

Soundings

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Taiwanese study language and culture on Juneau campus

"Clean bathrooms with toilet paper and hot water."

"Respect for traffic laws."

"Animals. A whale, bear, eagles. A mountain goat in Tracy Arm. A baby deer during our Greens Creek tour."

"The variety of people and costumes in the Fourth of July parade."

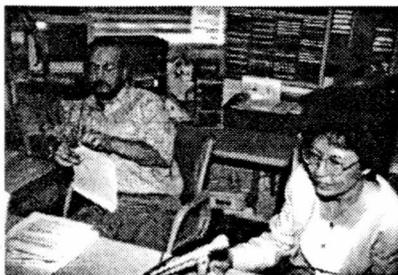
"No air or water pollution."

Those are some of the surprises for a group of seven Taiwanese from Juneau's sister city who are spending a month taking classes at UAS and learning about America during daily excursions. This is the fourth year residents of Chai-Yi City have visited Juneau and UAS.

The six women and one man range in age from 26 to 40. Three are teachers and four work for the city government. Each morning was spent in the classroom.

Visiting assistant professor of Spanish **Alison Talley** coordinated the visit and along with **Mary Soltys** taught classes. "Everyone in Taiwan studies English so they have a good understanding of the grammar, but they have no practice listening to English speakers."

Words like "gonna", "wanna", "hafta"



The Taiwanese answered questions from Pete Carran for an hour on KJNO's "Action Line."



Rafting down the Mendenhall River was just one of the daily excursions

and phrases like "Di ja eat yet?" are hard for them to understand. "It's not important they pronounce things that way," Talley said, "but it is important to hear words that way to make sure they understand what they hear."

Afternoons and evenings were usually spent touring. Since the group's arrival on July 1, they've visited the Mendenhall Glacier, floated down the Mendenhall River, gone to Tracy Arm, the city museum, DIPAC hatchery, Greens Creek mine, the borough assembly, and more.

The Taiwanese stayed in UAS student housing. They split meals between on-campus food, restaurants, and private homes. Some parts of American eating came as a surprise. Things like eating raw rather than cooked vegetables; like having cold or cool parts of a meal such as iced water or salad rather than having every part of the meal, including water, being served warm; and the limited variety of noodles.

"How about pizza?" they were asked.

One big smile appeared. "I like pizza. But I was the only one," one of the group volunteered. "No one else liked French fries. I was the only one."

Although Americans tend to order individual meals, Talley said the Taiwanese prefer family style meals. The Maurant cafeteria staff made special efforts to accommodate that preference and to provide plenty of familiar food like rice and noodles.

Talley said, "The group seemed to feel the schedule was busy, but they appreciated all the events. They told me they would rest when they got back home." The group returns to Chai-Yi City July 28.

Ketchikan hires new faculty

A new professor of history and political science hangs a shingle at the Ketchikan campus in August, and a national faculty exchange program sends a visiting math professor for a one-year appointment.

Eric Karolak takes over the history/political science seat after a year lecturing in the history department at Ohio State University. Karolak holds doctoral and master's degrees in history from Ohio State, both with summa cum laude honors. His assignments at OSU from 1987 to 1994 included teaching history survey courses, advising undergraduate students and supervising graduate teaching associates.

The Ketchikan campus is getting a Karolak package this fall. **Melissa Karolak**, the new professor's wife, will work as an instructor in the Business Information Systems computer lab.

There's a new leader for the math program for 1995-96. **Nancy Siemon** was hired this summer for a one-year term. She was on the roster of a national education exchange program. The Ketchikan campus will reimburse Tompkins Cortland Community College of Ithaca, N.Y., for costs of Siemon's replacement faculty this academic year.

Siemon has been an assistant professor of mathematics at Tompkins Cortland since 1991. She supervised the college's math learning lab, supervised student tutors and advised adjunct math instructors from 1981-91. She has a master's in biology from Loyola University in Chicago.

Ketchikan campus staff say Siemon's husband, an electronics engineer, will teach short courses in the technical-learning program, broadening the array of non-credit Continuing Education in Ketchikan.

