

# Soundings

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## Westmark joins Team Tuxedo; Scholarship winner "speechless"

Tuxedo Junction received a boost earlier this week when Westmark Hotels, Inc. of Anchorage agreed to act as corporate sponsor for the event.

As part of the sponsorship agreement, Westmark has pledged \$1,500 in forming the Westmark/Tuxedo Junction Scholarship. In addition, UAS will receive an \$1,800 in-kind donation from Westmark which will be put toward Tuxedo catering costs.

"This is exciting because Westmark Hotels and Tuxedo Junction have had a very positive relationship through catering the event for a number of years," said Tish Griffin, coordinator of this year's Tuxedo Junction. "It's nice to formalize that relationship with a scholarship that will help a student."

The first recipient of the Westmark/Tuxedo Junction Scholarship, also named earlier this week, is Mary McBride, an elementary education major on the Juneau campus currently in her junior year. McBride, who is married and has two children, was stunned upon receiving the news.

"It's wonderful! I'm still in shock," she said.

This year's Tuxedo Junction will be held on November 7 at Centennial Hall. "Elegance and Romance" is the 1992 theme.



## Warren tabbed for state education congress

Dr. Bob Warren, professor of education, has been nominated by a state committee and selected by the National Rural Education Association (NREA) to be one of the representatives of the State on the 1992 National Congress on Rural Education. The Congress, composed of 500 rural civic, education, business and legislative leaders from across the United States, will convene in Traverse City, Mich. on Oct. 11.

The purpose of the Congress is to advance educational excellence in rural America. The Congress will address concerns and issues common to schools in rural and small communities across the country, and work toward formulation of solutions and corresponding position statements that could impact national policy as well as state and federal legislation.

## Student housing also an issue in Sitka

Juneau isn't the only Southeast town looking for new ways to house people. The Sitka campus is currently negotiating with Shee Atika, Inc. for use of at least one floor of rooms in the old Sheffield Inn, which Shee Atika recently acquired.

For several years, conference activity has been hampered in Sitka by high cost of and lack of rooms, particularly during the tourist season. The communities of Southeast have often complained that there is no reasonable housing for traditional students at the Sitka campus and that its availability would better serve the campus and other university units as a feeder for continuing education.

An agreement with Shee Atika will help the Sitka campus house visitors coming to campus for meetings and seminars. UAS will be renting one floor of the hotel for a trial period scheduled to end Dec. 31, 1992. It is hoped that by spring semester 1993 an agreement will have been developed allowing full-time UAS Sitka campus students to be housed in the hotel.

## NEH and Kellogg application deadlines approaching

The deadline for applying for National Endowment of the Humanities 1993 Summer Stipends is Oct. 1, 1992. NEH Summer Stipends provide support for faculty and staff members working on summer research and study projects. Typical grants are for \$4,000.

Each college and university in the United States may nominate three members of its faculty for the Summer Stipends competition. Non-faculty staff members may apply without nomination, provided they are not teaching during the 1992-93 academic year.

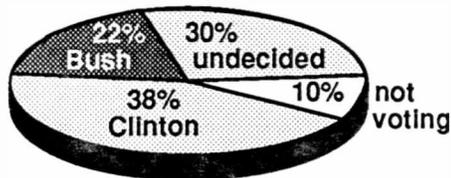
Application packets and nominating information is available from Dean of Academic Affairs Robbie Stell. Applications and information can also be obtained from: National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, Room 316, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington D.C., 20506. Telephone: 202-786-0466.

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The deadline for applying for a three-year Kellogg National Fellowship Program (KNFP) award is Dec. 15, 1992. KNFP began in 1980 with the proposed goal of helping the nation expand its pool of capable leaders. Each year, fellowships are awarded to as

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## Bush lagging in Soundings poll; Voter registration available on campus



The first unofficial Soundings presidential preference poll, with a large but undefinable margin of error, shows saxophonist/governor Bill Clinton 16 percentage points ahead of oil merchant/president George Bush among university staffers. If the election were held today, 38 percent of those at UAS polled said they would vote for Clinton. Bush was favored by 22 percent and 30 percent were still undecided. A courageous and honest 10 percent admitted that they weren't planning to vote, despite the relentless media pressure advising citizens to exercise their democratic right to choose.

In related on-campus general election news, Julie Ross in the Egan Library would like to let all students, staff and faculty know that she is an official voter registrar. If you would like to vote but are not registered, Julie will be happy to register you. She works in the library Sunday through Thursday. Ask for her at the front desk.

Remember, October 4 is the deadline to register for the November 3 general election.

## Public FAX now available

Student Government is happy to announce they now have a FAX machine available to all UAS students, faculty and staff for personal use. The FAX is available during regular Student Government office hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Incoming FAXs are received at no charge. Local outgoing FAXs are \$1. Long-distance FAXs are \$1 per page. The FAX number is 907-789-4358.

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## MIA Pet-tracer in service

In the brave new world of tomorrow, you will no longer be forced to roam the streets on a dark, rainy night calling out "Ginger! Ginger!" at the top of your lungs.

The telecommunications company Sprint and the American Humane Society (AHS) have teamed up to create the Lost-Found Pet Hotline, a 24-hour national hotline and tracking system to report lost dogs and cats. The hotline uses an 800 number, which allows people to report strays to the network. A system scans the entries in the 800 number for findings of lost pets to match queries phoned into a 900 number and then alerts despondent pet owners.

Sprint spokesman Adrian Toader put a big business slant on this problem of finding lost animals: "With Sprint TeleMedia's technology, it is possible for pet owners to locate their lost pet conveniently and cost-effectively with a single phone call."

The 800-755-8111 number is free to the caller. The 900-535-1515 number will cost the caller \$1.95 per minute.



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many as 50 American professionals who show a high level of success and accomplishment in their specific areas of concentration.

UAS Associate Professor of Public Administration Tom Gallagher, currently completing the third year of his Kellogg Fellowship, is a good source of information about the program and says he would be happy to talk to anyone about KNFP.

Information and applications are available by writing to: Kellogg National Fellowship Program, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, P.O. Box 5196, Battle Creek, Mich., 49016. Telephone: 800-367-0873.

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The ARCO foundation awards grants in the areas of public information and environmental programs. ARCO prefers to fund in states where it has operations, such as Alaska. Environmental programs emphasize rational land use and natural resource issues; local environmental educational programs; conservation of lands, wildlife and protection of endangered species; policy studies of risk-assessment and management; conflict-resolution efforts to mediate sensitive environmental issues. Contact ARCO for guidelines at (212) 486-3342.

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## 1992 UAS Employees'

# Benefits Fair

September 30  
2:30 — 5:00 p.m.  
Mourant Cafeteria

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UAS Personnel Services.

Questions? Contact Jan Marie Dell  
(X473 or JNJMD)

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**Please make plans to attend!**