

Soundings

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New UAS Public Information Officer selected

Chancellor Marshall L. Lind recently announced the appointment of 20-year Juneau resident Scott Foster to the position of public information officer at the University of Alaska Southeast.

"In today's era of declining revenues, it is crucial for UAS to communicate effectively with the public and legislature about the contributions UAS makes to the local community and the state as a whole. The breadth and depth of Scott's experience and his enthusiasm for the job will be terrific assets to UAS," Lind said.

Foster brings a richly diverse background to UAS; most recently he has produced and hosted KTOO's *Rain Country* as well as other television programs and specials. He also writes a monthly outdoor column for the *Juneau Empire*.

Foster moved to Juneau in 1974, after leaving his position as news director for KENI-TV/Radio to serve as Governor Jay Hammond's press secretary.

In 1979, he began a freelance writing career; hundreds of his newspaper and magazine articles have been published over the years.

Foster received both his undergraduate and master's degree from Oregon State University.

Foster's official employment at UAS will start March 6.

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New tuition rates discussed

The Board of Regents discussed tuition options, tuition waivers, and new tuition rates for the 1995-96 academic year Thursday and Friday, Feb. 16-17 in the Treadwell Room at the Baranof Hotel.

Board policy states that tuition would increase next year according to the three-year Higher Education Price Index average from \$67 per credit hour for resident undergraduates, but the consolidated fee cap will still remain in effect (students who take more than 13 credit hours will still pay for only 13 credit hours).

Elimination of the consolidated fee cap could result in about 2.4 million in additional tuition revenues beginning with the 1995-96 academic year. The administration is recommending differential tuition rates and elimination of the consolidated fee.

A differential tuition rate will mean that lower division classes for residents will cost \$69 per credit, and upper division courses will cost \$75 per credit. This measure will help to mitigate the difference in cost between teaching a lower division class and teaching an upper division class.

Other policy changes are also being considered by the board.

UAS Academic Catalog deadline is here!

All schools and departments who want or need to make changes to their section in the academic catalog should submit changes to Amy Carroll by Friday, February 24. Please submit extensive rewrites on disk.

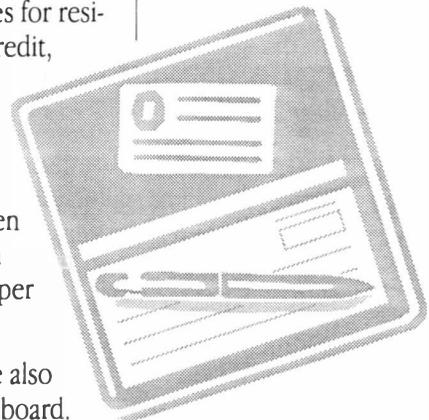
On your mark...

Get set, GO!

Dump Your Plump, a university-wide wellness program is off and running.

On February 21 at noon in the SBPA conference room, all interested persons are invited to watch a video, join a team and set goals.

The first (confidential) weigh-in is March 3, so be prepared! For additional information call Barbara Fosberg at 6467 or Judy Jones at 6353.



Survey response overwhelming

University of Alaska employees all over the state completed and returned their tuition waiver surveys. The results of this survey will be shared at the Board of Regents Human Resource Committee meeting on Feb. 17 by Patty Kastelic, Executive Director of the Statewide Office of Human Resources.

"Here on the Juneau campus we sent out about 110. I thought that if we got back 50 that would be doing great. We got back 98," said Donna Chantry, UA Staff Alliance member.

Response was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the tuition waiver policy alive for employees, their spouses and dependents.

The tuition waiver policy is not currently being considered for elimination. Student leaders have been pressing for changes to this program.

According to Chantry, student leaders are being encouraged to view the policy from the perspective of employees, and this broader view has helped them see the other side of the issue more clearly.

Lost Book Alert

Models of the Oil Market by J. Cremer was special-ordered by the UAS Bookstore for a UAS instructor.

It was signed for by the UAS mail room on November 23 and never made it to the bookstore. If anyone has any knowledge of where this book could be, please contact Linda at 6401.

A new holiday for UAS students

The Board of Regents has declared Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a holiday for UAS students. This policy will go into effect on January 16, 1996. University staff, however, will be expected to show up for a full working day.

Juneau campus closed to the public on March 16

The University of Alaska Southeast will be closed to the public Thursday, March 16 to allow staff to participate in a special staff development program. March 13-17 is spring break for students, so no classes have been canceled. All campus offices, including the library and computer center, will be closed. UAS offices will maintain normal operating hours all other days of spring break.

Changes...

Mathews receives grant

Beth Mathews, associate professor of biology at the School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science, was awarded \$6,950 from the President's Natural Research Fund for her research on "Monitoring Harbor Seals and Northern Sea Lions in Glacier Bay National Park."

Calendar

Thursday and Friday, February 16-17

- *Board of Regents: Baranof Hotel*

Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19

- *Student Legislative Conference: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Mourant Cafeteria*

Tuesday, February 21

- *Dump Your Plump meeting: Noon, SBPA conference room*

Friday, February 24

- *Deadline to get changes to Amy Carroll for new Academic Catalog*

Wednesday, March 1

- *Gold Medal Tournament Open House for prospective students and parents: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Egan Library*

Friday, March 3

- *Staff Development Day Registration forms due to Jan Marie Ferrell in Personnel Services*

Saturday, March 4

- *House Finance subcommittee: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Thursday, March 16

- *UAS Juneau Campus closed for Staff Development Day*

Reminders...

Travel arrangements for Staff Development Day

Ketchikan and Sitka: it's time to start thinking about your travel arrangements for Staff Development Day! Registration packets will be distributed on all three campuses on Friday, February 17. Completed forms should be returned to Jan Marie Ferrell in Personnel Services (Juneau campus) by March 3.

Inlet Salmon gives \$150,000 to UA

Inlet Salmon, a division of Inlet Fisheries, Inc., has made a gift of \$150,000 to support the University of Alaska's programs in Bethel and to establish a scholarship fund for students statewide.

The *Inlet Salmon Kuskokwim Campus Cultural Center Support Fund* will be established with the first \$50,000. This fund will allow the facility to purchase display cases for its museum and furnish and maintain the library and multipurpose portions of the building. The museum portion of the Center opened last summer and is run by the Kuskokwim Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and the Association of Village Council Presidents.

The Kuskokwim campus is of special interest to Inlet Salmon because Bethel is heavily dependent on the fishing industry.

The remaining \$100,000 will go towards establishing the *Inlet Salmon Student Scholarship Fund* for students attending any University of Alaska campus. A selection committee will be looking for students from areas of the state where fishing provides a strong economic base.

Students interested in this scholarship will be able to apply using the process, deadlines, and applications currently in use at each UA campus.

