

Soundings

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Bear facts on registration day

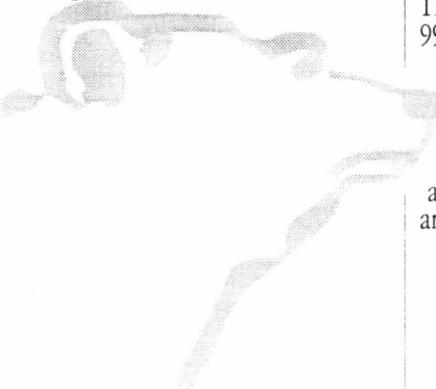
Summer session registration began on the Juneau campus on April 24. By mid morning more than 90 students had signed up. Most took advantage of the early registration for program students, used the phone, or simply came to the registration counter.

One potential student barely made it to registration. A young black bear wandered, snacked and napped on the grassy slopes beneath the chancellor's window.

Like a visiting celebrity, the bear attracted crowds with cameras who watched from the raised walkway connecting the Mourant and Novatney buildings.

The bear was finally chased away with "cracker" shots from physical plant personnel. "Bears aren't that uncommon," according to physical plant director Bob Green. "We have routine sightings throughout the summer on the trail between housing and campus."

Green warns that the bears are wild animals and need to be shown respect and caution. He also asks any bear sightings be reported to the physical plant so they may notify housing and those on campus.



2.5 million sheets of paper...

The Juneau campus used more than 2.5 million sheets of white, letter size paper last year. This year, along with other costs, the price of paper is increasing. There's been a 30 to 40% jump in the past few months alone. The business office asks for paper conservation and reports that along with an increase in the amount the university has to pay for supplies, may come an increase in the cost of paper to university users.

Jerome Edwards memorial and video

Donations are still being accepted for a Jerome Edwards Memorial to be placed on the Juneau campus. Edwards was a UAS Juneau groundskeeper who died in an auto accident April 10.

Checks should be made out to the University of Alaska Foundation with a notation that it's for the Jerome Edwards Memorial. Checks may be brought to the UAS business office or mailed to: UAS, Business Office, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801.

Susan Warner of the media services office videotaped the memorial service held at Chapel by the Lake. The tape has been placed at the Egan Library circulation desk and may be checked out.

FACULTY UPDATE

BIS instructor off to grad school

The Ketchikan campus is losing its instructional technician in Business Information Systems, but UAF is gaining a grad student.

Janine Dorsey leaves her BIS desk after three years to work on a master's degree in northern studies at UAF. Dorsey has a B.A. in education from a Pennsylvania university. Her husband, Capt. Michael Dorsey, is retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard after a three-year stint as commander of Base Ketchikan.

Ketchikan faculty searches progressing

Three candidates for the business administration faculty post at the Ketchikan campus will visit for interviews in early May, and a trio of would-be math/science professors is also due for a springtime fly-in.

A search committee in Ketchikan picked its top three business aspirants from almost 130 applicants. Another panel reviewed about 60 resumes for the math/science faculty position before inviting three candidates for interviews.

The Ketchikan campus will also hire a history/political science faculty member this summer. The weight of nearly 170 applications, however, has kept a review committee from matching the pace of its counterparts.

Play by Sitka faculty member published

A play by assistant professor of English Dr. Bob Mayberry will be published by the University of Nevada Press early this summer. "The Catechism of Patty Reed," focuses on one of the children who survived the ordeal of the Donner Party in the Sierra Nevada mountains during the winter of 1846-47.

The play is included in an anthology entitled, "Lucky 13: Short Plays About Arizona, Nevada and Utah." The collection reflects the nature of the Old and New West, examining the myths of the West which have become part of the American culture.

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Juneau Events

Party on the Patio

An all campus bash, Friday (April 28) at 5:00 p.m. in the Mourant Courtyard. The music is free, but the food will cost \$2.

Black and White Ball

UAS helps present the Black and White Ball at 8:00 p.m. May 6 in Centennial Hall. Ballroom dance lessons will be given at 7:00 p.m. Music is provided by the Juneau Symphony and the Mel Flood Big Band. Those attending must be 21. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple when purchased early. They're \$25 and \$45 at the door.