Ketchikan receives local support

Community education at Ketchikan campus has another year's help from Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

For the second year in succession, the Borough Assembly fully funded the campus's request for \$105,000 in support. The campus uses the funding for an instructor in the Learning Center, as well as partial support for salaries of coordinators of adult professional learning, technical education and maritime studies.

The assembly also maintained its partial funding of the campus's Economic Development Center, a joint program of the college and the borough's Overall Economic Development Program.

Ketchikan's City Council has approved a request for the campus to utilize an available dock space for its lifeboat. This will facilitate use of the boat in classes. Also, the space is centrally located and highly visible.

The bears are back

More bear sightings have been reported on the Juneau campus. Several young cubs have been seen, but there's also been at least one, large adult seen near the Egan Library. Students and visitors are warned to remain alert.

Physical Plant's **Bob Green** says that whenever bears are sighted student housing and the Department of Fish and Game are notified.

Restructuring Schools Institute to be held

The Alaska Staff Development Network is restructuring a week-long institute that will focus on restructuring schools. It's being held in Eagle River August 7-11 and features nine national presenters and many expert Alaska practitioners. The keynote addresses are open to the public at no charge. Credit is available for participants wanting to attend the entire week. For information contact **Roxy Mourant** 465-8745.

Two paychecks on Friday

Employees should expect to receive two paychecks, or automatic deposits, on July 21. Personnel's **Tom Dienst** says, "Unfortunately your earnings will not double!"

This payday will be for the period of the last week in June and the first week in July. The separate checks are due to the close of one fiscal year and the start of the next.

The single paychecks will resume with the next pay period.

Guest speaker discusses biodiversity

Biodiversity was the subject of a public discussion on the UAS Juneau campus on July 14. **Phil Lambert**, who has been with the Royal BC Museum in Victoria for 22 years and is currently the head of the their invertebrate unit, was supported in part by the School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science.

Lambert presented slides and compared the number of species per degree of latitude for several areas in the world and showed that for several groups, such as sea stars, the Southeast fauna is the richest in the world.

Lambert told the audience that biodiversity exists at three levels—ecosystem, species and genetic. All three kinds of biodiversity are important and, Lambert said, should be preserved.

He said preserving biodiversity helps provide food sources (sea urchins and sea cucumbers) or as a source of antibiotics (many secondary species of algae and invertebrates prevent the overgrowth of fungi and bacteria by secreting potent antibiotics which we can isolate and use).

The talk was illustrated by Lambert's underwater slides of marine invertebrates from the west coast. While he was in town, Lambert went on four dives with **Dick Carlson**, **Don Greenberg** and **Chuck O'Clair** at Auke Bay Lab dock, Indian Cove, the Shrine, and Sunshine Cove.

Lambert is author of "The Sea Stars of British Columbia," a handbook in the Royal BC Museum series, and has nearly completed a companion volume on the sea cucumbers of British Columbia. While here, he collected a specimen of the Pale Cucumaria (*Cucumaria pallida*) which had previously not been collected north of northern BC. Former UAS faculty member **Rita O'Clair** said, "This represents quite a range extension for that species."

Calendar

Wednesday, July 26

- Reception for Taiwanese teachers and city officials: 4:30 p.m., Maurant Cafe

Friday, July 28

- Reception for all UAS M.A.T. and M.Ed. Summer Candidates: 4:30 p.m., Maurant Cafe

Tuesday, August 8

- Groundbreaking Ceremony: 10 a.m., Student Housing

Sitka campus

Sitka campus co-sponsors conference on the elderly

The 1995 Care of the Elderly Conference will be held September 21-23 in Sitka. "Creating Independence" is the theme of the meeting which is designed to educate professional healthcare providers, seniors and caregivers about issues inhibiting independent living among the elderly.

Conference topics include sleep disorders, cross cultural care, depression, exercise and the elderly, anger and aging, intimacy and closeness needs, new approaches to the treatment of dementia, case studies and more.

For information contact the Sitka continuing education office at 747-7763.

"If at first you do succeed—try hard to hide your astonishment."

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