

Soundings

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Academic Reorganization Roundtables

The director of the Stanford Institute for Higher Education Research, Dr. **William Massy**, will lead a series of workshops on Wed., August 23.

Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "I think it's healthy for us to hear new ideas. Dr. Massy travels all over the world and works with a lot of institutions. He'll present ideas that can have a real value for us."

Massy's visit is a follow up on program assessment recommendations. "He's here now to listen and to absorb," Dean of Academic Affairs **Robbie Stell** said. "After he's been a sponge for two days, we'll talk about issues facing our campus and map out the next step." Massy is scheduled to return in mid October.

"His whole model is working with

faculty," Stell said. "I strongly encourage faculty, directors, counselors, and other staff to attend as many of the roundtables as possible and express their ideas. We must address academic reorganization and we've brought one of the top experts here to help us."

While he's on the Juneau campus, Massy will talk with Sitka and Ketchikan campus directors and their faculty by audio conference.

August 23 (Wednesday) Roundtable Schedule:

- #1 10:00-11:45 a.m. Library 105
- #2 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Library 105
- #3 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Library 105
- #4 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Mourant 106

Roundtable #4 will be an audio conference with Ketchikan and Sitka faculty and academic personnel.

Juneau Racquet Club facilities available

The Juneau campus has reached a new agreement with the Juneau Racquet Club (JRC) for student use of their facilities. The agreement will run from the beginning of school to graduation.

JRC facilities will be free to students taking more than 9 credits. Students must register for a minimum of three credits to qualify for a reduced rate of \$49 per month or \$150 for the semester. There is no reduced fee for faculty or staff, however those who enrolled with the club through the university last year may join the club through Sep-

tember as members at regular rates without paying an initial membership fee.

UAS has had a recreational agreement with JRC since 1981-82. The previous one expired in June. Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford** said, "I'm pleased to be able to finalize this contract because without it recreational options for our students would be severely limited. JRC has facilities to offer that are unavailable at another health club in Juneau. This is the next best thing to having our own recreational facility, which we desperately need."

NEW UAS HIRES:

Juneau Campus:

Kirk McAllister, human resource specialist

Moni Chandy, records and registration record and data clerk

Dawn Groves, visiting instructor in accounting

David Marvel, assistant professor of secondary education

Sitka Campus:

Marilyn Knapp, visiting assistant professor of history

Dennis Girardot, business manager

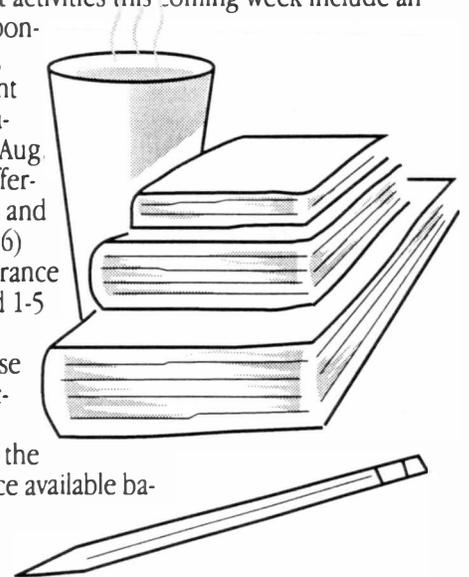
Naomi Fischer, visiting instructor of math

John Carnegie, visiting associate professor of environmental technology

Student Orientation

New student orientation takes place on the Juneau campus Wednesday, August 23. Activities include tours, an introduction to computer facilities, a careers talk, a question and answer panel of students, meetings with faculty, computer seminars, advising and registration. Princess Cruises has donated a tour bus and driver for a free Juneau area tour from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students must make reservations by calling 465-6457.

Other student activities this coming week include an Eagle Beach bonfire (Aug. 22); scavenger hunt (Aug. 24); spaghetti feed, (Aug. 25); three different foot races and dance (Aug. 26) and a Perseverance Trail Hike and 1-5 p.m. whale watching cruise (Aug. 27). Faculty and staff may also take the tour on a space available basis for \$15.



JUNEAU CAMPUS

Staff Appreciation Day

The Chancellor's Staff Appreciation Cookout was held Tuesday. Free hamburgers, drinks and dessert were served to UAS employees.

Counseling

A confidential counseling service will be provided to students enrolled for 3 or more hours. **Karen Forrest** will meet with students. Appointments will be scheduled by **Rita Bowen** (465-6439).

Remember the bookstore

Those adding new classes or section must notify the bookstore about ordering additional books.

