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Taiwanese delegation welcomed

A group of seven teachers from Chiayi, Taiwan, Juneau's sister city, were welcomed to Juneau by UAS and city officials at a July 6 reception held at the Student Housing Lodge. The group is in town for four weeks to study American and Alaskan culture as part of an exchange program administered by the School of Career and Continuing Education and the city of Chiayi. This is the third such group to visit from Chiayi in recent years.

Juneau assembly member Karen Robinson attended the event as proxy for Mayor Jamie Parsons. Robinson gave a brief welcome address to the teachers, read a letter from Parsons and presented Juneau lapel pins to each of the Taiwanese. She also presented a souvenir gold pan to the group from Parsons to take back to the mayor of Chiayi.

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Out of the woodwork

Where are all of those UAS alumni? The new Alumni News newsletter hopes to drag a few more out of the woodpile with its slick format and interesting columns. The publication was recently put together by UAS Coordinator of Institutional Development and Alumni Relations J. Allan MacKinnon.

"This is a good way for the university and its alumni to remain in contact," said MacKinnon. "We'll be mailing them out this week."

The Alumni News includes a column found in most any alumni organs: a class notes section. Anyone remember Sonja Johansen who received her MPA from UAS in 1978? She's since received a PhD. in biostatistics from Columbia University and is now involved in medical research in Bronxville, New York.

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Alumni NEWS

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First things...
Welcome and welcome to the first edition of the UAS Alumni News. I'd like to take this opportunity, as the newly elected president of the Alumni Association, to invite all of you readers to join the UAS Alumni Association. One of our goals is to become a strong network for information and assistance to alumni and new graduates. To do this, we need members willing to share their knowledge with other alumni. UAS is steadily growing in size each year and it is our goal to become a viable, active group like other university alumni organizations. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and that you will take a minute to write and let us know what you are doing, or share information regarding other alumni. Since our next newsletter is not due until October, I'd like to take this opportunity to urge all alumni and friends who are or will be in Juneau on Saturday, September 12, 1992, to participate in the annual Wakeover Picnic. We insist in the sponsoring of this event for new and returning students and regardless of whether you are coming out and enjoy the festivities this year. There is lots of food, games, conversation and live music. There's no real alcohol. The students enjoy the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with people who have "been there."

Finally, I would like to welcome our new board member VICTOR SHANZAR, '90, as well as all our returning board members. For further information, please contact me. I'll be glad to help you. Sincerely,
Tom Dineley, '89
President

Southeast residents honored
Two of Southeast Alaska's most distinguished citizens received honorary degrees during the 21st annual University of Alaska Southeast convocation ceremony held May 8 at Juneau's Convention Hall.

Judge Thomas Stewart
Judge Stewart, who also delivered this year's commencement address, has a long record of service to the state. A World War II veteran, he has earned degrees in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University and a Law from Yale Law School following the war. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature and played a key role in Alaska's drive for statehood, serving as Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

Mayor Carl Hennricher
He was elected to the first Alaska State Senate in 1970 and served as judge of the Superior Court from 1974 until 1987. Judge Stewart continues to serve as a member of the Alaska Code Revision Commission and receives the same level respect in many social groups, including UAS.

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News Briefs

Students say farewell at banquet

The summer 1992 Educational Enrichment Program concluded with a banquet in the Maurant cafeteria on July 3. In all, 15 students from around Southeast participated in the program and received certificates from School of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean John Pugh. Tlingit and Haida community member Archie Cavanaugh delivered the opening address at the banquet.

Good news

A few weeks ago, Soundings' inside sources reported that the initial draft of the evaluation being made by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges looked good for UAS' distance delivery education program. Official word from the association confirms the good news. A letter to Chancellor Lind from Joseph A. Malik, executive director of the association's Commission on Colleges, delivered the good word:

"I am pleased to report that the accreditation of the University of Alaska Southeast has been reaffirmed on the basis of the two focused interim reports and visits," Malik said in the letter. "These pertained to the BBA and MPA degree programs and operations at Adak naval Air Station, Fort Greely, Fort Wainwright, and Eileson Air Force Base; and the MPA degree program and operation at Whitehorse."

Congratulations to all who worked hard to insure the success of the program and the accreditation visit.

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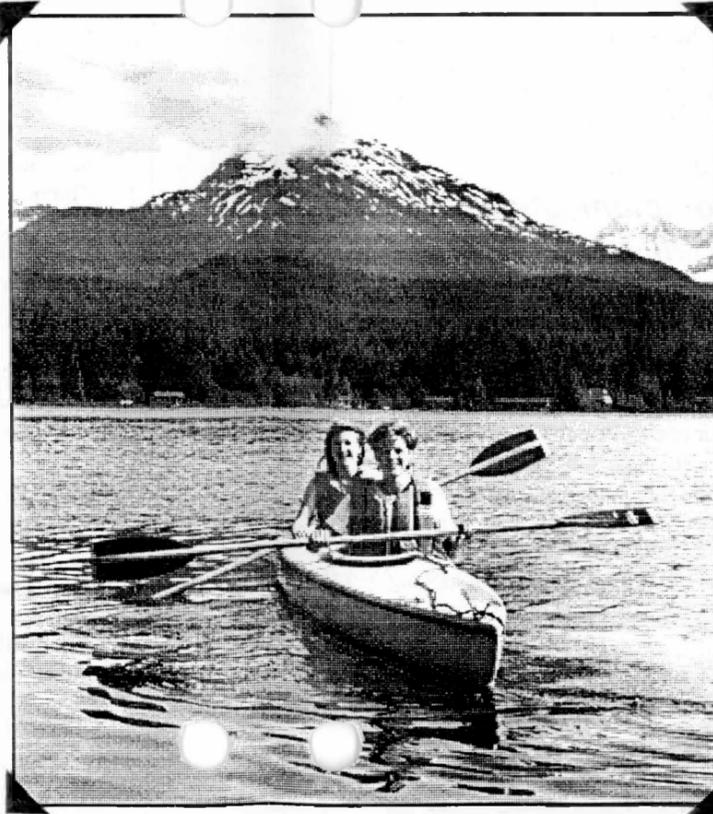


