

# SOUNDINGS



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## Enrollment at all three campuses is up!

Fall semester at UAS is well underway and the statistics show that enrollment is up at all three campuses. According to Admissions and Records, the numbers as of September 18, show that for the Juneau campus a total of 1,711 students are enrolled, an increase of 15 percent over this same time last year. The number of part-time students is 1,283, an increase of 21 percent, and the number of full-time students is 428, a 1 percent increase.

On the Ketchikan campus the number of full-time students is 67, a 52 percent increase, while the number of part-time students is at 526, a decrease of one student over this same time last year. "Our concentrated registration was done after the labor day holiday, and I think that made a difference. We also visited individuals in the community who had not made plans to go to college, and targeted community groups as well," said Bill Trudeau, acting director of the Ketchikan campus.

The Sitka campus shows a seven percent increase in enrollment of full-time students bringing the total to 30, a 21 percent increase in part-time students from 341 the year before to 414 this year.

Chancellor Marshall Lind said of the increased enrollment, "The word is getting out. People are beginning to see that we have quality instruction and faculty who care. That makes a difference. Our programs are in line with the needs of the region."

## Sitka campus dedicates new facility

Next Thursday, September 28, promises to be an exciting one for the Sitka community when the University of Alaska Southeast dedicates its new facility on the Sitka campus. The dedication, which is a combined event to include the dedication of Mt. Edgecumbe's new high school building next door, begins at 5:30 p.m. at the high school. The reception following will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the new UAS campus building. On hand will be a representative of the Governor's office, Senator Eliason, Representative Grussendorf, Sitka Mayor Dapceovich, Jack Chenowith of the State Board of Education, UA Regent President Gordon Evans, UA President Donald O'Dowd, UAS Chancellor Marshall L. Lind, and Sitka Campus Director Dick Griffin.

The facility has been five years in the planning and according to Griffin "everyone is ecstatic about the facility and its ability to meet the needs of the campus. We've needed it for years." The building is a circa World War II hangar which was used to house the PBVs the Navy used to fly submarine patrols. The exterior shell was completely rebuilt and all interior partitions were demolished in the 48,579 square foot facility. Improvements were then made to approximately 24,000 square feet to provide two floors of classrooms, laboratories for art, welding, and computer skills, a resource center, administrative offices, and student services. The remainder of the building is open hangar space which is being used to accommodate different projects and types of activities such as the building of the Alaska Dream, a catamaran now used to ferry workers to the Greens Creek mine, construction of bunkhouses for use in logging camps, mews for use by the Alaska Raptor Center, and additional classrooms. A central design feature is a two-story atrium space which is also the site for the new Art in Public Places piece recently commissioned. The masterplan calls for the development of additional work at the site to accommodate marine related uses along the waterfront property.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Evaluation team to visit three campuses next week

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges evaluation team arrives in Ketchikan on Sunday night, September 24. They will spend the following day meeting with campus personnel, lunch with the Ketchikan Campus Advisory Council, and fly that evening to Sitka. On Tuesday morning the team will begin their full day of work on the Sitka campus, have lunch with the Sitka Campus Advisory Council, and then fly to Juneau that night. On Wednesday, the team will start the day by meeting with the Chancellor's Cabinet, the Juneau based members of the Self-Study Steering Committee, and with other Juneau campus personnel through 5 p.m. **From 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. a reception will be held for the team at the UAS Student Housing Complex that all faculty and staff are invited to attend.** On Thursday, the team will work all day on campus in Room 205/206 of the Hendrickson Building. On Friday morning the exit meeting will be held with the team in Room 206 of the Hendrickson Building from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

### Board of Regents to meet in Sitka

The UA Board of Regents will meet in Sitka on Thursday and Friday next week in the new building on the UAS Sitka campus. On Thursday morning the Finance, Facilities, and Land Management Committee will convene to discuss agenda items including tuition and revisions to University of Alaska Procurement Regulations.

Tuition will be discussed jointly with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The administration was asked to review regents' policy on tuition increases during their August meeting. The current policy reads, "Changes in tuition rates will be included in the university's operating budget request prepared approximately one year in advance of the fiscal year

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### UAS holds surplus sale on Saturday

You won't want to miss the guaranteed bargains at this one. Tomorrow, at the Marine Technology Center, the UAS Business Office is holding a sale of surplus university office equipment. The sale begins at 8 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Sealed bids will be taken on all items during the sale and on Monday, September 24, the bids will be opened and successful bidders notified by the Business Office.