10,000 Flowers planting

The campus/community planting will take place in mid-October. Those wishing to contribute to the purchase of bulbs and perennials can make tax deductible checks payable to the UA Foundation and drop them off in the business office.

5th-7th Graders on campus

Young people on campus through Aug. 24 are part of the fifth annual Science and Humanities Institute for Juneau children. The Juneau School District program is paid for by student tuition, bilingual and migrant education funds.

The institute emphasizes hands-on involvement in the marine environment and humanities.

UAS Registration

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Auke Lake Campus

Thursday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Juneau registration Saturday will be on campus unlike previous years when it was located in a mall.

Bill Ray Center

Thursday: 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

SITKA

Began Aug. 17 and continues through the 25th.

KETCHIKAN

Begins Aug. 24.

SITKA CAMPUS

Grants

The UAS Sitka campus has been awarded two grants totaling \$900,000. The \$600,000 National Science Foundation grant is to design and develop a postsecondary environmental technology program for rural Alaskan communities. The three-year project will develop a statewide curriculum which focuses on safe water and sanitation issues.

A \$300,000 U.S. Department of Education grant under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education will be used to develop and implement a model program for recruitment and retention of Alaska Native Students. The project focuses on success factors for Native students during their initial college year and provides intensive orientation, group living, and faculty mentors. A project leader to direct the three-year project will be selected early this fall. The faculty mentor for the 1995-96 student cohort will be Assistant Professor of Art **Linda Halfon**.

Certificates

Twenty four students will complete allied health programs this month. On Aug. 19, 12 students will receive credentials as physician assistants after completing a three-year consortium project by UAS Sitka, the University of Washington, and the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation. An additional 12 students will receive credentials as licensed practical nurses on August 25. They have completed a one-year consortium program offered by UAS Sitka and Weber State University.

Dump your Plump

The wellness program needs an organizer. About 30 people on all campuses were involved in the weight loss/wellness effort, but the leadership has "melted away." Manuals for the program still remain. Anyone willing to serve as organizer for the program going should contact **Karen Cummins** 465-6409.

Calendar

Thursday and Friday, August 17-18

- Convocation: Juneau Campus

Wednesday, August 23

- Roundtable workshops with Dr. William Massey

Bog on Juneau Campus

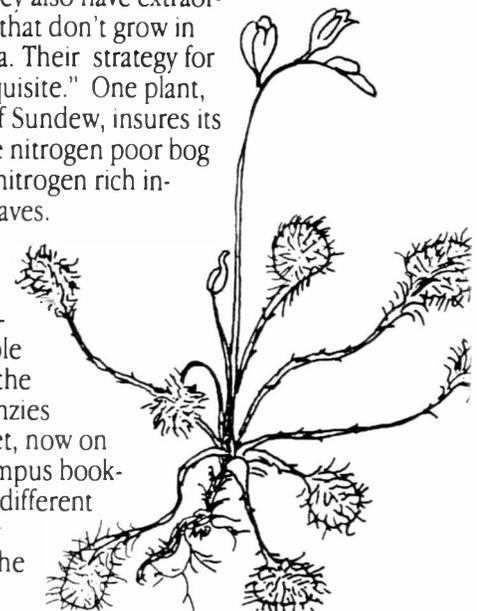
Trail work is beginning to provide access to a Juneau campus bog. The project has been a cooperative project between the Juneau Garden Club and UAS.

"One foot of bog may take a 1,000 years to develop," horticulturist and UAS librarian **Julia Ross** says. "Much of what we know from the last 14,000 years of vegetational history of Southeast Alaska can be derived from the study of bogs. How lucky we are to have one on campus."

The next step for the project will be placing wood chips on the public access trail leading to the bog. "We're looking for brawn," according to **Marie Olson** the garden club coordinator of the bog project. Chips are being provided and help will be needed to spread them along the trail. A specific date hasn't been selected, but those wanting to help may contact Marie Olson at 789-3311.

Ross says bogs act as giant sponges in the damp Southeast climate. "They're very fragile areas that are easily disturbed. They also have extraordinary plants that don't grow in any other area. Their strategy for survival is exquisite." One plant, the Roundleaf Sundew, insures its survival in the nitrogen poor bog by capturing nitrogen rich insects on its leaves.

When the trails are established, visitors will be able to easily visit the Archibald Menzies Bog. A booklet, now on sale in the campus bookstore, lists 36 different plants already identified in the bog and includes descriptions and line drawings of each.



Roundleaf Sundew

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