

Soundings

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Faculty Convocation set for August 17-18.

All faculty from the three campuses will gather in Juneau August 17th and 18th for convocation. The annual faculty gathering will focus on the regional student assessment program.

The convocation's dates are a change from those listed in the 1994/95 catalog.

Dr. D.W. Farmer, vice president for academic affairs at King's College in Pennsylvania, will be the keynote speaker. Farmer has served as his university's acting president, director of planning, director of the honors program, and chairman of the history department. He is a frequent keynote speaker, presenter, and workshop leader at national meetings for a variety of professional organizations.

The convocation program will include faculty interdisciplinary groups to discuss various issues:

- Competencies and goals in critical and creative thinking, communications, computation, computer literacy, library research, and professional behavior.
- Future directions for curricula and program assessment.
- Integrating competencies and goals into course curricula.

Additional items at convocation will include roundtable discussions on distant learning and instruction, faculty senate and school meetings.

"On a campus of our size, we have golden opportunity to help students practice skills employers say are essential across the curriculum," according to associate professor of English **Don Cecil** who is a member of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Assessment. "The faculty will be working with their own course outlines to find more opportunities that allow students to practice these critical skills."

Convocation participants will be assigned to competency groups based on preference. Assessment materials will be provided in the convocation packet that will be available in the fall.

Gary Bowen interim BPA dean

Chancellor **Marshall Lind** has appointed **Dr. Gary Bowen** interim dean of the School of Business and Public Administration. He has already assumed his new duties.

Lind said, "We will use this next year, while Gary serves as interim dean, to conduct an overall examination of the academic organization of the university. I'm pleased Gary has been willing to accept this added responsibility. His leadership will be crucial as we continue our program assessment."

Bowen will continue his responsibilities as dean of the School of Career Education.

Bowen joined UAS in 1993 after working for nine years at Alaska Pulp Corporation's Sitka mill. He also lectured at the University of Auckland in New Zealand for eight years.

Student housing bids to be opened soon

Bids for the newly authorized UAS student residence hall on the Juneau Campus will be opened on June 1st. "Construction should begin shortly after the opening," according to Chancellor **Marshall Lind**. "We expect to have the dorms ready for students in time for the fall 1996 semester."

To help speed construction, invitations to bid were sent out in early May.

More than 60 people have called asking for the two inch thick specification manual and the project plans.

In the closing days of the session the Alaska Legislature authorized \$1.8 million for a 42 room, 84 student dormitory. The additional costs will be retired through room rents.

Lind said, "We all know the financial constraints the legislature faced. Despite significant obstacles, Senator **Jim Duncan** and Representatives **Kim Elton** and **Caren Robinson** refused to budge on this issue. The fact that the dorms were funded is evidence of their effectiveness and the governor's support. I'm thankful the entire legislature authorized this funding which is a significant contribution to higher education in Southeast and to the economic development of Juneau."

The student residence hall will be built near the existing student housing complex just off the Back Loop Road. Plans call for a three story structure. Each of the 42 student rooms will have two beds, desks, and closets. Each suite of two rooms will share a microwave and refrigerator. Bathrooms will be shared by four students in two adjoining rooms.

In addition to rooms, the residence hall will also include common areas to be used by all students. The first floor will have a study area, computer room, TV room, and laundry. On the second floor there will be a large lobby and community kitchen. The third floor will feature an open balcony that allows views to the second floor and windows facing toward the trees.

Six of the 42 rooms will be handicap accessible.

UAS FACULTY UPDATE

Juneau

Carol Ottesen, associate professor of library science on the Juneau campus, attended the Library Orientation Exchange in Denton, Texas May 5-7. The conference dealt with practical discussion of what's happening in library instruction today. "We don't get a lot of theoretical at this one," according to Ottesen.

