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Bigger and better

It's a new look for *Soundings*. The idea is to expand the newsletter so that it brings you more news as well as a greater variety of news. All the news that fits, we print...er that's...all the news that's fit to print. Anyway, your input is welcome; that means you can criticize, commend or (horrors) even send in information items.

Eric Forrer: a non-traditional Alaskan

Donned in chamois shirt and work pants, Eric Forrer exudes the role as a UA regent for which he was chosen by Governor Cowper: one who is sensitive to both the needs of rural Alaskans and those seeking non-traditional education. His manner is thoughtful and his background and education is as varied as it is non-traditional.

He received his high school education as a correspondent student through the University of Nebraska. Both his parents taught at rural schools in Arizona, New Mexico, and Alaska. A resident of Alaska since 1962, he has lived in the Lower Yukon, the Lower Kuskokwim, Fairbanks, Southeast, Kodiak, and Kenai. He majored in math at the University of British Columbia and spent a year in school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Since 1975 he has worked in the building trades including work as a contractor and owner of a custom cabinetry shop. He still fishes commercially for halibut.

While in Juneau to attend the first meeting of the UAS Regional Council, Forrer said during an interview he believes the single most important thing the State can invest in is education. He thinks the role of UAS should increase to some extent as a percentage of the whole (the statewide system) but primarily to keep pace with increasing demands of industry, the population, and government.

He views his appointment in a very down-to-earth manner: as a tool to get things done, not a prestigious feather in his cap. He said he is pleased with his appointment because it gives him a sense of investing in the State; a sense of commitment to it.

Summer Sessions Update

In response to a survey of students conducted by student government, six general education requirement classes and one computer information system class are being offered in addition to the regular slate of classes for this year's Summer Sessions. They are being offered at noon time or in the evenings to accommodate working and part-time students. The School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science is working toward having a schedule printed by March 15.

Regional University Council holds first meeting

Newly appointed members of the Regional University Council will meet quarterly to offer guidance to the university and serve as a link for its public constituencies to the Board of Regents. Members are Jim Bradley, Juneau; Marlene Clarke, Wrangell; Alison Elgee, Juneau; Karleen Grummett, Juneau; Marilyn Hanson, Sitka; Richard (Chip) Mullen, Ketchikan; George Rogers, chair, Juneau; Bill Thomas, Ketchikan; Carol Williams, Hoonah; and Paul Young, Port Alexander.

Moving in Concert March 2, 3 & 4

Chances are if you're going to this conference on education for the 21st century you've already made the arrangements. In case you haven't, call Conferences & Institutes at 474-7800.

NEWS BRIEFS

Board of Regents meet in Anchorage

Meeting Thursday and Friday this week in Anchorage is the UA Board of Regents. Of particular interest will be the consideration for approval by the Human Resources Committee of new UA personnel policies. A complete agenda is available at Information Services.

New VPs in Statewide

UA has a new vice president for academic affairs. George Christensen, executive director for international affairs and Clarence Couvalt distinguished professor in veterinary medicine at Iowa State University of Science and Technology in Ames, Iowa, has accepted the position. He and his wife will come to Alaska late in the spring after he leads an accrediting delegation to Africa.

Wendy Redman has been appointed vice president for university relations following an internal restructuring of the UA statewide administration. The newly organized office of University Relations will be responsible for government relations, public relations, information services, and university development.

Three new regents

Governor Cowper recently appointed three members to the Board of Regents to replace outgoing Don Abel and Ed Rasmuson whose terms expired, and Randy Clapp who resigned. Eric Forrer of Juneau, Morris Thompson of Fairbanks, and Virginia Whitehead Breeze of Anchorage were chosen by Cowper because he said, all three "are sensitive to both the needs of rural Alaskans and those seeking non-traditional education, such as through our community colleges." Forrer is a building contractor, Thompson is the president and chief executive officer of Doyon Ltd., and Breeze is the public relations director for Holden Hackney & Breeze, an Anchorage public relations and advertising firm. The terms of Forrer and Breeze expire in 1997. Thompson's term runs until 1993.

It's never too early to plan

Jim York, an expert in the field of estate planning will hold a public seminar tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Centennial Hall and will be available that afternoon and Monday morning by appointment. Call Greg Wagner ext. 550 for info.

New name to better reflect center's work

You knew it before as the UAS Child Care Center. Changing the name to the UAS Children's Center is an initial step toward making people aware that the center does much more than just "care" for kids.

Art in Public Places Committee work underway; seeking campus input

Early this semester Chancellor appointed an Art in Public Places Committee for the 1988-89 academic year that has met several times to begin fulfilling its charge of recommending for the Chancellor's approval selections of art work for the new library and the student housing lodge. There is currently \$81,500 in student housing accounts reserved for Art in Public Places (AIPP) acquisitions, and the FY90 Capital Improvement Request includes \$75,000 for library AIPP acquisitions.

