

Soundings

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Accreditation team gives UAS a favorable review

A three-member accreditation team from the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges visited UAS campuses October 27-28 and found that "the university had made significant progress since 1989."

In an interim evaluation report received in November the evaluation team wrote that:

- Enrollments have increased.
- There has been a good effort to build upper division and graduate enrollment and the core faculty to serve it.
- Contingency planning and prioritizing are under way in anticipation of reduced state funding.
- Students and faculty are generally satisfied.
- The Sitka and Ketchikan campuses are benefitting from an association with the Juneau campus.

- The Juneau campus is in good physical shape.
- Assessment of educational outcomes has been accepted as an integral part of instruction.
- Progress has been limited due to funding problems but much attention is focused on providing adequate core courses, counseling, advising, classroom space, housing, student recreation activities and well-equipped computer labs and science labs.

One member of the evaluation team, Dr. James Brookes, characterized the Master of Education program offered by UAS to students in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory as strong and "making a valuable contribution to education in the Yukon Territory."

The report will be considered at a December 8 meeting of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges Commission.

New faculty added to marine biology program

The director of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Education Center has been hired as an associate professor of biology for the UAS marine biology program.

Ed Caine, a professor at the University of South Carolina at Beaufort, will join the faculty at the Juneau campus for the Spring 1995 semester.

He holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

He is recognized as an outstanding classroom instructor and has established a distinguished research record on marine crustaceans. He has also held faculty positions at Fairleigh Dickinson University and the University of Tampa.

Have we got a Christmas idea for you!

Need a good gift idea for Christmas? How about giving somebody a UAS sweatshirt and a Student Activities raffle ticket that could yield an Alaska Airlines trip for two to Mexico plus \$2,500 cash? Proceeds from the raffle will go towards UAS scholarships.



Anybody who purchases a \$25 raffle ticket (they're available at the UAS Bookstore and other people are selling them!) can redeem it for a free sweatshirt at the UAS Bookstore. Buy a ticket for yourself. And while you're at it buy one for a friend or loved one. Wrap the ticket and the sweatshirt up for Christmas! The drawing will be held on KINY Radio on New Year's Eve.

Holiday donation drive begins next week

All UAS staff, faculty and students are encouraged to contribute food, used clothing and toys to the annual holiday donation drive for the Glory Hole in Juneau and charities in Sitka and Ketchikan.

On the Auke Lake campus donation boxes will be located in the Chancellor's Office, the second floor of the Novatney Building and the second floor of the Soboleff Building, according to Karen Cummins, who is organizing the drive again this year.

Employees and students are encouraged to go through closets and donate clothes, including blankets and coats. Canned foods or such staples as flour, sugar or rice are welcome along with used toys that are still in good shape.

Delivery of donated items is scheduled for December 21.

Ketchikan, Forest Service team up for stream project

Ketchikan campus is starting a three-year project that uses stream rehabilitation as a learning experience in natural sciences and Native heritage.

Steve Kinney, coordinator of Maritime Studies in Ketchikan, said the U.S. Forest Service approved a \$10,000 grant for first-year action. College students and high school students will work together, with the collegians taking mentoring roles. The teams will first identify needy streams and do baseline

analysis, following up in later years with rehabilitation activities and project assessment.

Kinney said the objectives are to teach natural science and Native heritage while encouraging students to pursue careers in natural resource management. Kinney wrote the grant proposal with Bill Baer of the Forest Service's Ketchikan Ranger District. State, federal and local agencies and an aquaculture association will assist with the project.

Reminders

Before the holiday break...

Don't forget to request annual leave or leave without pay for the dates of December 28 and 29.

Alumni Scholarship Raffle tickets available now

Two Alaska Airlines tickets to anywhere the airline flies and \$1,000 cash serve as the grand prize in this year's Alumni Scholarship Raffle.

