

# Soundings

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## Juneau registration up

Registration for full time students on the Juneau campus is up 15% over last year at the same time.

Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford** said, "We're significantly ahead of where we were last year at this time. We're having a great early registration and if it continues this will be another record year."

On August 1, 1994, 290 full time students had registered. This year 341 were enrolled. Total early registration is also up from a year ago from 578 in 1994 to 601 this year.

The number of part time students registered to date is down slightly from the same time last year from 288 in 1994 to 260 this year. Gifford said, "Although we're down slightly in part time students, we know that will pick up when our fall registration advertising campaign begins in a couple of weeks."

Gifford said the availability of housing is the big unknown about total fall registration. "We don't know how many students who said they'd come to UAS will decide at the last moment not to attend because we can't guarantee housing."

The housing office continues to gather listings of available rooms, apartments and houses and then

matches students with the rentals. "We're encouraging out of state students to arrive in Juneau early," student housing's **Dee Dawson** said. "We show them the list of available housing we've developed and they make contacts."

**UAS still needs housing for Juneau students. Those with rooms, apartments, or homes please contact Student Housing at 465-6528.**

The system is working well for some students. "A mother and her son from Seattle just arrived the other day," Dawson said. "We talked about available locations and they looked at one, fell in love with it and took it on the spot."

Other out of town students have decided to attend UAS and simply hope housing will work out for them. "I just talked to a student from Palmer," Gifford said. "She doesn't know where she's going to live, but the housing office told her they'd do everything they can to help, so she's coming."

*Early registration continues until August 11.*

Early registration closes on August 11. Registration for the fall semester will be held on the Juneau campus August 24-26.



## New student housing groundbreaking ceremony set

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$3.7 million dollar Juneau campus student residence hall will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday (August 8) at the construction site next to the existing student housing.

In a campus memo, Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "I am encouraging university faculty and staff to attend the ceremony as long as essential campus functions are maintained." Invitations have also been extended to state and local officials and educators who will take part in the groundbreaking ceremonies. At the conclusion a public reception will be held in the student housing lodge.

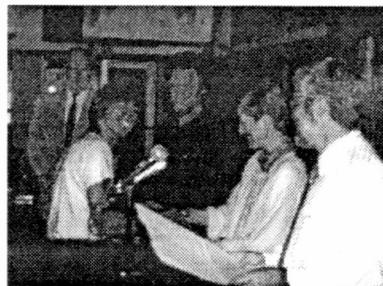
The new student housing complex is expected to be completed for the 1996 fall semester. The 42 room, three-story hall will provide housing for 84 students.

## Ceremonies honor students

The Juneau campus honored 21 students who completed requirements for their masters degrees this summer. Ceremonies took place in the Mourant Cafeteria on Friday, July 28.

**John Pugh**, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Education and Science, said "Fifteen of these students have earned a Master of Art in Teaching degree. They are the first class to complete this intensive one year program."

The Friday ceremonies also honored six others who have completed Masters of Education degrees at the end of this summer session in elementary education, early childhood, educational technology, and educational leadership and policy studies.



*Kathy Obersinner, who has completed work on her Masters in Education, was one of 21 students honored on the Juneau campus.*

## Ketchikan campus staff helps win grant

Ketchikan staff have helped write a successful grant that could mean up to \$450,000 over the next three years to help local science and math teachers. The grant for the competitive Eisenhower funding was written by UAS Ketchikan campus director **Fran Feinerman** and Ketchikan elementary principal **Cindy Middag**.

The grant provides \$120,000 for the first year and may be renewed for two additional years. Feinerman said, "This is the first time the university and the school district have applied for a grant jointly. We were the only new proposal in the state that was funded. Each reviewer put us at the top of their list."

The grant money will be used to improve science and math teaching. Feinerman said, "The problem is that when algebra is introduced it serves as a wall rather than a door. Many students, especially girls and minorities, stop considering careers that depend on math and science."

As part of the grant, Ketchikan teachers will go into the community where science and math play important parts of the daily routine. Then teachers will develop materials for their students that put science and math concepts into concrete settings.

UAS faculty **KaraLynn Crocker-Bedford** will teach a science literacy course for district teachers and will help supervise teacher field placements.

## JUNEAU ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rita Dursi Johnson** is serving as acting library director while **Sherry Taber** is on leave through August 11.

**Alfie Price** is the new admissions clerk. He has been promoted from a student position.

## An Italian sabbatical for Fitzgerald

"The whole place is loaded with history," associate professor of history and geography **Pat Fitzgerald** says. "Walking across Italy is like walking across the history of the western world."

Fitzgerald didn't literally walk across Italy, but he did spend most of his six month sabbatical in different Italian towns.

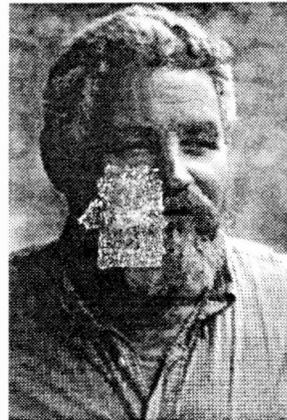
"I was trying to get a sense how that particular society saw their own history and own geography," the Juneau campus faculty member said. "That was the purpose of my sabbatical."

This sabbatical began with a month of intensified Italian language class. "I learned enough to talk about things," Fitzgerald said his conversations were in English and Italian.

Not being fluent in a language eliminates superfluous conversations he said, "We talked about important things. Ideas moved. You can communicate ideas without a lot of words."

Fitzgerald traveled with his wife and daughter. Both, he said, opened up worlds he wouldn't have seen if he'd traveled alone. Although the six months in Italy produced "nothing spectacular" it provided what Fitzgerald was looking for.

"For me to come back and teach students, this is what I wanted," he said. "I think it worked. It was profitable for me."



*Pat Fitzgerald's sabbatical site was Italy*

## New brochure for VIP

The Visitor Industry Program has just received a new promotional brochure. It's four color and has four folds that include a perforated page for those seeking more information.

The cover photo shows a yawning red fox and the words "Wake Up! Alaska's hottest job market is waiting for you." Readers unfolding the VIP brochure learn about the tourism job market, certificates and degrees, program features, subject areas and financial aid. Sprinkled throughout the brochure are supportive quotes from those in the tourist industry and a variety of facts about Southeast tourism.

## Calendar

### Tuesday, August 8

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

### Tuesday, August 15

- Chancellor's Cabinet: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; CCR

### Wednesday, August 16

- Academic Deans and Directors: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., CCR
- Academic Deans and Directors/Assessment Committee/Don Farmer (Convocation speaker): 2-5 p.m., CCR

### Thursday and Friday, August 17-18

- Convocation: Juneau Campus

## Blue Cross

Two newly published Blue Cross booklets listing health care providers are now available for UAS staff. Those listed in the "Directory of Preferred Providers" and the "Directory of Participating Providers" have contracted with Blue Cross to provide health care services.

UAS personnel manager **Tom Dienst** said, "All UAS employees received a copy of these booklets on January 1, 1995 when we changed from Aetna to Blue Cross. These are updated booklets."

On the Juneau campus the booklets are available from the information board in the personnel offices. In Sitka copies are available from **Nicole Rogers**, and in Ketchikan contact **Marcia Yenor**.

Dienst also said, "Utilizing the network providers listed in the two directory booklets is optional, but it saves the university health plan money and saves employee out of pocket cost. Most network providers will also submit our claims electronically as an additional convenience."

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