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UAS Budget Picture Nearly Complete

With the adjournment of this year's legislature, the University's budget picture is nearly complete. The Southeast legislative delegation worked hard and very successfully in protecting university interests.

UAS received operating budget increments in outreach, student services (academic advising, student assessment, counseling, health services), institutional research, and financial aid. In the capital budget, UAS received money to complete Phase II of the Juneau Library and to meet fire code requirements on the Ketchikan campus. UAS also received \$150,000 for equipment and books.

While these increments may appear to be increases it looks as though some reworking will have to be done to handle the budget restraints placed on UAS. At this point, no programs are expected to be cut. Although UAS is still in what has been termed a reduction phase, areas that were cut in the past are being reestablished.

Commencement '88 Wrap Up

A total of 162 students were graduated from the University of Alaska Southeast this year: one-hundred-twenty-five at the Juneau campus, twenty-four at the Sitka campus, and 13 at the Ketchikan campus.

Ketchikan's exercises were held May 5, and Erma Mead was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her advocacy of interests that enhance the quality of life in her community and state. Lew Williams, Jr., gave the commencement address.

On May 6, Juneau held its commencement at Centennial Hall where Janie Leask, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, was speaker. Nathan Jackson and Burke Riley were awarded Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degrees. Jackson was honored for his work as a celebrated Alaskan artist and foremost woodcarver in Southeast. Riley was honored for his years of public service to the Territory and State of Alaska.

Sitka's commencement was May 12, at the Westmark Shee Atika. Governor Bill Sheffield was commencement speaker, and two student government spirit awards were given, one to Kelly Lee, a part-time student, and the other to Wendy Sulser, a full-time student.

Circumpolar Ministers of Education in Juneau

On May 16, 17 and 18, a Distance Education Conference of the Circumpolar Ministers of Education was held at UAS. (cont. on back)

IRAC Final Meeting

On May 18 and 19, the Institutional Restructuring Advisory Council (IRAC) met in Juneau at the Auke Lake Campus to review the UAS Level II Task Force on Faculty Integration report. According to Dr. Bev Beeton, UAS Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the substance of the report is final. The report responds in detail to the following task force charges: 1) recommend process for awarding tenure and promotion, 2) recommend opportunities for professional development, 3) recommend workload regarding teaching, research, public service, travel for outreach courses, 4) recommend degree and/or other requirements for future hires, 5) recommend procedures for relocation within the region, and 6) recommend degree requirements for those teaching upper division courses. The report also details UAS Policies and Procedures Regarding Faculty.

Also on the agenda was the Level II Task Force on Student Services Report as amended by IRAC February 18, 1988. The report offers 13 recommendations regarding student services and Appendix I of the report provides a draft of a proposed Student Rights and Responsibilities code designed to serve the new regional Southeast University.

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Anders and Anderson Recipients of Grant

Dr. Gary Anders, UAS

Associate Professor of Economics, and Patrick Anderson, Director of the Alaska Economic Development Center at the UAS School of Business and Public Administration recently coauthored a grant for which they were awarded \$30,000 by the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. The grant money will be used to host an international conference in Juneau on "Northern Economic Development: Issues and Approaches," to be held in the Spring of 1989. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for high level representatives of business, government, and academic institutions from Hokkaido, Japan and Alaska to explain what each group is doing and how they affect each other. According to Anders, who returned to Juneau in February after a year as a Fulbright Lecturer at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, "Hokkaido has faced essentially the same kinds of economic problems that Alaska has, and is coming up with incredible solutions."

Education Ministers (from p.1)

Sponsored by UAS, Alaska State Department of Education, Northwest Regional Education Lab, and the Circumpolar Ministers of Education, the conference was the first in Alaska to address the issues of long distance education. Representatives from Alaska, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Northwest Territories, Yukon Territories and British Columbia were in attendance. Alaska's Commissioner of Education William Demmert led many of the conference agenda items, and Jason Ohler, visiting assistant professor of education with the Office of Continuing Education Technology, organized the conference and made several presentations during the course of the three days.

The first day of the meeting focused on the technical and broader issues of long distance education.

Day two covered the state's unique sponsorship of a long distance delivery correspondence study program. Day three was used to develop a focus project for the group, and to create a network which will be on the McGraw Hill Information Exchange (MIX) Electronic Mail Network so they can share ideas and resources. Next year's conference will be held in the Yukon.

Accreditation Self-Study Process Planned

Recommendations for the self-study process, which precedes accreditation review by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges in September 1989, have been made by the Council of Deans and Directors, and a steering committee structure has been set forth. While a report will be submitted to the NWASC, it is also hoped that, given our work on restructuring, the self-assessment and the setting of future directions will be a very meaningful undertaking. It should provide the institution with an opportunity to communicate internally and externally UAS's mission and objectives for the coming years.

IRAC (from p. 1)

The council approved the report as amended.

A report on UAS development activities was given by Mike Adams, Dean of Graduate Studies and Institutional Development, a report on the UAS FY89 budget was given by John Pugh, Dean of the School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science, and a report on Planning Assumptions for FY90 was given by Brian Rogers, Vice President of Finance, University of Alaska.

Both the Faculty Integration and Student Services reports will be presented to President O'Dowd for his review, and subsequently to the Board of Regents.

This was the final meeting of the Council.

Welcome Aboard

UAS welcomes several new employees:

Ed Bohart, Ketchikan Campus Director. Ed has been coordinator of the University of Alaska Anchorage's Adak Center in Adak since 1983. He begins work at the Ketchikan campus July 1.

DeAnn Wells, Student Housing Manager. DeAnn was manager of family housing resident services at the University of Washington.

Robin Briscoe-Njoroge, Admissions Clerk IV, Admissions and Records (returning employee).

Bernadette Taylor, Clerk Specialist III, Academic Affairs.

Jack Wolever, Assistant Director, Facilities, Planning and Construction (returning employee).

University To Be Closed

The entire University system will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Rotary Offers Scholarships

For the fourth year in a row, the Juneau Rotary Club is offering a minimum of five \$1,000 scholarships to students attending the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus for the 1988-89 academic year. Awards of \$500 each semester will be made to those registered who have a major in an appropriate field.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International offers scholarships to further international understanding and friendly relations among peoples of different countries. For more information on scholarships, contact the UAS Financial Aid Office at 789-4463.

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