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UAS exit interview with Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges Evaluation Team very positive

Seven general commendations and seven general recommendations were approved by the members of the NASC Evaluation Team during the exit interview with UAS administrators, faculty and staff last week. The team will compile a draft report in the next six weeks that will be sent to Chancellor Lind for his response prior to it being sent to the NASC Commission on Colleges. The report will detail the institutional commendations and recommendations and go into detail about specific programs. The team's recommendation on the accreditation of the University of Alaska Southeast is confidential and is divulged only to the Commission on Colleges. Lind will be notified by the executive director of the commission of the time and place the report will be considered by the commission and he will be invited to attend.

The commendations generally praised UAS in effecting the merger of three institutions to form the University of Alaska, the breadth of accomplishment, and the reflection of this in its faculty handbook, student handbook, academic record system, admission system, academic catalog, nomenclature, and numbering and content of courses. The leadership of Chancellor Lind and other campus leaders was praised, and faculty and

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Tuxedo Junction set for Nov. 4, Ballroom dance lessons start this Sunday

The Czar's Ball is the theme for Tuxedo Junction planned for November 4, at Centennial Hall. Sponsored by UAS as an annual fundraiser for

scholarships, Tuxedo Junction offers an evening of activities including a floor show, continuous music, a casino, prizes, and refreshments. Tickets will go on sale next weekend at both locations of Hearthside Books and at the UAS Business Office in the Mourant Building. The cost will be \$35 for general admission, \$25 for students with nine credits or more (one ticket per I.D.), and \$45 at the door. The University



NEWS BRIEFS

O'Dowd announces intended retirement

UA President Donald O'Dowd has announced his intention to retire from the University of Alaska in July 1990. The 63-year-old O'Dowd said, "it is time to do other things." He has served 16 years as a university president. His announcement was made early in order to give the Board of Regents adequate time to conduct a search for a successor. O'Dowd was named president at UA in July 1984 and oversaw reorganization of the university and community college systems.

UAS participates in Chamber Trade Fair

Stop by Centennial Hall this weekend for the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair. UAS will have a booth staffed by volunteer alumni and staff. The cost of the booth has been donated by Don Abel Building Supply and Oliver's Trophies and Engraving. The fair opens Friday, Oct. 6, at noon and will run until 9 p.m. On Saturday it gets underway at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Two round-trip tickets to San Francisco compliments of Alaska Airlines will be raffled. Free health checks, seminars and other special events will round out the two days of activity.

Employee Benefits Fair October 20

Have a question on your health benefits, pension plan or retirement? The Employee Benefits Fair on Friday, October 20, is your chance to ask questions in person. UAS Personnel Services is hosting the fair in the Hendrickson Theater from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Employees can drop by to meet representatives for various plans, including AETNA, University of Alaska Pension Plan, TRS/PERS, Social Security, Alaska USA Credit Union, and tax shelter annuity companies. You may bring any AETNA explanation of benefits letters, pension plan or

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Exit interview (cont.)

staff morale was noted as was the sense of cooperation and constructiveness. Outreach at UAS received noteworthy mention with particular mention of delivery of programs through distance learning and cooperative endeavors with educators, public employees, and Native Alaskans. UAS was commended for exemplary cooperation in the carrying of facilities, programs, and services at all three campuses and for its increased emphasis on student advising with the development of student resource centers. The facilities at all campuses were noted as attractive and functional yet the need for substantial new facilities and the rehabilitation of others did not go unnoticed. The growing concern over deferred maintenance was cited.

The recommendations touched upon organizational clarity with respect to administrative units, the appointment of a chief academic officer, a review of the graduate program and support of research, and certificate programs of an academic year or longer in length. Keeping track of the effectiveness of educational programs and support services, specifically, collecting data on student progress, retention, and graduation success was recommended. The committee suggested the collection of the UAS library be coordinated so that information resources can be more easily shared and, finally, it was suggested that a statement on academic freedom be added to the faculty handbook.

Tuxedo Junction (cont.)

Dance Band, conducted by Mel Flood, and the Casual T's, a local rock band, will perform in alternate half-hour sets. The casino will feature roulette, black jack, and a craps table. In addition to the floor show the Sitka Archangel Dancers will perform. Reserved seating tickets will be available this year and will be sold separately from the general admission tickets. They will be on sale Friday, October 27, at the Bill Ray Center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, October 28, at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All reserved seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Basic ballroom dance lessons begin this Sunday, October 8, at the Penthouse from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with Janice Holst. The lessons are sponsored by UAS and Holst promises miracles in waltz, rumba, fox trot, and the cha cha even for those who have never danced. After Sunday's introductory class, the free lessons will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Penthouse on October 10, 17, 19, 24 and 26.

Umiak Building Class to begin October 31

UAS, in conjunction with the Foundation for Social Innovation, Alaska-Siberia Project will be offering a class in the building of traditional Eskimo umiaks or kayaks as they are now called. The class will be taught by master Soviet boat builder Sergey Frolov, using traditional framing and a new high-technology skin material. During the course Frolov will demonstrate traditional skin preparation, framing and sewing, through the construction of one eight-meter (25-foot) umiak. The class will participate in construction of the boat. The class will start October 31, and go through the 14th of November. It will be held Monday through Fridays from 5:30 to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UAS Marine Technology Center. Call the center at 789-4428, or Admissions and Records at 789-4458 for more information. The cost of the two-credit class is \$80.00.

Fair (from the front)

retirement statements that you have questions about. UAS Personnel Services staff will be on hand with information and enrollment forms for supplemental benefits and reimbursement accounts.

Reminder on parking

Faculty, staff, and students are reminded that the parking lot across from the Hendrickson Building belongs to the Chapel by the Lake. Not only has parking in that lot become a problem, but parking in the driveways and in the road itself have become serious problems as well. UAS folks should park in the UAS lot at the top of the hill.

CALENDAR

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- 6 Faculty Senate, CCR, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- 12 Juneau Campus Council, noon
- 12 String Workshop conducted by Marcus Thompson, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
- 13 Curriculum Committee, 1:30 - 3 p.m., CCR
- 14 Juneau Symphony Concert featuring violist Marcus Thompson, JDHS Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 16 Community Reception with Vladimir Petrovsky, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R., William A. Egan Library, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Richard G. Seaborn, Consul for Political & Economic Relations & Public Affairs, noon reception/buffet, Schaible House
- 17 Seaborn, guest lecture on Acid Rain, noon, for GEOG. 101, in HA 102
- 18 Chancellor's Cabinet, full-day, CCR
- 21 UAS Women's Basketball Team vs. Juneau Media, JDHS Gym, 7 p.m.
- 27 Curriculum Committee, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

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