

Soundings

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Rosenthal to solo with National Symphony

Music professor Linda Rosenthal received one of the highest musical honors in the United States when she was selected to perform as a soloist with the National Symphony in Washington D.C. Rosenthal will also perform with the National Symphony when the group tours Alaska in October.

Rosenthal will perform as a solo violinist for performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. on Oct. 1, 2 and 3. That program, conducted by Randall Craig Fleischer, will feature Beethoven's "Triple Concerto" and Copland's "Suite From Billy the Kid."

The National Symphony will then embark on its first-ever tour of Alaska with performances scheduled in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. Juneau performances will be held Oct. 17 in the high school auditorium when Rosenthal will join the symphony to perform "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso" by the French composer Camille Saint-Saens. Other works scheduled for Juneau performances include pieces by Brahms, Hayden and Shostakovich.

For the Alaska tour the symphony will also be joined by the "Alaska Trio," a group made up of three members from the University of Alaska Fairbanks music department.

Board of regents to discuss budget

The UA board of regents will meet in Fairbanks Oct. 1 and 2 to finalize the university's FY94 capital and operating budget proposals that will be submitted to the governor and legislature. The administration has recommended a capital budget request of \$104.8 million and will present the board with operating budget options ranging from \$179.6 million to \$186.7 million. Last year the university received \$166 million in state general funds to help fund a total operating budget of \$353 million. In addition the university received capital funds totaling \$23.4 million.

The board will also hear reports on escalating health-care costs, a proposal to sell a parcel of land in Palmer, intercollegiate athletic programs provided by UAA and UAF, site selection for the construction of the University of Alaska Doyon House, a residence facility for rural Alaska students, status of the Advance College Tuition Program, and an analysis of instructional workloads throughout the system. All meetings are open to the public.

Alum is state's outstanding biology teacher

Announcement of a national award to a born-and-raised Hoonah resident has proven once again that Southeast Alaskans don't have to leave home for a rewarding education and career.

UAS graduate Jeffrey Skaflestad, a biology teacher in Hoonah School District, has been chosen as the 1992 "Alaska Outstanding Biology Teacher" by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) of Reston, Va. Skaflestad, a 1988 graduate of the UAS secondary education credential program, is entering his fifth year of teaching in Hoonah.

Aside from classroom assignments, Skaflestad serves as the chairman of the Hoonah Science Department and organizes an annual science fair at his school. He has been named Hoonah's "Teacher of the Year" for three consecutive years.

Skaflestad will receive an award certificate, a pair of binoculars and \$500 grant to be used to attend the NABT annual conference in Denver in November.

Rural education project underway

The first steps in UAS' rural education grant project were taken in August when project directors met for training and orientation with board members from the two school districts involved in the project. The goal of the project, which was awarded \$405,000 by the Meyer Memorial Trust last June, is to develop and implement a program designed to boost student performance at six of the lowest achieving schools in Alaska. The meetings in Anchorage included officials from Southwest Region Schools and the Yupiit School District.

"We're off to a great start," said project director Kelly Tonsmeire. "The local board members are very enthusiastic about the program. They really see this as a way to pull together isolated pieces they've been working on for years."

According to Tonsmeire, local school administrators are being primed to play major leadership roles in the project.

"One of the main things we're focusing on is the empowerment of each district's local decision-makers," said Tonsmeire. "In order to maintain the program on an on-going basis, we must strengthen the skills of each member of the community."

The next step for the project will take place in early October when project workers from the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory of Portland will spend two days in each school district.

Quote of the week

“ I will offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. ”

- Adlai Stevenson,
campaign speech, 1952

Old books don't die; They just move to Atka

-submitted by Margaret Fenton

Am I right? Weren't you, just last week, thinking, "I know the Egan Library gets new books every year that are new editions of ones already on their shelves. I wonder what they do with the older copy?" Am I right? The answer is recycling. The Egan Library prepares a listing of withdrawn titles and distributes it to various libraries throughout the state. After filling requests from our sister libraries (Ketchikan and Sitka) we then fill requests from the other libraries which respond. The materials are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the past month the library has recycled 237 titles to such places as Pt. Hope, Deering, Wales and Ft. Yukon in the northern part of the state; Haines, Petersburg and Craig in Southeast; Kenai, Cordova, Kasilof and Anchor Point in South Central; Naknek, Aniak and McGrath in the western region; and as far away as Atka which is almost at the end of the Aleutian Chain. We even received a phone call from John Concilus in Atka who told us that it takes about a month for mail to reach them, even longer if the weather does not cooperate. He indicated they were looking for materials on marine biology and ecosystems and we were able to help him get some of the items he needed. He's still trying to figure out why their library has five titles on snowmobile repair when there is not one snowmobile on the island.

