

# Soundings

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## Job Advantages for completing CPM

The state has endorsed the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program offered by UAS and announced they will give "appropriate weight" to job applicants who have completed the program.

Commissioner of Administration **Mark Boyer** said, "In recognition of the value of the CPM to the state's management team we will develop an appropriate weight for the completion of the CPM when ranking and considering candidates for employment in supervisory and management positions." Boyer explained the state's position in a memo to all state commissioners.

The first group of Juneau residents completed level 1 of the three level CPM program on Sept. 7. The series of one, two and three day seminars and workshops began in January. The first classes for level 2 begin October 14.

CPM is a statewide professional training program to improve management practices. It's administered by UAS and co-sponsored by the Alaska Municipal League. Program director **Laraine Derr** says, "This is a nationally certified program with the goal of making better public managers."

## Early Academic Intervention

After three weeks of classes Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford** says it's time to seek out any students having unusual difficulty in class. "We want to help students before problems become too serious."

Gifford said any faculty members who have students that seem to be having serious problems in class or are missing classes should contact the Student Resource Center (465-6457). Early academic intervention forms will be sent to the faculty in the next few days.

## Registration Figures

Two weeks into the new semester, the Juneau campus set a registration record with 605 full-time students. The previous record of 597 full-time students was set last year.

The total registration for the three UAS campuses on Sept. 13 was 743 full-time and 2,371 part-time students. The total by campus follows:

	Juneau	Ketchikan	Sitka
Full-time	611	60	72
Part-time	1,312	484	575
Total	1,923	544	647

## Mapco grant to help beautify Juneau campus

UAS received a \$10,000 check from MAPCO during ceremonies on the Juneau campus last week. The money will be matched with an equal amount donated from students to beautify a heavily used core campus area and improve the university's art department facilities. Specifically the money will be used to build a shelter over the outdoor kiln near the Hendrickson Annex.

**Jeff Cook**, MAPCO vice president of external affairs, made the presentation. "The real appeal was it was a project that helped beautify the campus, and it had student support," Cook said.

Cook called the grant, "A small first step," and said it was the beginning of a long term relationship between MAPCO Alaska and the University of Alaska Southeast.

## Greek educators in Juneau for exchange

A group of 16 educators from Greece visited Juneau as part of the European Educational Exchange conducted by the UAS's Staff Development Network.

"These exchanges bring teachers with common interests but from different countries together to help enrich programs for their students," according to Staff Development Network director **Kelly Tonsmeire**. During their week in Juneau the Greek educators took classes on the natural history of Southeast, visited schools in Juneau and Kake, and attended a seminar on the Alaska educational system.

Alaska educators, mostly from Juneau, visited Greece in June. Educational exchanges between Alaska educators and those in European countries have been taking place since 1992 in England, France and Italy.

## Greenburg attends weather workshop

South-east's geography makes local weather forecasting as difficult here as any place in the world according to UAS meteorology professor **Don Greenberg**. "It's the tall mountains next to the ocean and the narrow passes leading into the interior."

Greenberg was one of 24 meteorology teachers who learned about the latest advances in weather forecasting at a two week workshop this summer at the National Weather Service's Kansas City training center. "I found out Alaska is ahead of all the rest of the country in weather forecasting in terms of the way they use computers to analyze information," Greenberg said.

He's using the information to teach Fundamentals of Meteorology, a class he last taught in 1978. "Without the workshop I'd be teaching mostly out of a book and the information would be outdated," Greenberg said. Instead he's presenting information about the latest weather satellites, state-of-the-art ground based Doppler radar detectors, and taking field trips to Juneau's automated surface observation station.

Meteorology is a science general education requirement class that satisfies non-lab requirements. "It's a course for anyone who has an interest in the weather," according to Greenberg.

## COMPUTER POETRY

I have a spelling checker,  
It came with my PC;  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Mistakes I cannot see.  
I've run this poem threw it,  
I'm sure your please too no,  
Its letter perfect in it's weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew.  
*Arthur unknown.*  
(Courtesy, **Richard Hacker**)

## Fellowships available

The Ford Foundation is offering predoctoral and dissertation fellowships for minorities. The fellowships amount to \$18,000 a year. To be eligible an applicant must be a U.S. citizen and a member of one of the following minority groups: Alaskan Native, Black/African American, Mexican, Native American Indian, Native Pacific Islander, or Puerto Rican. Applications must be submitted by November 3.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is awarding 80 predoctoral fellowships in biological sciences. This three year award provides an annual stipend for \$14,500 and a \$14,000 annual cost-of-education allowance. The fellowships are intended for students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward M.S., Ph.D. or Sc.D. Applications must be submitted by November 3.

