

Soundings

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Remodel update

We ask for your patience," Housing Director **Tish Griffin** says. "I wish I could give people a firm date. My best guess for opening is around September 25." The delay in arrival of several pieces of equipment had made it difficult to set a firm date for the Mourant Food Service opening. Carpeting is expected late next week.

Until the new Mourant Cafe opens a limited food service is available in the Hendrickson Building. Muffins, bagels, juice, coffee, tea, cider and hot chocolate are available between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. "Mom is volunteering," Griffin said. "She came here for September vacation and ended up working in food service."

The newly remodeled bookstore in the Mourant ground floor is scheduled to open at 10 a.m. Monday in their new facilities. Some books and supplies may still have to be shelved after opening. Staffers describe the bookstore as "a work in progress."



The coffee bar will be one new feature in the Mourant cafe.

Film crew uses Egan Library

A portion of Governor **Tony Knowles** statewide "State of the Child" speech Thursday was taped in Egan Library. Earlier in the week a film crew from the Governor's Office conducted an interview to be inserted into the live broadcast address. Deputy Press Secretary **Claire Richardson** and Special Assistant **Bruce Scandling** interviewed **Floyd Guthrie** who is Family Services Director in Metlakatla. Part of the interview was to be used in the governor's address. Knowles spoke from the UA-Anchorage's distance learning classroom.

Ketchikan receives housing money

The university's statewide system is putting \$15,000 into a housing project at the Ketchikan campus. Campus Director **Fran Feinerman** was notified of the Natural Resources Fund grant by UA President **Jerome Komisar** in late August. The grant will help the college and Ketchikan Housing Inc. (KHI) develop student residences.

The UA money goes into a project start-up account that holds more than \$17,000 raised last May in a KHI fundraising campaign. The corporation and college are looking at undeveloped UA- and borough-owned lots next to the campus and talking to potential builders. They're also still investigating state and federal financing possibilities. The college leased several local housing units this fall to help a few students hard-pressed for homes.

The Ketchikan campus has long sought a way to provide housing for moderate-income students, especially as an attraction for prospective students from outlying communities. The non-profit KHI has college housing as its first project in the tight Ketchikan rental market.

UAS attracts more out-of-state students

A trend toward more students from outside Alaska attending UAS continues on the Juneau campus. This fall semester 30 percent of the first time students enrolled in degree programs came from out-of-state.

"Out-of-state students consider schools all over the country," according to Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford**. "The fact that more are selecting UAS indicates we compare very well." Gifford said students select UAS because of the small size, personal attention, programs, and the Alaska location.

In fall semester 1991, 2 percent of the first-time students enrolled in a degree program were from Outside. The number increased to 10 percent in 1992, 16 percent in 1993, 20 percent in 1994, 25 percent in 1995, and 30 percent this year.

Fall registration figures also show the number of graduates from Juneau Douglas High School who attend UAS remains about the same. "We find historically between 20 and 30 percent of the degree seeking students who enroll for the first time are from JDHS," according to Director of Admissions **Greg Wagner**.

"I think as more Juneau and SE high school seniors recognize how attractive UAS is to students from Outside," Gifford said, "even more will consider the advantages of attending their local university."

HIM developments

Carol Liberty, Health Information Management program director on the Sitka campus, had an article published in the August 1995 issue of Topics in Health Information Management. The article details the UAS/WICHE promotion of the HIM program outside Alaska through the admission of a group of Wyoming students.

Liberty also attended the 12th annual conference on Distance Teaching and Learning held in Madison, Wisconsin in August. Speakers discussed different approaches to "Designing for Active Learning" in distance education. Handouts and reference materials are available by contacting Liberty at her e-mail address: TFCPL

The first Wyoming student graduated from the HIM program in August. **Louise Matteson** completed the program in record time through a combination of courses offered by UAS, the University of Wyoming, and Laramie County Community College. Matteson received economic incentives to complete the HIM program from her employer, Iverson Memorial Hospital.

Record amounts of financial aid provided

Another record amount of financial aid has been provided to UAS students according to **Barbara Carlson Burnett**, director of financial aid.

In FY96 1,278 students on all three UAS campuses received more than \$3.5 million dollars in scholarships, grants, and loans. That compares with \$3.2 million the year before.

The largest amount of financial aid was in the form of loans which must be repaid. However Burnett said 154 students did receive \$238,000 in scholarships.

"More and more people are requiring some kind of financial aid," Burnett said. "Anyone can qualify for a loan, and they're doing it. The amount of financial aid we provide has been going up every year since 1989."