Books that are not requested by Alaska libraries are sent to the International Book Project (IBP) in Lexington, Ky. The IBP distributes the materials to Third World countries.

If you would like further information on our recycling program, or have any questions, contact Margaret Fenton in the library at ext. 505.

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Classified Association

Calling all Classified Association members. Join the newly established Classified Association conference on Portacom, the conferencing system on ACAD1, a conference restricted to members of the Classified Association. Anyone wishing to join should contact conference organizer Donna Chantry at ext. 538 or JNDLC. The conference will serve as a place for discussion and exchange of ideas in an on-going discussion format not possible on audioconference.

The Sept. 17 classified meeting in Sitka has been deemed the best meeting yet. Turnout was very good. Open and honest discussion on a number of issues took place. Thanks to all who attended and guests Chancellor Lind, Carol Griffin and Robin Quinn-Dowling.

Donna attended the meeting of the UA general assembly executive committee at UAF on Sept. 30. The agenda included morning meetings with Luis Proenza, acting vice president for academic affairs and research; Bob Miller, director of statewide public affairs; and Patti Kastelic, executive director of the statewide office of human resources.

Old business included the preliminary results of the general assembly legislative candidate survey, a report on the Alaska 2000 education summit, a report on governance input to the Kaludis report, and completion on action of governance restructure. New business included election of officers and participation in planning workshops with members of the board of regents, President Komisar and other guests. Information on topics discussed and outcomes will be available on the statewide general assembly bulletin board on ACAD3 by the end of next week.

Southeast Conference gives support

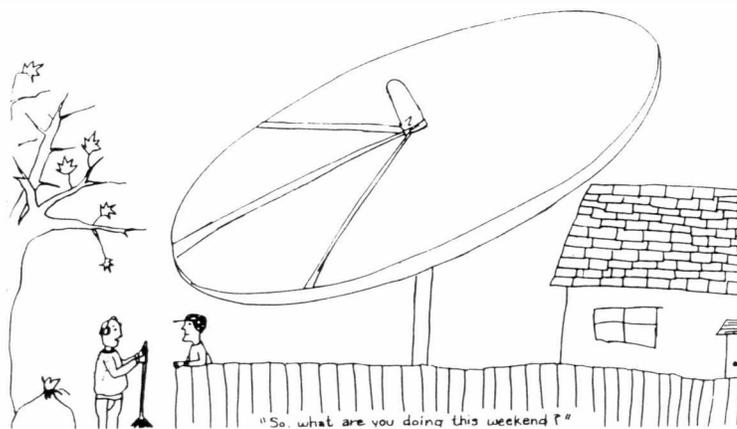
The annual Southeast Conference banquet/auction more than tripled its proceeds for the Southeast Conference Scholarship Fund over last year. The conference, held last week in Sitka, raised over \$3,000 and also passed a resolution calling for adequate funding for UAS.

"The Southeast Conference urges the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature to appropriate the board of regents' request for funding for fiscal year 1994 to the University of Alaska Southeast to continue its mission," the resolution said. UAS was represented at the conference by Chancellor Lind and Director of Development and Alumni Relations J. Allan MacKinnon.

ALCAN celebration set

A reenactment of the official opening of the Alaska Highway in 1942 is scheduled for Nov. 20, 1992 at Soldier's Summit, Kluane Lake, Yukon. Both the American and Canadian military will be involved in the ceremony.

On this, the highway's 50th birthday, the two countries celebrate the international cooperation that made it all happen. Communities along the highway are planning parades, rodeos, festivals and cultural events to honor the vital link between Alaska, the Yukon, British Columbia and the Lower 48.



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