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## Woman of Distinction

Soroptomist International of Sitka recently honored Sitka campus director Elaine Sunde as its "Woman of Distinction for 1992." The organization presented Sunde with a plaque and a \$300 donation to the charity of her choice at a June 3 Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In its congratulatory letter to Sunde, Soroptomist International said: "Your work in education, good-will and understanding, human rights/status of women and economic and social development are exemplary for all women in Sitka." Sunde, who spoke at the luncheon on the status of women in the work force, has selected the Girl Scouts of America as beneficiary of the donation.

Soroptomist International is a service organization of business and professional women. The Sitka chapter presents its award once a year, according to Soroptomist president Janet Wilbur.

## Upcoming seminars focus on hiking, camping

Two seminars sponsored by student activities will offer a chance to learn about low-impact camping and the new Juneau area cooperative trail plan. The seminars will be held in the Maurant cafeteria at 7 p.m., June 12 and 13. Everyone is invited, no admission will be charged, and refreshments will be served at each event.

Low-impact camping, June 12, will feature a display by the Foggy Mountain Shop and speakers from Alaska Rainforest Tours and the U.S. Forest Service. Low-impact camping teaches visitors to the outdoors simple ways to make certain their camping trips have as little effect as possible on the environment.



*Although popular with most Americans, Paul Bunyan was not a low-impact camper.*

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## Notes From Personnel



### Pension investment information on the VAX

After a long absence, the month-to-month rates of return for the pension plan can be found on the VAX! To use this information you must have access to ACAD1 on the VAX system. To obtain access contact Computing Services at ext. 452. After you have access to ACAD and are able to log on successfully, you will see a \$ prompt. At the \$ prompt type EXP SYPENSN. The computer will scroll the monthly rates of return on your screen. These rates are not annualized. They represent only what has happened during each month. Annualized rates, like those on your quarterly statements, are based on the beginning and ending values of the institutional investment for a particular period of time. If you have any questions please contact Robin Quinn-Dowling (JNRQD or ext.534).

Current and new pension plan changes are due June 15.

## News Briefs

- A campuswide paperback book exchange is being started in the staff lounge of the Egan Library. Everyone is welcome to come by and pick up a book or drop one off.

- Donna Chantry would like to thank everyone who has sent her get well cards and flowers during her period of recovery at home. Everyone's thoughts and concerns have been greatly appreciated.

- The AAAS Arctic Division, Arctic Science Conference, "Environmental Change: Natural and Man-Made," will be held in Valdez, Sept. 8-12. Pre-registration deadline is July 15. The abstract deadline is June 15. For more information about the conference contact Cindy Wilson in Fairbanks at 474-7954 or FAX 474-7290.

- An item in a recent issue of USA Today contrasts the price of attending a four-year public university with the price of housing an inmate in a federal prison for the same amount of time. University: \$23,892. Prison: \$80,288. Conclusion? Not enough administrators at public universities.

- Applications for fall semester are currently up 10 percent from last year.

- A survey of subscribers to Communications Briefings found that 82 percent are influenced in their opinion of a company or organization by the way the phone is answered. Forty-two percent are irritated by automatic phone menus. Twenty-five percent are annoyed when the phone is not answered by the third or fourth ring.

## Ohler, Hacskaylo awarded humanities grants

Two UAS faculty members are involved in separate projects which have recently been awarded funding by the Alaska Humanities Forum. The forum reviewed projects and made awards at its summer meeting in Wasilla, June 5 and 6.

Jason Ohler, assistant professor of education in Juneau, was awarded a grant of \$7,400 for a project he will direct titled "The

Creation of Online Anthropology." Ohler defines online anthropology as "the study of electronic communities in which people gather 'online' through electronic mail, computer conferencing, and other means of computer-mediated communication."

"Millions of people all over the world... are connecting through one of the thousands of access points in a global electronic data network to interact with friends, professional associates, and anyone else with whom they can develop and maintain an often purely electronic relationship," Ohler said in his presentation to the forum. "Thousands of (electronic) conferences exist, dedicated to sharing information about everything from the very technical, like super-computers, to the very personal, like the participants' inner lives."

Ketchikan campus assistant professor of English Chris Hacskaylo is the co-director of a project which was awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Alaska Humanities Forum. That project, sponsored by the Ketchikan Museum Department, is titled "Literature of the Maritime Experience in Southeast Alaska." According to the project proposal, one objective is "to examine our maritime past through the process of reading and discussing together our shared heritage of Native and non-Native oral and written 'texts' about the maritime world." The project will be highlighted by a series of seminars which will explore the maritime literature of Southeast Alaska.

## New alumni officers elected

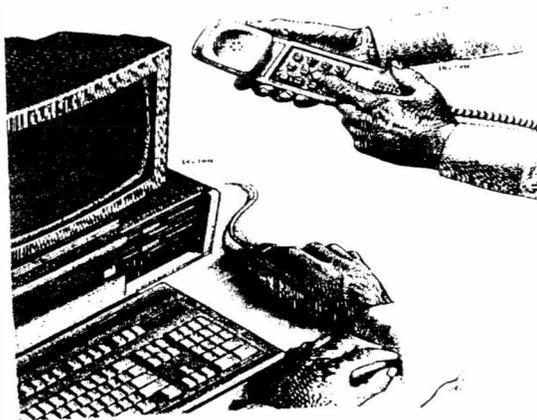
The UAS Alumni Association elected new officers during its June 8, 1992 meeting. Pam Dundy, class of 1989, was elected as president to lead the nine-member board. Dundy received a B.L.A. degree from UAS and is a legislative assistant to Sen. Fred Zharoff. She follows Jerry Burnett, class of 1988, who remains on the board as past president. Dixie Boggs, class of 1989, was elected vice-president. She is the office manager for KINY Associates and holds B.B.A. and A.A. degrees.

Other members of the board include: Beverly K. Dodd; Zrinka Dzinich, '85; Laraine Glenn, '84; Rosemary Hagevig, '83; Mary Lou Purvis, '79; and Valerie Banaszak, '90.

## Accreditation review looks good

A draft of the evaluation visit report made by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges compliments the university on its distance delivery education program. The committee visited four military bases in Alaska where UAS offers B.B.A. and M.P.A. degree programs, as well as the Whitehorse, Yukon site where the M.P.A. is offered.

"UAS is to be commended for recognizing distance learning needs and responding to them in a manner which reflects concern both for quality and for flexibility," the draft says. "The potential for development of substantial programs... offers the possibility of matching format to pedagogy in a way many on-campus faculty at other universities would envy."



## Faculty attending conferences

Don Cecil and Allen Lamb of the Juneau campus writing assessment committee will be traveling to Miami later in June to attend a national writing assessment conference. They will return with information and methods to help further promote writing across the curriculum on all UAS campuses.

Ketchikan office administration program chief Margaret Lynne has been asked to be a member of an accreditation team which will review a Washington state community college in October.

Linda Halfron, assistant professor of art at the Sitka campus, has been selected to chair a session of the College Art Association Annual Conference in February 1993 in Seattle. Her topic will be "Listening to other voices: teaching in remote and culturally diverse communities."

## Camping continued from front

On June 13, Mike Eberhardt, chief ranger of the Southeast region for Alaska State Parks, will speak on the newly published Juneau area cooperative trail plan. For more information about either seminar contact student activities at 789-4528.

## Calendar

### June

- 12** Board of Regents meeting  
Valdez
- 12** Low-impact camping seminar  
7 p.m., Mourant cafeteria
- 13** Juneau trail guide seminar  
7 p.m., Mourant cafeteria

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