

Soundings

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Cross your fingers: Computer labs could be back by next week

UAS computer labs and classrooms - darkened since January 12 by the failure of a two-ton unit designed to protect the system from power fluctuations - may be operating by sometime next week.

When full computer operations resume students, faculty and staff will also once again gain access to Internet information services and electronic mail.

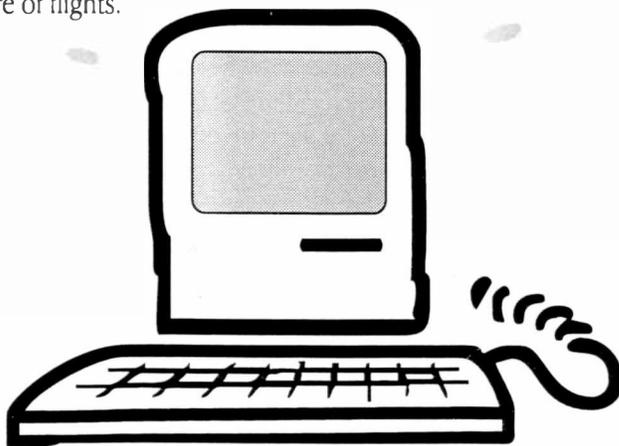
A new "line conditioner" was located on the East Coast and, as of Thursday, had made it to Seattle, according to Dr. Judith Bride, director of computing services. However, weather conditions throughout the country have conspired to delay arrival of the \$30,000 unit. Sub-zero temperatures in the East slowed jet travel and fog in Seattle was delaying the departure of flights.

"I've got my fingers crossed that we'll be up and running by next week," Bride said.

The old line conditioner, installed in 1983, had been targeted for replacement because of its age and deteriorating condition. But the unit failed to operate following the January 12 outage.

The new unit will have an added feature - an uninterruptable power supply that, in the event of an outage, will keep units running for a short period. The new feature will give computer system administrators time to warn users to "save" their work and sign off before the entire system shuts down.

About 90 computers linked to the university's network have been rendered inoperable by the shutdown.



Some good news: Enrollments look good

Spring semester enrollments at the Juneau campus are up about 15% in comparison to spring enrollments in 1993.

Figures obtained Thursday from the Office of Records and Registration show that, as of the close of business on January 19, 488 full-time students and 1,200 part-time students had signed up for classes this semester. That compared to 424 full-timers and 1,044 part-timers at this time one year ago.

Late registration ends today on the Juneau campus.

Enrollment increases at the Juneau campus were part of the discussion Tuesday when the House Finance Committee's University of Alaska Budget Subcommittee reviewed the campus budget at a meeting held on campus. Much of the two-hour meeting included testimony from UAS Juneau students about their experiences on the Juneau campus and their views on academic programs and student life.

The legislature is just beginning its review of the state budget. The University Budget Subcommittee will continue its review of campus budgets throughout the session. The subcommittee is chaired by Rep. Terry Martin of Anchorage.

Meeting scheduled on National Student Exchange

Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend an information session scheduled for January 26 on the National Student Exchange, a new program that will allow UAS students to compliment their studies here with experiences on other campuses.

Applications are available at the Student Resource Center. The information session is scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m., January 26, in the Mourant Lounge.

Anyone who would like more information on the program should call Greg Wagner at 465-6239.

Winterfest set for January 26-30.

How about a quick dip into the January waters of Auke Bay? Or how about harnessing your talent as a human sled dog? Winterfest 94, the UAS winter carnival, is scheduled for January 26-30 and it offers faculty, staff and students the chance to do things they've never done before.

Many of the events are free and many of the competitions offer nice prizes to the winners.

The annual bonfire and ice cream social, perhaps the most popular Winterfest event, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, in front of the Hendrickson Building.



January 26-30 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 26

- Ice/Snow Sculpting Contest
Registration begins
- Ice Skating at Melvin Park
- Ski Tuning Clinic

Thursday, January 27

- Coffee Social and Presentation
- Ice Skating at Melvin Park
- Bonfire and Ice Cream Social
- Southeast Underwater Sealife Slide Show
- Slideshow on Glaciers

Friday, January 28

- Musical entertainment
- Barbeque
- Movie "K2"
- Native Singer/Storyteller Jack Gladstone (JAHG) discount tickets available
- Hot Tub Fiesta

Saturday, January 29

- Kids Winter Fun
- Polar Bear Jump/Swim
- Sled Dog Demonstration and rides for kids
- Tug of War
- Broom Ball Match
- Human Sled Dog Contest
- Eaglecrest Ski Party
- Cabin Fever Dance (Red Cross)
Free admission (dance only) for UAS students w/student I.D.

Sunday, January 30

- All you can eat Pancake Feed
- Judging Snow Sculpture contest
- Golf Tournament

For more details, pick up a brochure or call 465-6528.

Calendar

Friday, January 28

- Curriculum Committee: 3:15 p.m. CCR

Fields publishes new book

Marjorie Fields, UAS professor of early childhood education, has published a new book, "Constructive Guidance and Discipline: Preschool and Primary Education."

The book, available at the UAS bookstore or other local bookstores, was published by Macmillan Publishing Co.

Many Juneau children contributed self-portraits, which were used as chapter "openers" throughout the book. In addition, the cover illustration was done by Tiarra Dean, a student at Harborview School. Local children are also featured in many of the photographs.

Instructor hired to teach power technology

John Griener of Portland, Ore., has been hired as a visiting instructor of power technology at the Juneau campus.

He is teaching diesel mechanics for marine and heavy duty mechanics as well as power hydraulics, marine refrigeration, heavy duty electrical systems, marine auxiliary systems and sanitation equipment.

Griener's professional background includes work as a journeyman operating engineer. He has 12 years of experience with heavy duty and marine equipment. He also taught for 15 years at Oregon Technical Institute, Honolulu Community College and Portland Community College.

His academic background includes an AAS in diesel technology from Oregon Institute of Technology, a BA in industrial arts from California State University at Chico and master's work at the University of Idaho.

Freebies

HANGING FILE FOLDERS: Letter-size. Also, used letter-size file folders in various colors. Contact Elizabeth Hoffman at 465-6425.

GREAT WALL CALENDARS: I've got three, identical, 1994 wall calendars that are too good to be true. They were mailed to my office as a gift from a printing company. If you want one, call John Lindback at 465-6530.

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