers think their call has been "lost." Take a moment to ask if the call is a transfer, accept the call, THEN ask the caller if they can hold.

History of UAS buildings

The Whitehead Building, which now houses the computer lab and computer classroom on the top floor and classrooms on the ground level, was completed in 1969 and was the first on the Auke Lake campus. When constructed, the 8,632 square foot building contained administrative offices, the library and four classrooms for the Juneau-Douglas Community College.

The building was dedicated to Dr. **William Whitehead** and his wife **Dorothy** on Dec. 8, 1972. They were both active in Juneau civic and social affairs. Dr. Whitehead earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia. He interned in Seattle and moved to Wrangell in the early 1930s where he met Dorothy. They married and moved to Juneau in 1934 where they lived until his death in 1966. Dr. Whitehead served in the Alaska legislature and was a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.