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UAS professor Clive Thomas earns Outstanding Contribution Award

Clive Thomas, professor of political science on the Juneau campus, has recently been awarded the Alaska Municipal League's 1991 Outstanding Contribution Award. According to Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League, Scott A. Burgess, the decision to honor Thomas was made by the Board of Directors. The award is given each year to one or two persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of local government in Alaska. Thomas has worked extensively with the Alaska Municipal League and state organizations to provide training for municipal clerks, seminars for newly elected officials, and various other training sessions.

Mourant Building to be dedicated

A dedication ceremony and reception will be held for the Mourant Building on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. Chancellor Lind will open the ceremony at which former Regent Don Abel, Regent Eric Forrer, and Student Government President Joel Hinz will speak. The ceremony and reception are open to the public.

Named for the late Robert Thomas Mourant, the first Student Government President of UAJ and UAA, the Mourant building was funded largely due to Mourant's lobbying efforts. Mourant's involvement with the University of Alaska began at UAA where he lobbied for the funding of the "commons" area and established UAA's first Student Government. Mourant graduated from UAJ with a bachelor's of business administration in 1981, just a few months before he was lost in a private-plane crash.

Paavola accepts proclamation of appreciation

Lee Paavola, Dean of the School of Career and Continuing Education recently accepted a proclamation of appreciation from Mayor Jamie Parsons for the efforts the school has put forth in providing community education to Juneau residents. The proclamation states the Alaska Association of Community Education's recognition of the Juneau Community Schools program. Named Outstanding Program of the Year, the Juneau Community Schools program is comprised of the School of Career and Continuing Education, the Juneau School District and the CBJ Parks and Recreation Department. The Outstanding Program of the Year recognition was given at the Alaska Association of Community Education's annual state conference in September.

Classified Association News

The Classified Association held its December meeting yesterday, the 12th. Unfortunately, even with Sitka participating by audioconference, the group was just short of a quorum; no votes were taken. Encouraging progress has been made on several topics which have been under discussion lately. President Komisar will be on the Juneau campus on February 19 to hold a workshop with all employees and students. He will share his vision for the university as well as his allocation model. Patty Kastelic, of OHR reported that the Leave Share Program for sick leave is close to completion. Job

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UAS Christmas Dinner, tickets on sale

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, or Chicken Dungeness (a boneless breast of chicken stuffed with Alaskan Dungeness crab meat, cream cheese and

asparagus, topped with hollandaise sauce),



that's what participants in the UAS Christmas Dinner will have to decide. The dinner will be held at the Baranof Hotel Banquet Room on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. Both dinners are served with a dinner salad, sourdough rolls, a choice of rice pilaf or baby red potatoes, fresh vegetables, coffee, tea, and free champagne. Appetizers, desserts, and drinks will be charged extra. This will be a chance for employees to visit with each other and enjoy a festive evening of dining and music. Tickets are available now at the Bill Ray Center and the Chancellor's Office, and will be available at the door. All tickets are \$26 each and are refundable.

REMINDER

Paychecks and the next issue of *Soundings* will be mailed on December 26.

Happy Holidays

Writing across the CURRICULUM

Using student writing as a teaching tool in your classes is an efficient way to automatically assess the effectiveness of your own curriculum upon student learning. Plan to attend our next Writing-Across-the-Curriculum workshop, which will focus on ways to efficiently approach the assessment of your students' writing. We will look at various critique sheets, peer critique methods, and scoring rubrics—all designed to reduce your "paper load." This WAC workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 15; mark this date on your calendar and look for a memo in January telling you the time and place.

Food Service will be closed Dec. 23 & 24 as well as during the holiday closure.

Classified continued

Classification Committees are being developed university wide. This is the first step to developing a compensation policy.

Thanks to all of the employees who have donated to the food and clothing collection boxes around campus, many of them are full. The boxes will be taken Dec. 21.

Board of Regents' meetings

The Board of Regents held a regular meeting yesterday and today, December 12-13, in Anchorage. Among topics on the agenda were reports from BOR representatives on the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, and approval of honorary doctoral degrees and meritorious service award recipients for commencement exercises in 1992.

A special meeting of the Board of Regents will be held December 19, on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. The Board will approve schematic designs for the UAA Prince William Sound Community College roof reconstruction project, and the UAA Mining and Petroleum Training Service Fire Training Center lagoon cleanup, as well as Phase I of the UAA East Campus Electric Power Supply.

Make a list and check it twice



The holiday closure is drawing near, but before leaving on the 24th, please double check to see that these few things are in order:

1. All phones in each department should be transferred to the main number for their department.
2. For departments possessing their own answering machine, please make sure the message indicates the closure until January 6.
3. All other departments are urged to transfer the main number for the department to x472 at 5:00 p.m. on the 24th. A machine will advise callers of the closure, no messages will be taken.
4. Please remember to undo the transfer upon returning January 6.

Calendar

December

- 15 Mourant Building Dedication
2:00 p.m., Main level
- 17 Campus Christmas Party
3-5 p.m., Mourant Cafeteria
UAS Christmas Dinner
7:00 p.m., Baranof Hotel
- 18 Last day of instruction
- 23 Grades due (noon)
- 24 Torchlight Parade
Eaglecrest Ski Area

December 25 - January 5

Christmas Closure
All UAS Campuses Closed

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Notes From Personnel



Holiday affects payroll

As the payday scheduled for **Friday, December 27**, occurs during the UAS campus closure, all Juneau Campus payroll checks and pay advise stubs for direct deposits will be mailed to the address printed on the face of the paycheck. Please make sure the address on your check is correct; this is also the address to which your W-2 tax form will be mailed in January.

Health Plan

Effective January 1, 1992, mammography cancer screening benefits will be included in our group health plan. Legislation enabling this addition was passed in September.

Pension Plan

Effective for wages paid January 1, 1992, employer contributions to the University Pension Plan will be increased to 7.65% of salary up to a wage base of \$42,000 for all permanent employees. Changes to pension investments for first quarter 1992 are due in Personnel Services by 5:00 p.m. today (Dec. 13). These changes will be effective January 1, 1992. Listed below are the rates of return for both the fixed and equity funds. These are not annualized. They represent only what has happened during each month.

	Fixed	Equity		Fixed	Equity
April 1991	.65%	.62%	August 1991	.72%	6.23%
May 1991	.65%	1.47%	September 1991	.69%	1.42%
June 1991	.64%	-6.39%	October 1991	*	2.92%
July 1991	.71%	7.99%	November 1991	*	-3.37%

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