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Demand is high for core curriculum courses - many new sections opened, more needed

Registration numbers indicate that nearly 100 more students preregistered for this semester than last year and that the trend looks as if UAS is gaining in the number of new full-time students. On the Juneau Campus, there was a heightened interest in registration for courses that are generally required of students no matter their degree program. With courses such as English, science, speech communications, math and other required courses filling quickly, there was a need for additional sections of those classes to be opened in order to accommodate the increased numbers of students.

According to John Pugh, dean of the School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science, and Bruce Gifford, regional director of Student Services, many new sections of the core curriculum were opened but it still reached the point where students were not able to get the classes they needed. Pugh and Gifford both said that what is needed is additional faculty to teach as well as classroom space in order to meet the demand, and they intend to immediately work toward finding ways to do just that. A meeting is scheduled next week to begin their discussions. Both agree that the numbers are down slightly in part-time students but that they expect the total number of credit hours to show an increase once all the registration numbers are in because of the increase in full-time students.

At the Ketchikan Campus, there seems to be a similar trend toward an increase in new full-time students with the science classes filling rapidly. The Sitka Campus reports they are also ahead in full-time students. Regionally, the numbers look like this:

Juneau			
	Full-time	431	
	Part-time	<u>1,061</u>	
			1,492
Ketchikan			
	Full-time	26	
	Part-time	<u>138</u>	
			164
Sitka			
	Full-time	53	
	Part-time	<u>325</u>	
			378

UAS Honorary Awards Committee forming

The UAS Honorary Awards Committee is being formed and nominations will soon be solicited for recommendations for candidates to receive honorary degrees and meritorious service awards during 1990 Commencements in Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka. According to UA Board of Regents policy, candidates for honorary degrees must have made a significant and lasting contribution to the university and/or the state of

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University Picnic tomorrow

Don't miss this one! Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the annual University Picnic gets underway at Savikko Park in the Sandy Beach shelter. The Casual T's will play from noon to 4 p.m. and you'll find free food (some of our most talented employees will be slinging burgers), games and lots of fun for you and your family. It's sponsored by Student Activities, Student Government, UAS Alumni Association and Roundup as a welcome to campus event. The volleyball games and tug-o-war competition are guaranteed to be fun. Bring the whole family. Be sure to watch for the exciting events UAS Student Activities has lined up for this semester.

Foreign diplomats to visit UAS next week

Two foreign diplomats will visit UAS next week to meet with officials and to speak during classes. On Tuesday, September 11, Consul **Harry Kney-Tal of the Consulate General of Israel** in San Francisco will visit the Juneau Campus. He will visit with faculty and the general public from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the upper level of the Mourant Building. From noon to 1:15 p.m. he will address a geography class in Room 102 of the Hendrickson Building. His topic will be *The Middle East in the wake of Iraqi aggression - an Israeli perspective*. The class is open to the public to attend.

On Thursday, September 13, Consul **Richard Seaborn of the Canadian Consulate General** in Seattle will visit campus. He will meet during a luncheon with faculty to talk about available Canadian grants. He will also address the geography class (open to the public) from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Room 102 of the Hendrickson Annex. His topic will be *Current Canadian Issues* and his address will include a question and answer session. For more information on either visit call the Chancellor's Office at 789-4472.

Honorary Degree Committee (cont.)

Alaska. For a meritorious service award, the candidate must have provided outstanding service within the State and must have provided a significant and lasting contribution to the university. The committee will not consider individuals who are currently in an elected political position or campaigning for office. For more information call the Chancellor's Office at 789-4472.

UA Board of Regents to meet September 27 and 28 in Seward

The UA Board of Regents is scheduled to hold regular meetings of its standing committees on Thursday, September 27 and a regular meeting of the full Board on Friday, September 28, beginning at 8 a.m. in Seward. Agenda topics include: FY92 issues statement, FY92 operating and capital budget requests, tuition, establishment of Alaska Education Trust Fund, approval of degree recipients, policy on University of Alaska mission statement, projects relating to land acquisition, expansion, remodeling, and consultant approval for UAF, and reports on government relations and university research and service pertaining to K-12 education.

President Bush's Educational Summit topic for discussion

You are invited to hear the Phi Delta Kappa International President Carol O'Connell of Bloomington Indiana on Monday, September 10 at the Bill Ray Center, Room 152, at 7 p.m. She will discuss the goals of President Bush's Educational Summit. Refreshments will be served.

Welcome to new faculty

There are many new faces on all three campuses of UAS this semester. Welcome to new faculty:

Juneau -

Betty Jo Devine, assistant professor of English
Sharon Crostuck, assistant professor of office administration
Dean Webb, assistant professor of math
Robert Warren, professor of education
Mary-Claire Tarlow, assistant professor of education

Ketchikan -

Rama Rao, assistant professor of English

Sitka -

Denise Williamson, visiting instructor of Russian language

News from Personnel Services

For faculty and designated employees interested in getting more information on the optional retirement plan, there will be sessions set up for vested and nonvested employees as follows:

September 13	10 a.m. - noon	TRS/PERS nonvested
	2 - 4 p.m.	TRS/PERS vested
September 14	10 a.m. - noon	TRS/PERS vested
	2 - 4 p.m.	TRS/PERS nonvested

All meetings will be in Room 205 of the Hendrickson Building. They will be available via audioconference for eligible Sitka and Ketchikan employees. To ensure space availability or for more information contact Personnel Services at 789-4536.

Flag poles add finishing touch to growing campus

Three new flag poles have been installed in the bus-turn-around area at the Auke Lake campus by Physical Plant and they lend a finishing touch to a well groomed and growing campus. If you haven't had a chance to drive through campus in a while, we invite you to come out to take a look.

Jan Marie is new bookstore manager in Juneau

If you haven't already met Jan Marie Dell, new manager of the UAS Bookstore, stop in to say hello. Jan Marie says the best thing about the job is getting a chance to meet everyone on campus. She has wanted to move to Juneau for quite a while and says she even likes rain. But even with her enthusiasm for the area, she misses the students in her classes at the high school in the Seattle/Tacoma area where she taught English, journalism, and speech.

She urges UAS faculty and staff to stop by to share concerns and suggestions about the bookstore. They are working to solve problems and want to better serve students, faculty and staff. You can call her at 789-4401.

Alaskan Poetry Festival coming

The Alaskan Poetry Festival, a three-city celebration of Alaska's poetry and culture, will open with a public poetry reading in Anchorage on September 16, continue in Juneau on Monday, September 17 with a reading, and close on the 19th with a panel discussion and reading in Fairbanks. The festival will feature six noted poets with strong ties to Alaska and its unique culture: Robert Davis and John Morgan will read in Juneau at the UAS Egan Library Media Room 104 at 8 p.m., Christianne Balk and John Haines will open the festival in Anchorage, and Nora Dauenhauer and Tom Sexton will read in Fairbanks. All six will participate in the panel discussion.

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