Welcome reception: Hou Shu-Man (Nancy) is one of seven teachers from Taiwan visiting UAS in July.



The serious side: Our recent run of sunshine didn't stop summer classes, as this student's woeful expression illustrates.

Intensity: Todd Turek's raku pottery class has been popular this summer, but raku baseball has yet to catch on.



Water sports: Auke Lake has been filled with kayaks, canoes, jet skis, power boats, float planes, and even a few daring swimmers.

Summer Snapshots from the Juneau campus



In search of the Auke Ness Monster: Professor Art Peterson took advantage of the weather by holding a class on creative fishspeak in the lakeside gazebo.

No, really, it wasn't posed: Several students posed recently for publicity photos atop Thunder Mountain. This photo didn't make the final cut.



Classified Association News

The Classified Association has circulated a survey to its members filled with questions relating to the association in specific, the university in general.

"We're compiling information for our own use to help us improve the association and to help us be better advocates for ourselves," according to Classified Association President Donna Chantry.

The survey went out in June and so far the response has been good. If you haven't returned your survey yet, or if you haven't yet received one, contact Margaret Fenton in the library.

The first Classified Association meeting of the new academic year will be held in August, but the date has not yet been set. Keep checking this space. Plans are also in the works for a September on-site meeting in Sitka. Again, details have to be settled.

"It's pretty slow for us this time of year," said Chantry. "We're involved in the process of evaluating goals for next year and basically just taking stock of our situation."

New statewide public affairs director continued from front

Gov. Jay Hammond, director of communications for Gov. Bill Sheffield and for Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles. From 1970 to 1976, Miller managed public affairs for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for the pre-construction and construction phases of the trans-Alaska pipeline system.

In other activities, Miller helped start the Anchorage Community Mental Health Center in the '70s, and worked with the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women to develop a communications program in 1979. Under two governors he served as Chair of the Alaska State Council on the Arts, and is former president of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.

Taiwanese continued from front

Chancellor Lind also welcomed the group with gifts and a brief address. The Taiwanese in turn presented traditional Chinese paper scrolls to Lind and Robinson and passed out mementos of their hometown to all in attendance. About 60 people were on hand, including a group of Elderhostel visitors.

The teachers, all female, will spend the next month in non-credit classes introducing them to local culture. The city of Chiayi pays for their costs.

"The teachers who are here have gone through a very competitive application process in Chiayi," said Dean of the School of Career and Continuing Education Lee Paavola. "In past years the emphasis of the program we've offered has been English language. But this year it's more of a cultural emphasis."

This year's group is made up of public elementary and middle school teachers, not necessarily English language instructors. The group has already participated in Juneau's Independence Day celebrations and has an outing to Skagway planned. All are outgoing and eager to speak English. They have chosen English names such as "Amy" and "Nancy" in order to make it easier for everyone here at the university to approach them. All are staying in student housing and eating lots of food service meals in the Mourant building.

"Everything has been very nice for us," said Liang Juei-Jen (Kristi), an elementary school teacher. "The people of Juneau are very kind."

After leaving Juneau on July 28, the delegation will make brief visits to Seattle and Toronto before returning home. For each, this is their first experience in the United States.

"We knew about Alaska's climate before we came, but not much else," said Lin Chiao-Sui (Jennie), one of the group's co-leaders. "We are here to learn about many things."

Baby Bits

Elizabeth Hoffman of the Chancellor's Office and her husband Roger had a baby boy born on July 1. Christopher James weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Mother and son are both doing fine.

Julie Leary of the library and her husband David Budbill had a baby boy on July 7. The baby weighed 8 pounds. Mother and son are both fine.

Barbara Burnett and husband Jerry recently completed a lengthy adoption process which began over 17 months ago. Their new son and daughter have finally arrived... from Moldova, part of the former Soviet Union. Anna, 4, and her brother Oleg, 5, got to Juneau on June 12.

"The first few days were sensory overload, but they're adjusting very well," said Barbara. "They're picking up English and understand quite a bit."

Prior to arriving in Juneau, the siblings had been living in an orphanage in Moldova.

Tips from Communications Briefings

- To remind yourself to do something, write a brief note and crumple the paper into a ball. Put the ball in your pocket or purse -- and you'll be sure to remember the task when you empty your pocket or purse.

- To make your business correspondence stand out, handwrite a brief note at the bottom of your letters. Examples: "I enjoyed talking with you." "I appreciate your help." "I'm looking forward to our meeting."

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