Sitka News

Sitka naturalist program draws attention

The Sitka Naturalist Program that started this spring has 53 students and is attracting attention from around the state. The certificate program is coordinated by biology instructor Marnie Chapman through the Office of Continuing Education.

The program targets those wanting to learn about Sitka's natural history and is of special interest to teachers and those working in the visitor industry. Class subjects include marine mammals, Russians and the fur trade, seashore life, Tlingit culture and subsistence, birds, forest ecology and the forest industry and more. The class also includes field sessions.

Interest in an expanded program, expressed by Sitka's outreach communities in Southeast, by communities throughout the state, and by teacher groups in the lower 48, has prompted plans for further program development.

Plans for expansion include an Alaska Naturalist Program that would be distance-delivered in SE communities by spring of '96 and also extended to teachers and naturalists from the lower-48 via a condensed one-week program held in Sitka. Plans call for it to be distance-delivered to Alaska communities outside SE beginning in spring '97.

Ketchikan News

Ketchikan housing initiative moving

Volunteers working to build student housing at the Ketchikan campus have a non-profit corporation and the Board of Regents' preliminary OK.

Ketchikan Housing Inc. is following up its conceptual groundbreaking by moving to choose a site and construction method while pursuing financing.

The Regents approved the corporation's low-income housing proposal in concept during their April meeting in Juneau. They agreed to a long-term lease of Ketchikan campus land, subject to Regents' approval of a business plan for the planned facility.

The campus initiated the housing corporation and drew in a number of local professionals and trades people to participate in the non-profit organization. The group aims to build a nine-unit dormitory building and a four-unit apartment building on undeveloped campus land. Total project cost is estimated at \$1.2 million. Financing details are only penciled in so far, but the corporation expects to use grants, loans and perhaps sale of tax credits to float construction expenses.

Although Regents haven't been asked to promise money, their approval was needed for allotting land and staff work to the project.

Those on the Ketchikan campus are hopeful of legislative help, but it may not come this session. A House bill that would allow Alaska Housing Finance Corp. to extend low-interest loans for college housing in Ketchikan and two other UA campuses got the nod in a finance subcommittee, but its Senate twin languishes in four committees near the session's end.

The Ketchikan housing project has been carried by Bill Trudeau, director of student services at Ketchikan campus, and by Carl Kronberg, volunteer housing coordinator.

Calendar

Wednesday, May 3

- Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting: 10 a.m. - Noon, CCR

Friday, May 5

- Faculty Senate: 3 - 5 p.m., CCR
- UAS/JAHC Movie: 3 short films on art and artists: "The Last Night of Rasputin," "Scenes and Songs from Boyd Webb," "A Day on the Grand Canal with the Emperor of China": 7:30 p.m., JDHS, \$6

Friday, May 12

- UAS/JAHC Movie: "Heavenly Creatures": 7:30 p.m., JDHS, \$6

Reminders...

Hours change at Egan Library

Egan Library hours will be extended for each of the next two Saturdays to provide students more time for end-of-semester work. Hours for Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, May 6 will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed all day Tuesday, May 16 for a staff workshop.

Benefit handbooks

The statewide office of Human Resources has announced the new employee benefit handbooks will be available to employees who need them by mid summer. Because of summer break a general distribution of the handbooks will not be made until the fall semester.

Child care registration

Pre registration for child care at the Children's Center on the Juneau campus is now underway for students and continues until June 1. Pre registration for faculty and staff opens June 5. Applications are available at the student activities office or call 465-6528.

The Children's Center is licensed for 25 children. It's open between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Children 3 to 7 years are accepted on either a part time or full time basis. There have been substantial waiting lists in the past.

New testing center service

The Testing Center on the Juneau campus is available for students who have made arrangements with their instructor to take an exam outside of the regular class period.

Instructors must provide enough copies of the exam to meet class needs and other exam details. When completed, the exams will be filed at the Learning Center for the instructor to pick up.

Testing Center hours for the remainder of the spring semester follow:

Monday 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday 9-1 p.m.; Wednesday 4-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday 11:30-3 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

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