Job evaluation results in November

Final individual results of the UA system wide Job Evaluation Project are expected to be sent to all employees in November. The preliminary results have been approved by campus unit managers.

The Job Evaluation Project was designed to identify and clarify all staff job relationships in the university system which includes about 3,500 non-faculty jobs. Each staff member completed a new Job Evaluation Form which was evaluated by the statewide coordinator.

An administrative procedure for an appeal process is now being drafted. Anyone with comments or suggestions about the process should contact Personnel Director **Tom Dienst** or UAS Staff Council President **Rita Bowen**.

Southeast representatives on the appeal committee will be Dienst and **LeeAnn Pilcher** who is a former member of the job evaluation committee from the Juneau campus.

Juneau campus activities:

Sept. 14: city museum tour at 2 p.m. followed by a gold panning expedition

Sept. 15: Family tidal walk, 8:30 a.m. Pt. Louisa, Auke Rec. campground

Faculty training offered for library database search

Egan library is offering training on a new electronic access product. OCLC FirstSearch provides comprehensive coverage of resources and services including the locations of 30 million books, videos, maps, manuscripts, etc.; abstracting and indexing on articles from 35,000 journals; electronic reference to encyclopedias, phone books, directories, etc.; and current and back issues of journal articles, financial reports, research findings, book reviews, etc.

The library has two months of no-cost trial usage of the FirstSearch databases after which they will have to decide whether to continue the service. Training by a FirstSearch representative will be offered Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon, 2-3 p.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Additional training time is also available. Contact **Anna Salyer** at 465-6515.

Sitka faculty adopted into clan

Jane Curtis and **Keet** (Tlingit for killer whale) **Curtis** were adopted into the Killer Whale Clan in Klukwan during a Potlatch ceremony, on August 31. The Potlatch was an 18 hour memorial ceremony for various family members of the Killer Whale Clan that have died within the last year.

The Curtis' are co-coordinators of the Ayagneq program which is a joint venture between the Sitka Campus and Sheldon Jackson College working to increase Native student retention.

Poetry performance Tuesday

A free performance of contemporary international poetry will be presented Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8 p.m. in Hendrickson Building, room 113 on the Juneau campus. **Fern Dayve**, who is on an Alaska tour, made about 250 performances last year across the country.

Richard Cumming of the Rhode Island School of Design said Dayve's performance "...was an image shattering event—personal, passionate, moving, funny, involving, endearing...everything the living arts experience should be!!"

Dayve's performance is inaugural event in the new Hendrickson theater. A new sound and light system has been added to the room and the ceiling has been painted black. "The room is back to what it was originally designed for," according to Student Activities Director **Tish Griffin**. "We hope to use it for this kind of performance." Dayve's appearance is sponsored by student government and student housing.

Film series starts Sunday

"Toy Story," the first of the Family Film Series, will be shown Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. at Juneau Douglas High School. It's free to all UAS students with student ID and their families. Family entertainment is scheduled for the third Sunday of every month throughout the school year. The Family Film Series is sponsored by UAS, Community Schools, and the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council.

Juneau Calendar

Friday, September 13

- Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Egan Library

Saturday, September 14

- City museum tour at 2 p.m. followed by a gold panning expedition

Sunday, September 15

- Family tidal walk, 8:30 a.m. Pt. Louisa, Auke Rec. campground

Monday, September 16

- UAS Bookstore opens: 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17

- Poetry Reading by Fern Dayve: 8 p.m., HB 113

Monday, September 23

- Training on OCLC FirstSearch: 11 a.m. - Noon, 2-3 p.m., 3:30-4:40 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Egan Library

Icefield side show set

Dick Marsten, visiting professor of geology, will present a slide show on 50 years of the Juneau Icefield Research Program Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Hendrickson Building 113.

Student elections approach

Juneau campus student government election debate takes place Friday, Sept. 20, at noon in Hendrickson Building 110. Elections take place Sept. 23 and 24.

Second edition to printers

Marjorie Fields, professor of education on the Juneau campus, has just sent the manuscript for the second edition of her book on early childhood guidance and discipline to her Prentice Hall publisher. The first edition came out in 1994 and is widely used in teacher education programs around the country.

Whalesong student employees hired

The UAS student newspaper, The Whalesong, has hired its student employees for the 1996-97 academic year. **Annette Nelson-Wright** is the editor. She's a veteran of last year's Whalesong staff and a junior majoring in liberal arts.

Andrea Peria will be the production manager. She's a freshman communications student and has professional experience in layout and design. **Mike Bellevue** will be the advertising manager. He's a senior management student with several years of sales experience.