SCHOOL OF CAREER EDUCATION

Tom Fulker, visiting instructor of diesel and hydraulics, has accepted a position as chief engineer at Seafood Producers Coop in Sitka. **Chuck Craig**, service manager at NC Machinery, will join UAS this fall to handle teaching duties in the area.

Dick Larson, visiting instructor of welding, has accepted a similar position at Arctic Sivuunmun Iilisagvik College in Barrow.

Elke Brosin, visitor industry coordinator, has returned to Germany where she will work for the Alaska Division of Tourism. A permanent faculty member in this area is now being sought. Applications close June 1.

Jack Anderson, associate professor of construction technology, is still recovering from an illness. **Robert McMahon** has joined the faculty to teach in the area in the meantime. McMahon is working on his masters in vocational education this summer in Anchorage.

Summer plans for other staff include **Arne Lysholm**, assistant professor of automotive/power technology, returning to Norway and **Eric Leegard**, associate professor of marine technology, leaving Juneau June 9 to help bring a sailboat back from Pt. Townsend.

Alaska Management Institute

The third annual Alaska Management Institute has been held on the Juneau campus Wednesday through Friday. Dr. **George Labovitz**, president of Organizational Dynamics, Inc., presented the keynote address on "Making Quality Work".

Louis Weschler, one of the institute seminar leaders, talked to staff before the conference began about "Preserving the human spirit in time of organizational change." A video of his presentation is available. Contact **Karen Cummins** at 465-6402.

Juneau campus

Laraine Derr of Juneau has been hired as assistant to the dean of Business and Public Administration. She will be responsible for the Certified Public Manager Program, Distance Delivery Education for the military, the Management Institute and other duties as assigned. Derr began May 12.

The new assistant worked as deputy and then commissioner of the state Department of Revenue from 1992 to 1994. Derr was also director of business services for the Juneau School District. She has a chemistry degree from Wayne State College in Nebraska.

Institute of Mining Technology

A dozen students, mostly from the McGrath area, are nearing the end of a six week underground mine training class being offered in Juneau by the Institute of Mining Technology in the School of Career Education.

Most are taking the class to qualify for entry level positions underground at the Nixon Fork gold mine near McGrath. Included in the class is the federally mandated Mine Safety and Health Administration training.

Marine Tech Center

The second 30-foot Tlingit racing canoe has been completed at the Marine Technology Center. The fiberglass canoe was built under the direction of Associate Professor **Eric Leegard** and supported by Goldbelt, Inc. and Tlingit Haida Central Council. Some of the canoes are being sold to Native corporations and may be used to help revive canoe racing in Southeast.

The boatyard adjacent to the Marine Tech Center, which is under lease to the City and Borough of Juneau and subleased to an operator, is under new management. **Bill Gasperek**, a partner in Marine Service Inc. and a Marine Technology graduate, started operations in early May.

Russian faculty visit Juneau campus

Five Russian university professors have been on the Juneau campus this week. UAS School of Business and Public Administration was awarded a \$172,000 two year grant by the Agency for International Development to work with the Sakhalin Pedagogical Institute to develop faculty capabilities and understanding in economics and democratic institutions.

The Institute is a medium sized state university that trains high school and college teachers. Sakhalin is a 29,000 square mile island off the east coast of Siberia and is an area of high oil potential in which American oil companies have shown considerable interest.

UAS business faculty members **L.A. Wilson** and **Jim Goes** applied for the grant. "I'm very excited," Goes said. "This is a great opportunity for UAS, Juneau, and the Juneau business community to establish contacts in the Sakhalin area."

Wilson said the Juneau visit is just the beginning of a longer relationship. "I expect to develop joint research projects and cooperative education programs."

Governor and Lt. Governor on Juneau campus

Governor **Tony Knowles** made his second trip to the UAS campus in the past few months to use the two way video conferencing system in the Egan Library. Knowles announced his appointment of **Joe Hayes Jr.**, UAF student body president, as the student representative on the Board of Regents.

