

Soundings

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UAS budget cuts

The Board of Regents, at their June meeting, ordered a 1.2% budget reduction for all University of Alaska units.

UAS Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "The reduction will mean \$163,000 less for Southeast. Most of the reduction, \$123,000, will be on the Juneau campus."

The UA chancellors are to report back to the board in August with reduction plans. Lind said the UAS reductions would probably be made by leaving some positions vacant, allowing extended leave-without-pay for some employees, and a "combination of little things." And he said increased enrollment will help.

FY 1996 UAS revenues include \$ 13.4 million in general funds and \$4.1 million in student tuition and fees.

Student applications increase

First time freshman applications for fall 1995 semester are up 23.5% on the Juneau campus over last year at the same time according to **Greg Wagner** campus recruiter. Overall applications are up 17.5% compared to last year. Wagner also said the total current applications for fall are about where applications were on July 7th of last. "We're about a month ahead," he said.

Following are the percentage of total undergraduate applications for some degree programs: Biology 24%, Education 15%, Business Administration 14%, BLA 14%.

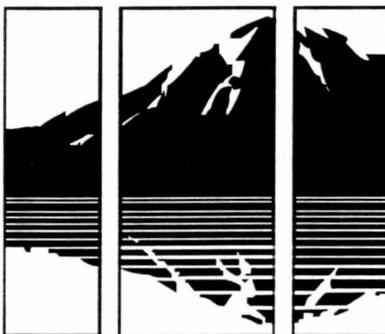
Housing shortage continues

More than 100 people are now on the waiting list for student housing on the Juneau campus. Housing director **Tish Griffin** said letters will soon be sent to prospective students notifying them they are on the housing waiting list.

Some students select universities offering guaranteed housing. Griffin said, "We've always found housing for everyone we can convince to come to Juneau."

Griffin is seeking rooms, apartments and houses that will be available in August when students return to campus. Those with available space should contact the student housing office at 465-6528.

ALASKA EDUCATORS ATTEND ACADEMY AT UAS



More than 250 Alaska educators attended the 10th Annual Academy of Applied Research in Education this week on the Juneau campus.

"The purpose of the academy is to improve the instructional skills of Alaska teachers," according to **Kelly Tonsmeire** director of the Alaska Staff Development Network which organizes and presents professional growth opportunities for teachers and administrators.

Dr. **Nan Stein**, who is nationally recognized in the area of sexual harassment, was the keynote speaker. Stein is director of the Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College. She has appeared on national TV programs such as Oprah Winfrey and Phil Donohoe as well

as ABC, CBS, and NBC morning and evening news programs.

Other featured instructors included Dr. **James Choike**, one of the nation's leading mathematics educators and Dr. **Larry Rainey**, director of a nationally recognized science program.

More than a dozen different classes were taught during the week long Academy on the Juneau campus. They included "Intercultural Communications," "Alaska Studies," "Computing for Educators," "Natural History," "Fostering Resiliency in Children of Alcoholics," "Teaching Social Studies with Technology" and more. Tonsmeire said, "These are all hands-on classes based on effective teaching practices."

BLANKET TOSS

An old tradition took place as part of one of the Academy classes. Students taking the class "Fostering Resiliency in Children of Alcoholics" participated in a blanket toss. **Greg Nostein of Anchorage**, who heads the sobriety movement for the Alaska Federation of Natives, led the blanket toss. He told the educators that the toss helps build trust.

SLOGAN POSTED ON UAS OFFICE WALL

"Children are living messages we send to a time we will not see"

Author unknown.

Physical Plant begins projects

Two projects on the Juneau campus will begin shortly under the direction of the **Bob Green's** Physical Plant. The estimated \$150,000 re-roofing of the marine core facility at the Marine Tech center should begin soon. Bids were scheduled to be opened this week.

A second project involves installing sea water pumps at the Anderson Building on Auke Bay. "After a year's wait we've now taken delivery of \$39,000 worth of sea water pumps," Green said. Installation will take place at a time that adjusts to the work by fisheries researchers from UAS and UAF who use the Anderson Building.

The pumps gather water from the ocean 60 feet below mean low tide and run sea water into the Anderson Building. Green will contract with a local plumber to install the pumps. That's expected to be completed before July 1.

Sitka campus

Sitka open house

An open house will be held at the Career Transition Center on the Sitka campus 3 to 5 p.m. on June 14. The open house is sponsored by UAS, Sitka campus and the state departments of Labor and Community and Regional Affairs.

UAS provided space for the center which has been operating since the closure of the Alaska Pulp Corporation. The center now moves from the campus to the Alaska Employment Services office.

The open house program will celebrate accomplishments of former APC employees, recognize the center's staff, and thank the community for its support.

JDHS Student Recognition Night on Juneau campus

Juneau-Douglas High School students were recognized for their achievement during the school year in ceremonies held in the Egan Library on the Juneau Campus May 31.

"We're trying to recognize unsung heroes and heroines," according to **Sylvia Reynolds**, JDHS assistant principal. Reynolds said, "Holding the annual recognition event on the UAS campus makes it special and gives students and their families a chance to see what's available in their own back yard."

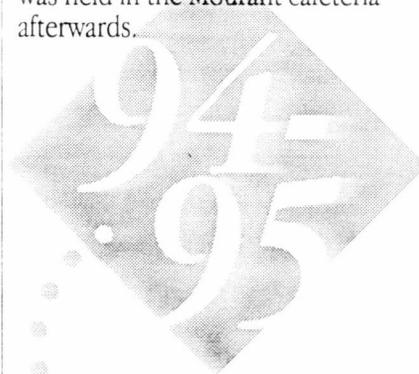
More than a 150 students, parents, and friends attended the recognition night.

JDHS senior **Tiffany Riebe** was awarded a UAS tuition scholarship.

Each month during the school year, JDHS staff honor students who have made significant and positive changes and contributions. Nearly a hundred have been recognized since September.

Reynolds said recognition has gone to students for such achievements as earning local, regional, state and national honors; community service work; making a major change in grades; returning to school and succeeding after having once left; and holding down a job while still doing well in school.

Students and parents were offered guided tours of the campus and a short UAS slide show before the ceremonies began. A reception was held in the Mourant cafeteria afterwards.



Calendar

Wednesday, June 21

- Juneau Campus Council: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., CCR

Flowers of the season

A small display in the Egan Library helped patrons recognize plants currently blooming. Vases at the circulation counter held four different flowers. Small cards identified the plants. Flowers in bloom on the Juneau campus during this week were Large-leaf Avens, Buttercups (both yellow), Chocolate Lily, and the white Bunchberry.

Kayak rentals

Kayaks and canoes are available for reservation in the student activities office on the Juneau campus. They are free between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays for students, faculty, and staff. The boats rent for \$20 a night for overnights and \$60 for weekends.

World without universities?

Software producers could become the biggest competition to universities as courses on videotape and CD-ROM become increasingly popular, according to Stanford University President **Gerhard Casper** in an Associated Press story.

"Software producers may well become competitors of universities," Casper predicted. "Even the corpses needed for anatomical instruction are beginning to be supplanted by 'virtual' corpses. Promotion copy I read recently praised a video dissector because, unlike the actual cadaver, the program can be rewound," he said.

Casper asked his audience to imagine a world without universities. That could happen in the next century, he said, what with government funding cuts and technology making so much information accessible with the tap of a computer key.

"Universities are nearing the completion of their first millennium, and the coming decades may bring more changes than in all of their previous centuries," he said.

Still, Casper said, computers will never be able to offer the social integration and networking that campuses do, and they do not foster the research of ideas that universities can.

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