**Regents to meet** (from the front)

in which it is to take effect. Changes in tuition rates will then be announced when the Board of Regents accepts the operating budget request for the next fiscal year." In order to meet the intent of the policy, the university administration will, during their meeting in Sitka, officially notify regents and students of its intent to increase tuition rates in each of the next three fiscal years. Their intent is to gradually move the level for consolidated fee from the current 13 credit level to 15 credits, and to increase the tuition rate per credit hour by approximately \$3 to \$5 per credit hours for each of the next three fiscal years. They will also consider the impact of equalizing tuition rates for all campuses over a period of several years. According to the agenda provided by the Office of Regent Affairs, the administration does not intend at this meeting to make any specific proposals for tuition levels since students have not been available to discuss the matter during the summer months. They will submit any policy changes or proposals through the assembly process to the board for action at the November or December meeting.

The Human Resources Committee will convene to discuss a number of agenda items including compensation policy, market compensation for faculty, staff and executive positions, student and graduate assistant compensation, and an amendment to and restatement of the UA Pension Plan. With regard to compensation policy, UA Vice President Warren will discuss with the committee, the comments and suggestions received from faculty and staff. The committee will review the schedule for completion and adoption of the compensation policy as well.

The refinement of the methodology for conducting market studies of faculty, staff, and executive salaries will be discussed along with a review of the market analysis of executive positions.

**Survey of liberal arts students encouraging**

Last June a survey of liberal arts students was conducted to determine graduates' satisfaction with the liberal arts program and the university. The compiled information is being used as part of the University of Alaska Southeast Self-Evaluation Project, a program of institutional evaluation and planning. The survey instrument was a questionnaire developed during the summer of 1988 by a group of graduate students as part of a research proposal in an upper division educational research class. The target population for the survey was all UAS liberal arts graduates from all three campuses from 1980 through the spring of 1988. Of 228 graduates, a total of 90 surveys were returned for a response rate of 46 percent.

The most highly rated category was instructor availability. UAS instructors were deemed more motivated, enthusiastic, supportive, available, helpful, and knowledgeable which correlated highly with quality of instruction. According to the overview of the survey, a positive correlation exists between the graduates overall satisfaction with the liberal arts program and their willingness to recommend the university to other students. Additionally, a positive correlation exists between how positive the college years were for the graduates and their willingness to recommend the university. Among those students who responded, the liberal arts program and the university have done an average or better-than average job in meeting their needs.

**Ohler delivers keynote address on distance education**

Jason Ohler, UAS adjunct assistant professor of education, gave the keynote address at the Association of Educational Communication Technology's meeting on the campus of Indiana University July 30. He was invited via electronic mail by the Department of Instructional Media to speak on the future of distance education in America. He also held a small group discussion later in the day.

**Telephone directory updates needed**

Forms for updating your listing in the UAS telephone directory were included in the packets distributed during convocation. Please send your updated form to the Chancellor's Office c/o Terry Dean.

**Applications for legislative internship program due Oct. 31**

Applications for the University of Alaska Statewide Legislative Internship Program are due October 31. To be eligible students must 1) be registered at the University of Alaska, 2) be enrolled in a degree program at UA or any other university, 3) be at least of junior standing or have completed sixty credit hours by the end of this semester, 4) have taken at least one political science course, and 5) not have held a paid position with the Alaska State Legislature within the last two years. The number of internships is limited. Contact Richard Hacker at the School of Business and Public Administration, 789-4402, or Clive Thomas at the School of Education and Liberal Arts, 789-4417.

**Intellectual property rights**

Seven members of a statewide committee are drafting policy and regulations concerning intellectual property, patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other issues for work created by faculty and staff of the university. University personnel are encouraged to share their perspectives, insights, and desires with Don Greenberg, UAS assistant professor of mathematics and physics, who represents the University of Alaska Southeast on the committee.

**State Chamber to hold Trade Fair**

On October 6, and 7, the State Chamber of Commerce will hold a trade fair at Centennial Hall. UAS will have an exhibit, the space for which has been paid for by Don Abel Building Supply and Oliver's Trophies and Engraving. Several members of the UAS Alumni Association have signed up to work during the fair. Anyone interested in signing up should contact Greg Wagner at 789-4550.

**Notes on health**

According to UAS Nurse Practitioner Mary Lou Follett, Bartlett Memorial Hospital is offering free cholesterol testing during the State Chamber Fair. Results will be available in three minutes.

The UAS Health Center on the Juneau campus is offering an influenza vaccine for individual's with chronic disorders and others who wish to receive it. Call Mary Lou at 789-4457.

**Gear up for GRE exam**

If you are interested in taking the Graduate Records Examination, pick up a bulletin at the UAS Student Resource Center in the Whitehead Building and register for the June 9, 1990 exam. The deadline for registration is March 15.

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