Lt. Governor **Fran Ulmer** gave welcoming remarks at the opening of the third annual Alaska Management Institute on Wednesday. It was her second visit to campus in less than a week. Earlier she attended **Jason Ohler's** two hour Intro to the Internet class.

Ketchikan campus

Ketchikan campus director **Fran Feinerman** will be at Harvard this summer taking part in an intensive institute focusing on non-traditional collegians. She is among about 50 people accepted into the Institute for Management of Lifelong Learning in Cambridge, Mass. The two-week series of seminars is conducted by Harvard University's School of Education.

Feinerman said the June institute focuses on innovations in delivery and challenges in management for administrators serving non-traditional college students. Instructors are coming from many states and from overseas. Participants will compare experiences with colleagues from universities and the educational arms of the military, business and non-profits.

Places were awarded by competitive application. A Harvard scholarship and personal funds help to support the professional-development opportunity, said Feinerman.

The Ketchikan campus has hired an interim coordinator of adult professional training to fill in during **Randi Sulkin's** half-year sabbatical.

Gary Turner will handle the career-oriented arm of Continuing Education between August and next February. Turner was executive director of Ketchikan-based Alaskans For Drug-Free Youth for eight months in 1994-95. He previously put in nearly five years in civilian service with the U.S. Air Force at Eielson Air Force Base and at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Turner ran PR and visitor-services programs and taught at the college level during his Air Force stints. He has a master's degree in mass communications.

Sulkin has coordinated adult professional learning in Ketchikan for more than three years. She plans to blend travel and an international community-service project into her unpaid six-month leave.

Two Ketchikan campus students are getting help from visitor-industry business for 1995-96 studies. **Jessica Kissinger**, a second-year student in Visitor Industry Program, received a \$1,500 scholarship from Ketchikan CHARR, an affiliate of the state Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retail Association. She also claimed \$2,000 in scholarship money from the Alaska Visitors Association.

Nicole Brown, a 1995 graduate of Ketchikan High School, won a \$1,500 scholarship from Ketchikan CHARR. She also was awarded the local Al Robertson Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500. Brown plans to earn two-year degrees in VIP and business administration.

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Calendar

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 27, 28, and 29

• Egan Library closed for Memorial Day weekend.

Monday, May 29

• Memorial Day Holiday. All UAS offices will be closed.

Thursday and Friday, June 1-2

• Board of Regents: Fairbanks

Sitka campus

Linda Halfon, associate professor of art on the Sitka campus, has been named to the summer faculty of the Creative Arts Community at Menncha which has been held since 1966 near Portland. Halfon will present a sculpture program in soapstone carving August 6-12. She first participated in the Menncha arts program as a student in 1981.

Award funds campus-wide meeting

A \$3800 award from the Natural Resources Fund Collaborative Program Development helped fund a recent meeting in Sitka of faculty members from campuses around the state. The participants teach in the areas of computer and business information systems as well as office management technology.

UAS participants included **Sharon Crostuck**, **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Tim Fullam** and **Vivian Hegg** from Juneau, **Margaret Lynne** from Ketchikan, and **Kathie Etulain** from Sitka.

Group members presented overviews of their current program designs and discussed local campus issues. Three main areas of work were then identified: consideration of a common designator statewide; a statewide numbering system; and basic issues for developing articulation statewide. Draft recommendations were developed and will be finalized at an October meeting.

UAS Staff Council

Donna Chantry will continue as president of the UAS Staff Council for 1995-96. The action came at the last UAS Classified/APT Staff Council meeting until August. Ballots are being sent to members with nominees for other positions. The positions of secretary and member-at-large are still available. Those with questions should contact Donna at 465-6518.

The University of Alaska Staff Alliance will be working on several issues during the summer. One will deal with personnel policy and regulations on such subjects as employee relations, sexual harassment, and Americans with Disability Act compliance.

In another development, Chantry said a phone tree has been established so that Classified/APT staff may be kept informed as needed during the summer.