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## Longtime Juneau residents will portion of estate to UA

A portion of the estate of longtime Juneauites Bill and Nell Biggs has been given to the University of Alaska to fund scholarships for Juneau residents to attend school in Alaska. This Saturday, July 16, the University will hold an auction of the items at the UAS Marine Tech. Center, across from the Juneau-Douglas High School. Preview of the items will be from 9 to 11 a.m., and the auction will be from 11 a.m. until all items are auctioned. Col. Homer Beedle will be auctioning items including furniture, guns, Elks memorabilia, jewelry, dishes, books, historical photographs, collections, and miscellaneous items from the Biggs household. A catalog of the items is available at the UAS Auke Lake campus and the Bill Ray Center, downtown. Call the UAS Alumni Association at 789-4525 for more information. The terms of the auction are cash and local checks only.

## Future of education in Alaska topic of conference spring of '89

A March 2, 3, and 4, 1989 conference on the future of Alaskan education will be a forum for members of the Alaska K-12 and postsecondary education community to share their unique perspectives toward identifying the current status of Alaskan education, deciding what education must become in our state by the year 2000, and determining what must be done to successfully bring Alaskan education into the 21st century. The UA Assembly, which represents faculty, students, staff and alumni in matters pertaining to the educational purposes, effectiveness and general welfare of the University of Alaska, is sponsoring the conference in Anchorage.

The UA Assembly is using the results of a pre-conference planning survey currently under way to determine the agenda for the conference, and encourages the education community to share their perspectives on the future of Alaskan education at other education meetings between now and the time of the conference, as well as at the conference itself. The survey document has been distributed widely to the K-postsecondary education community throughout the state to provide them an opportunity to participate in planning the conference agenda. Business leaders, government officials and University of Alaska alumni groups are being surveyed this summer.

The conference is endorsed by the University of Alaska Board of Regents and its concept is supported by Alaska's Department of Education Commissioner Bill Demmert. For more information contact Pat Ivey, executive officer of the University of Alaska General Assembly, in Fairbanks at 474-7323.

## UAS Legislative Internship program to receive funds through reappropriations bill

Last week Governor Steve Cowper signed a reappropriations bill that included between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in funds for the UAS Legislative Internship program. The program is designed to provide students who meet the qualifying criteria with the practical experience of working in the legislative setting, and to provide the legislature with the highest quality student help at a minimal cost.

## Committee assembled to look at moves and renovations

Upon completion and occupancy of the new library building at the Juneau campus, space in the Novatney Building will be available for use. A committee is looking into a coordinated scheme of moves and renovations. More on this to come.

## Board of Regents holds special meeting

A motion regarding faculty market compensation was the focus of a special Board of Regents meeting on July 12. The administration has completed an analysis of faculty market compensation using the

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Oklahoma State University Faculty Salary Survey by Discipline and the National Faculty Salary Survey by Discipline and Rank of the College and University Personnel Association and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The motion recommends that: The Board of Regents approves the distribution of \$1.5 million for faculty market compensation adjustments, contingent upon the lapse of an equal amount from the FY88 budget. The distribution of these funds will be as follows:

UAA	\$525,000	35%
UAF	\$925,000	62%
UAS	\$ 50,000	3%

If the lapse falls short of the \$1.5 million, this distribution shall be reduced proportionally in accordance with each institution's lapse.

The principles governing the allocation of these funds within the university are as follows:

- 1) The entire \$1.5 million will be utilized for market salary adjustments for individuals holding faculty rank.
- 2) All disciplines will be adjusted to at least 85 percent of market as determined from the Oklahoma State survey or in the University of Alaska Southeast as determined from the CUPA-AASCU survey.
- 3) No individual salaries currently at or above market may be adjusted with these funds.
- 4) Individual salaries currently below market may not be adjusted above market with these funds.
- 5) Individual salary increases which exceed 20 percent of current salary must be approved by the president.
- 6) No individual faculty member is guaranteed a salary increase.
- 7) Results of the salary distribution will be reported to the Board of Regents.

### Ohler to spend year at Simon Fraser University

Jason Ohler, visiting assistant professor of education at the UAS Juneau campus, will be on leave with-

out pay this year to pursue his Ph.D. in communications at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C.. He will be studying distance education planning. He will also be involved in establishing a 45-nation distance education network comprised of British Commonwealth countries. While in Vancouver Ohler will still be on board at UAS teaching courses via electronic mail and working with the Department of Education's centralized correspondence study.

While enroute to Vancouver Ohler will make a bevy of stops beginning with a weeklong international colloquium for technology and culture at the Virginia Polytechnical Institute. He will present his paper, one of 100 submitted from all over the world, on **Distance Education Comes Home**. Ohler said, "once the networks are in place to service distance learners, the same information will be available to everyone. Suddenly there will be an alternative to the centralized school...it will radically change our priorities for how we use our local schools. It will bring experts from all over the world into the classroom and the home. The importance of the centralized school may become choir, art, sports, and all those things we consider extra today...such as socializing and one-on-one teaching."

From there Ohler will spend three days at Jutland Open University in Aarhus, Denmark meeting informally with top people about the future of distance education.

He then plans to spend the next five days doing much the same at the University of Denmark in Copenhagen.

He will then attend a weeklong international conference on distance education in Oslo, Norway where he will make two presentations; one on distance education as an emerging concept and the other on using electronic mail in correspondence study.

The following four days he will be in Helsinki, Finland to meet with two groups of distance education

officials and to make a presentation on the overview of distance education.

He then goes to Umea, Sweden for three days to meet with distance education officials and to make an informal presentation on the techniques of distance education.

Finally, he will present a paper at the weeklong International Conference on Language Acquisition in Mons, Belgium. His topic will be the dissemination of culture via distance education.

### Endowed Chair in Public Policy brochures available

The William A. Egan Memorial and Endowed Chair in Public Policy was established to prepare an educated and enlightened cadre of future leaders for Alaska. The program of public policy at the University of Alaska Southeast augmented and enhanced by the Egan Endowed Chair will give these new leaders training to enable them to live up to the precedent set by Bill Egan.

The Endowed Chair will bring to Alaska an eminent scholar of international repute, whose residency will include advising state officials on matters of public policy and pursuing research activities that will apply to Alaska's future policy formulation.

Brochures on the Endowed Chair are available at Information Services.

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