The committee has decided to open the topic of these AIPP acquisitions to campus input so it can determine whether there are concerns or desires that need to be addressed prior to finalizing decisions on placement and selection of art. An open forum for the AIPP Committee and individuals wishing to express their opinions will be March 8. Those wishing to attend should put their concerns in writing and deliver them to Tish Griffin, AIPP Committee Chair, Student Services in the Mourant Building prior to March 8.

The work of the committee is to be concluded by June 1, 1989, with final recommendations to the Chancellor by that date. Approval of the acquisitions by the Regents will then be required, and the contracts for execution of the commissioned work and installation will be the responsibility of Facilities Planning and Construction.

The committee is to review the recommendations of the 1987-1988 AIPP committee but is not bound by those recommendations. This year's committee members and their areas of representation are: Alice Slattery, Faculty; Barb Mecum, Chancellor's Office; Mary Nicolson, Library; Kevin Araki, Library; Jack Wolever, Facilities, Planning and Construction; Dutch Knight, USUAS Student Body President; Tony Yorba, Jensen-Douglas Architects; and two representatives from the Alaska State Council on the Arts, whose names are to be announced.

Whale Watch

Last weekend was an exciting one for UAS basketball fans. The Lady Whales assured themselves a winning record in their first season of NAIA district play and kept alive their tenuous playoff chances. With a pair of wins over Sheldon Jackson College, 68-62 on **Pajama Night** and 86-58 on Saturday, the Lady Whales' record now stands at 14-11 overall and 6-10 in District play. Their final game of the season was Thursday night.

The men also recorded a pair of wins last weekend to keep their playoff prospects alive. With an 87-70 victory over St. Martin's College as the opening game of the **Pajama Night** doubleheader, and a hard-fought 93-88 win over Seattle University Saturday, the Whales have just two games left on the regular season schedule. Thursday night they play Alaska Pacific University and tonight they play Central Washington whom they have beaten only once before.

Letter writing campaign underway

If the record attendance at Classified Association meetings is any indication there should be a high level of participation in the letter writing campaign undertaken by the association this week aimed at correcting classified employee's compensation problems. According to their literature: 1) The chief competitor for University jobs in Juneau and Southeast is State Government. Although university employees are technically State employees, they are paid significantly less than their government counterparts 2) No University of Alaska employee has received a compensation adjustment for continued satisfactory service since 1983 and 3) University of Alaska employees have not received a cost of living adjustment since 1985. No university classified employee has received a pay increase of any kind since that time.

While the Governor's budget did not fund the \$7.5 million compensation adjustment requested by the Board of Regents there seems to be solid support and commitment by at least one member of the Southeast legislative delegation. Classified Association officers will meet with Senator Jim Duncan, Representatives Fran Ulmer and Bill Hudson, and others March 7, to continue the dialogue.

Hokkaido/Alaska Conference to be held this April

Plan now to attend the 1989 Hokkaido/Alaska Conference on Northern Development April 17-19, at Centennial Hall. The conference is sponsored by the UAS School of Business and Public Administration and will feature a number of Hokkaido's and Alaska's business, government and education leaders. Hokkaido is the northern frontier of Japan, and supplies farm products, timber, fish and coal to the rest of Japan. According to the brochure, major declines in world markets for Hokkaido's products have challenged their leaders to look to the future. They have forged new directions for their people and have emerged as world leaders in new technologies, including information, robotics, and biotechnology.

Contact the School of Business and Public Administration at 789-4402 for more information or to register.

Seven Taiwanese teachers to study English as a second language at UAS

A tentative agreement has been reached and curriculum planning is underway to provide study in English as a second language and American culture at the University of Alaska Southeast for seven teachers from the city of Chia-Yi in Taiwan. According to Lee Paavola, director of Continuing Education, the agreement is a result of former Juneau Mayor Ernie Polley's trip to Taiwan to visit Juneau's sister city Chia-Yi. A delegation from Chia-Yi that included Mayor Po-Ya Chang in turn visited Juneau and the UAS campus last summer. Paavola expects the seven to begin their study here July 5.

CALENDAR

Feb. 23-24	Board of Regents	Anchorage
Feb. 24	Music at Midday	HB noon
	UAS Assembly	CCR 2-5
	Commence. Comm.	CCR 10-12
Mar. 2	Art in Public Places	CCR 2-5
Mar. 3	Curriculum Comm.	CCR 11-1

A note for students

March 10, is the deadline for students to order name cards for use in Commencement invitations. Contact the UAS Bookstore for more information.

Young kids?

The Children's Center Advisory Board wants to know if you have kids 18-months to 7-years old whom you wish to enroll this July and August. Call Barbara Burnett at ext. 463 to express your interest.

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