Tickets, \$10, can be purchased from Alumni Association board members or at the Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building. The drawing will be held at the Chancellor's Christmas Party, scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 in the Mourant Cafeteria. Alumni board members are Marylou Purvis, Valerie Brodigin, Stella Fullam, Diana Cote, Rosemary Hagevig, Ken Hutchinson, Laraine Derr and Kevin Ferrell.

Art exhibit on display in Egan Library

Don't forget to check out the Student Art Exhibit in the Egan Library. The work on display is outstanding.

Chancellor's holiday party set for Dec. 14

The Chancellor's annual Winter Break Celebration for faculty and staff is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 in the Mourant Cafeteria. In addition to food and refreshments, the Alumni Association is scheduled to conduct the drawing for its scholarship raffle.

Curriculum revisions due before holiday break

Faculty who are pursuing curriculum changes for inclusion in the 1996 UAS Catalog must keep in mind the following deadlines:

December 23: Any curriculum revisions or initiatives must be submitted for consideration by the Academic Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate.

February 15: Curriculum revisions and initiatives must be approved by both the Academic Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate.

Both deadlines are firm and necessary in order to meet the production schedule of the catalog.

Calendar

Tuesday, December 13

- Academic Curriculum Committee: 3 p.m., CCR

Wednesday, December 14

- Chancellor's Christmas Party: 3 - 5 p.m., Mourant Cafeteria. For faculty and staff

Thursday, December 15

- Cabinet Meeting: 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., CCR

Friday, December 16

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

New publication geared towards parents and friends of UAS

A new publication entitled "University of Alaska Southeast *Journal*" has been printed and will be mailed to parents of friends of full-time students at the Juneau campus.

The publication launches a new effort by the campus to communicate more with parents of younger, full-time students and members of the public who are supporters and advocates in Juneau for the local campus.

The *Journal* will be printed and mailed in conjunction with the twice-a-year mailing of *Alumni News*, a publication geared toward graduates of all UAS campuses. The Office of Information Services will first produce *Alumni News* and then refashion it with some changes in content as the *Journal*.

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A publication for parents and friends of UAS students

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Southwest firms double \$124,000 to UAS

New faculty on board at Juneau campus

Taxable Junction shifts to every-other-year event

We're a good host!

Mathews selected for NMFJ marine mammal review group

Humpback whale meat to be removed and restored

Scholars convene in Juneau for environmental risk conference

Enrollments on the rise again!

Volunteers plant 15,000 More Flowers

Master of Arts in Teaching cohort underway

New 81-bed residence hall planned

The University of Alaska Board of Regents has placed a new 81-bed residence hall at the Juneau campus as the top priority for UAS in the state capital budget for the coming year.

The project is expected to cost about \$3.7 million. UAS is requesting that half of the project cost, about \$1.85 million, be included in the University of Alaska FY96 Capital Improvement Program funded by the legislature. The remaining cost would be funded by revenue bonds that will be repaid from rent receipts.

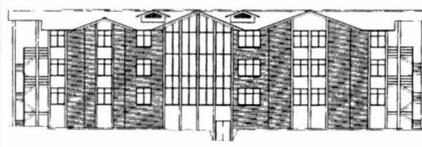
Enrollment trends at UAS have shown a steady increase in traditional full-time students. The increases would have been even greater but some students headed elsewhere because campus housing was full and they couldn't find affordable housing in Juneau.

"We feel that solving the housing shortage at UAS will substantially increase the odds that our growth in full-time students will continue," said Chancellor Marshall Lind.

The proposed new hall would provide a more traditional housing type better suited to the younger student. It would consist of 42 bedrooms, each housing two students except for a single resident adviser bedroom on each floor. Each pair of bedrooms will share a semi-private bathroom.

The existing campus food service operation would need expansion in order to accommodate a full-meal service program.

The existing housing complex at the Juneau campus, completed in 1985, consists of 50 apartments, each capable of housing four students in either single or double bedrooms.



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