The National Science Foundation visiting professorships for women provides an opportunity for women scientists and engineers to undertake major research at a host institution. Applicants must hold a doctorate in a field of research supported by NSF. About 25 awards will be made with an average award size of \$110,000. Applications must be submitted by November 15.

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program brings over 1,000 faculty and professionals from abroad each year. Lecturers under the program receive financial aid including transportation and a monthly stipend. Some cost sharing by the U.S. host institution is required.

For information on these fellowships and programs contact Dean of Academic Affairs **Robbie Stell** at 465-6472.

### River rafting

A Juneau campus rafting trip on the Mendenhall River takes place Sept. 16.

Tickets should be purchased by Friday in the bookstore. They are \$20 for full-time students and \$35 for general UAS admission. The student activities sponsored event is, according to director **Tish Griffin**, "A great opportunity to experience Juneau a little differently."

### Salmon Bake

An all-you-can-eat salmon feed is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Juneau's Gold Creek Salmon Bake. The event is open to students, faculty and staff. Tickets are

\$10 for full-time students and \$16 for general UAS admission and may be purchased at the bookstore Sept. 18-21 or at the event.

### Tuxedo Junction Nov. 4

Juneau's Evening of Elegance is the theme for this year's Tuxedo Junction. The Juneau campus scholarship event will take place Nov. 4 at Centennial Hall. Two bands will play and a comedian is being hired. In addition there will be a silent auction and a mock casino without prizes.

Juneau staff who want to volunteer to work during Tuxedo on decorations, the casino, or prizes should contact **Tish Griffin** at 465-6529.

### Friday Film Festival starts

"Strawberry & Chocolate" is the first UAS/Juneau Arts and Humanities sponsored Friday film of the season. This tragi-comedy both roundly criticizes and honors Cuban culture and history. It begins at 7:30 on Sept. 15 at JDHS. Admission is \$6.

### Bears reported in Juneau

With spawning salmon in streams, bears have again made their way down from the hills. "There have been reports of sightings near the Egan Library. Officials urge those walking the path between campus and student housing to be cautious and travel in pairs.

### Toastmasters club

There are 7,400 Toastmaster clubs in the world and 25 in Alaska. Some faculty and staff on the Juneau campus have expressed an interest in organizing a UAS club. A minimum of 20 members are needed to charter a club. Those interested may contact **Scott Clark** at 465-6258.

### Storytellers sought

**Brett Dillingham**, an education adjunct faculty member on the Juneau campus, is organizing a storytelling project as part of a statewide Alaska Humanities Forum effort. "I really want people from the university who want to tell a story," he said.

The theme, "Why I Am Here" was selected to encourage stories about Juneau and its residents. The first storytelling event will take place in local schools from Oct. 23-27, and the second will be at the Alaska State Museum Nov. 17-18. For information contact Brett at 586-1643.

## Calendar

### Friday, September 15

- UAS/JAHC film "Strawberry and Chocolate," 7:30 p.m., JDHS, \$6

### Saturday, September 16

- River rafting trip: 10 a.m. Meet at Skater's cabin. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the bookstore. \$20 full-time student, \$35 staff.

### Friday, September 22

- UAS Salmon Bake night: 6 p.m., \$10 full-time students, \$16 faculty and staff. Tickets at bookstore or at time of event.

### Thursday, September 28

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

## Ketchikan campus

Residents of Ketchikan took part in a national teleconference on sustainable community development through Ketchikan campus facilities Wednesday and Thursday. Continuing Education coordinator **Gary Turner** said participants would discuss "...how communities can sustain their economies and overcome problems." Video tapes of the sessions will be available in the Continuing Education office and Ketchikan Public Library.

The Visitor Industry Program in Ketchikan is being reviewed. **Mary Klugherz**, who has taught at the university, is conducting the review which will include curriculum, training, and a survey of Ketchikan businesses to determine what skills employers seek. Campus officials and VIP advisors will meet with VIP director **Lorene Palmer** later this month. Palmer said, "I think this review will be helpful in developing the future of VIP in way that's beneficial to students and the industry."

Welding was a popular class during fall registration. Instructor **Tony Balowski's** welding class has a full enrollment, and **Mel Barron's** aluminum welding course was close to capacity.

The search continues for a business professor. The first review of applications will be made in mid-November.

## Sitka artist speaks at national conference

**Linda Halfon** will be a presenter at the 1995 National Conference of Community College Humanities Association in Washington, D.C. November 9-11. Her presentation, "Transformation: Sculptural Images of Indigenous/Pre-Columbian Societies, is based on her experience as a member of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute in Mexico.

**Correction:** Several alert readers pointed out the mistake in UAS Holiday Schedule printed in the Aug. 31 "Soundings." The Memorial Day holiday will be observed on May 31, not the 13th!

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