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Convocation '88 looks ahead to UAS' future

For two days, August 22 and 23, normal business on UAS campuses will pause as all staff and faculty gather at Juneau's Centennial Hall for Convocation '88. Each year, this event ushers in a new school year, giving university employees a chance to meet and discuss plans for the upcoming academic term. This year, the scope is more far-reaching than ever. Faculty, administrators and staff will look beyond the confines of the 1988/89 scholastic calendar to glimpse where UAS is headed in years to come.

"UAS 2000: Shaping a Perspective" is the name chosen to describe the focus of the program, which includes participants from the greater Southeast economic community who will help us define our role in the region's economy.

Panel discussions on fisheries, forest products, government, mining, tourism, and the nonformal economy are scheduled with industry representatives from those fields. A detailed program will be included in packets to be distributed at convocation to all attendees.

Included in your packets will be a ballot to use in casting your vote for our new logo. Jane Terzis, Bill C. Ray, and John Fehringer have submitted logo designs for your vote. A collection box for the ballots will be at Centennial Hall. Please take the time to vote.

UAS Day and new student orientation coming

A special fall semester UAS Day will be held at the Nugget Mall on Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration information and faculty advisors will be on hand.

Orientation for new students is also planned on August 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with an all-campus barbeque outside the Maurant Building at 4 p.m. Door prizes and free hot dogs are just part of the barbeque's attractions. Many of you have contributed to the door prizes already. The folks at the library have donated a book, the bookstore has given a sweat shirt and conference pad, student services has given a kayak rental, whale key chains and canned salmon, athletics has donated four season passes, and several people have offered luncheon dates. Everyone is encouraged to join the fun and welcome the new students to UAS!

Undergraduate admissions up five percent in '88

A report issued by the UAS Admissions and Records Office indicates that the number of undergraduate admissions processed between January and July, 1988, is up by five percent over the same period in July, 1987.

Beeton Anchorage-bound; bids fond adieu to UAS

Dr. Beverly Beeton, UAS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, has accepted a position as Acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Alaska Anchorage. More than 120 friends and colleagues bid farewell and best wishes to Beeton at a reception for her on Thursday evening, Aug. 11 at the Student Housing Lodge in Juneau.

In a memo to UAS faculty, staff, and students, Beeton said, "I leave my position at UAS with some reluctance, many fine memories, and confidence that UAS has a bright future."

Dr. Beeton has offered her assistance to Chancellor Lind as an advisor on UAS projects such as accreditation. Her departure marks the end of more than five years as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in Juneau.

Have you heard of the University of Alaska Press?

The University of Alaska Press is alive and well, and has recently published a summer catalog. They will soon publish a fall catalog as well. Contact the press at 474-6389, Signers' Hall, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-1580.

Apple and IBM show their wares on campus

Representatives of both IBM and Apple computers will be on campus to demonstrate their computers' capabilities on Monday, August 29.

Bev Valdes, systems engineer with Apple Computers in Anchorage, will be available to answer questions in the morning by appointment, and on a walk-in basis in the afternoon. To arrange an appointment, call Janice McLean in the Microcomputer Lab, ext. 521.

IBM's representative, Bob Howard of Fairbanks, will also be on hand. Both IBM and Apple will have displays set up in the Mourant Building on Aug. 29.

O'Clair journeys to Africa

Rita O'Clair, associate professor of biology on the Juneau campus, recently returned from a three-week tour of Kenya and Tanzania where she studied natural history.

She plans to translate the experience into a public lecture later this year, with the U.S. Forest Service or the Audobon Society. Watch for details.

Smith to join staff of Center for Fisheries and Ocean Science

While Ole Mathisen fulfills the terms of his Fulbright Scholarship in Malaysia, Tom Smith will be here in Juneau to keep business running smoothly at the Center for Fisheries and Ocean Science.

Smith comes to Juneau from the Seward Marine Center, where he has been superintendent for the past year. He retired from service in the Coast Guard two years ago. His education includes a Bachelor's degree in Marine Science and a Master's in Computer Science.

Q & A

Well, we didn't get any questions so of course we haven't any answers. So come on, isn't there a can of worms out there somewhere worth opening? You may send plain old observations as well...to Q & A, care of Information Services.

Scholarly Exchange with China seeks nominees

American nominees are sought for three programs offering study and research opportunities in China. The Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China announces grants for short-term academic visits, graduate study/dissertation research, and post-doctoral research.

The program offers support to scholars and advanced graduate students to visit China and to Chinese scholars to visit the United States in pursuit of research projects in a variety of disciplines. For application material and information, write to: CSCPRC, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418.

Otteson Coordinates Library Conference

UAS Public Service Librarian Carol Ottesen is the coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Library Association conference in Juneau this week. More than 230 librarians from the Pacific Northwest region (Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia) are in Juneau to compare notes and learn more about the latest in library science.

The conference began Aug. 10 and continues through today.

Financial planning made easier by Social Security payment estimates

Workers can now estimate their post-retirement income more easily since the Social Security Administration released its new "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements." The statements are available free to anyone who has paid social security taxes by calling 1-800-937-2000 to request form SSA-7004.

Thought for the day:

"The routine takes a while; the impossible we do everyday."

Ben Romzek

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