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Gorbachev to accept honorary degree

UAS has received word from Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev intends to accept an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the institution. UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind said, "It is my understanding that our invitation to speak at commencement and receive the honorary degree has been under serious consideration since we first made the proposal last fall. When news came to us that the president intends to accept, we were elated. Since then we have been working out the details to make it happen. But right now, with the political changes in the Soviet Union and the president's busy schedule, we don't really expect him to be here on May 4 for commencement. Our hope, however, is to have a special commencement message for our graduating students from President Gorbachev at the Southeast campuses in May."

Gorbachev was nominated for the honorary degree by the university for his influence in the opening of borders between Alaska and Siberia to visa-free travel for Native people. After the university made its invitation, both Governor Steve Cowper and U.S. Senator Ted Stevens sent letters to President Gorbachev urging him to accept the honorary degree and the invitation to speak.

Governor Cowper said this week, "Ambassador Dubinin of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. is a firm believer in Alaska-Soviet activities and, after my lunch with him last week, I'm confident the university's action will help advance our efforts. I am hopeful that this degree will help convince President Gorbachev to visit Alaska in person."

Chancellor Lind said, "The idea to nominate Gorbachev came from UAS Professor of Anthropology and Chairman of the Honorary Degree Committee Wallace Olson. He felt it would be appropriate to honor Gorbachev

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Presidential search

Five finalists named, process continues

The names of the five finalists for the presidency of the University of Alaska statewide system were released today: **Dr. J. Wade Gilley**, senior vice president at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; **Dr. Jerome B. Komisar**, executive vice chancellor at State University of New York and president of the Research Foundation of the State University of New York in Albany, New York; **Dr. Carrol Krause**, commissioner of higher education of the Montana University System Office in Helena, Montana; **Dr. Patrick J. O'Rourke**, chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and **Dr. V. Lane Rawlins**, vice chancellor for academic affairs, The University of Alabama System in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Several members of the UA Board of Regents will be visiting the finalists' campuses and then make a recommendation to the full board as to which finalists will visit the University of Alaska system in Alaska.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spring break is March 12 - 16

Next week, March 12 - 16, is spring break at UAS which means classes will not be held that week. For staff, it means one day off on Friday, March 16. All offices of the university will be closed the entire day and will reopen on Monday, March 19, when classes will also resume. With the great weather we have had this week it's not too hard to have a bonafide case of spring fever.

Tuition increase approved

After much deliberation during a UA Board of Regents meeting in Juneau in late February, an increase in tuition was approved that will be instituted this coming fall semester. The regents approved a \$4 increase per credit hour for undergraduate resident tuition and a \$4 per credit hour increase for the following fall. Graduate tuition will increase \$5 this fall and \$10 the next. Non-resident undergraduate tuition will increase \$20 per credit hour this fall and \$10 the next. Nonresident graduate tuition will increase \$10 this fall and \$20 fall 1991. Tuition levels for the second succeeding academic year will be recommended each year at the first regent meeting after September first. The consolidated fee, a "cap," of thirteen credits for undergraduates and nine for graduates was left unchanged.

Application period open for scholarships at UAS

The application period for over \$90,000 in scholarships is now open for students who plan to attend the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, Ketchikan, or Sitka during the 1990-91 school year. This sum represents the largest amount of scholarship aid ever offered at the university, and comes as a result of extended development and fundraising activity by UAS and community groups, such as the Southeast Roundup scholarship pledge drive of last August.

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since the opening of the borders helped to reestablish the historical ties between the two regions. With the opening of the borders came steadily growing cultural and educational connections between Alaska and the Soviet Far East so there are a number of reasons why this seemed appropriate. Alaska has a unique geographic proximity to the Soviet Union and Sitka, Alaska is the historical capital of Russian America. This opening of exchanges reestablished the historical ties between the two regions which are Alaska specific." A diploma, academic cap, gown, and hood are being prepared for President Gorbachev as well as a citation to be printed on a plaque. "We are working closely with the Governor's Office and expect to hear soon how we can make the conferral of the degree happen. And most importantly, we are working toward having a special commencement message for our graduates," Lind said.

Students, faculty and staff invited to attend

The official dedication of the UAS William A. Egan Library is set for Friday March 23, from 3 - 5 p.m. A number of dignitaries are to speak beginning at 3:30 p.m. and Chancellor Marshall Lind will officiate. Speakers include Gordon Evans, president of the UA Board of Regents, Jim Bradley, chairman of the UAS Juneau campus council, Senator Jim Duncan, Mayor Bruce Botelho, Fred King, executive director of UA Facilities, Planning, and Construction, and Austin Hammond, Native elder and recipient of an honorary doctorate of humanities from UAS last year. Hammond will introduce the Eagle-Raven Dancers who will then perform. Sponsored by Klukwan Inc., the dancers are also preparing Native food for the occasion. The community open house is set for Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oldaker serves as moderator at convention

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, associate professor and head of the Graduate Programs in Educational Administration, recently returned from the 122nd Annual Convention of the American Association of School Administrators. Activities were held in the new Marriott Hotel and Moscone Center in San Francisco. During the convention, Oldaker served as moderator for a school law related seminar session entitled, "Legal Aspects of the School Board-Superintendent Working Relationship."

Ethics 2000: A Symposium on Leadership Ethics

Coming April 3 - 4, is a two-day symposium at Centennial Hall on the ethics of leadership that is envisioned by its planners to provide a statement of the future ethical context in which Alaska's leaders will conduct themselves. Several well-known experts are on the slate as well as many Alaskans from across the state. You can preregister for "Ethics 2000" for \$125. It will be \$145 when registering at the symposium. Call the UAS Office of Continuing Education at 789-4526 for information.

March 15 is deadline for 1990 Explorations submissions

Now in its tenth year of publication, the UAS literary magazine *Explorations*, is accepting submissions through **March 15**. Final decisions are made by a "blind jury" board of editors composed of UAS faculty and students of literature and art, and by recognized poets, writers, and artists. Submissions should be addressed to Art Petersen, UAS, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Call 789-4417 for more information.

Scholarships (continued)

Information on all scholarships currently available, including descriptions of each scholarship and the eligibility criteria, is included in a Financial Aid and Scholarships packet, available from the Financial Aid Office in the Whitehead Building on the Juneau campus or at the Bill Ray Center. Unless noted in the packet, the deadline for scholarship application is **April 30, 1990**. Call Barbara Carlson-Burnett, UAS Financial Aid Officer at 789-4463 for more information.

Sign up now for the Graduate Records Exam

You must register for the June 9, Graduate Records Exam no later than **March 15**. Registration forms are available from the Student Resource Center.

More Convocation panoramic photos available

If you are still interested in a panoramic photo of UAS faculty and staff taken during convocation last year call Zrinka at 789-4525. She has extras.

CALENDAR

March 9	• Student Center Planning Committee, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., CCR
	• Assembly, 12 - 1:30 p.m., CCR
	• Academic Curriculum Committee, 2 - 4 p.m., CCR
12	Spring Break, March 12 - 16, no classes this week.
	• Commencement Committee, 2 - 4 p.m., CCR
14	Chancellor's Cabinet, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., CCR
16	• All UAS offices closed today for Spring Break
23	• Tuxedo Junction Committee, 9 - 11 a.m., CCR
	• Faculty Senate, 1 - 2 p.m., CCR

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