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Great expectations voiced by USUAJ



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By KATE HARMS
Whalesong Staff Reporter

The student government officials elected last week hold great expectations for the University of Alaska-Juneau.

In interviews conducted shortly after the elections, each new officer was asked the

following questions: Why did you run for office; what are your goals or objectives for your term in office; what are your career objectives; and where are you from and what prior experience have you had?

Cynthia Moore, Legislative Affairs Coordinator:

"Concern for UAJ motivated me to run. I am very interested in learning how the legislature influences our university in areas such as student loans, funding for projects."

"I want to use the knowledge I gain to benefit UAJ and its student body," Moore said. "And I consider it a personal

challenge".

"I want to get student feedback on issues and disseminate information from the legislature to the student body. I expect student government will provide the focus for specific goals."

"I hope to get a master's after completion of my bachelor of

business administration. My major is management. I want to do consulting work, such as trouble shooting. I prefer to stay in Southeast Alaska if opportunities are available when I am ready to work," she said.

"My hometown is Ketchikan. I was involved in student

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Legislative candidates to address students, faculty at Oct. 15 forum

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

House and Senate candidates from Juneau will appear at the University of Alaska-Juneau on Wednesday, Oct. 15 before a gathering of students, faculty and staff in the Mourant Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In anticipation of that event, the Whalesong has contacted the six candidates to elicit their views on UAJ's role in the region and their feelings about the direction this university should take as it moves toward accomplishing its mission.

Each candidate was asked the same four questions. Their responses to those questions are printed in this special edition for the information of our readers.

Question #1: UAJ May be facing significant restructuring. In light of this fact, what message do you hope to convey to the students and faculty at UAJ at the Oct. 15 forum?



Bruce Botelho: "No matter who is elected must realize that UAJ is integral to Juneau," Botelho said.

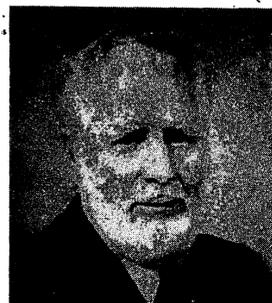
He said he wants to make it clear that higher education and UAJ are the highest priorities for a legislator from Juneau.

Bill Hudson: "My message is one of clear support of UAJ as a four-year institution and expansion to accomplish its maximum performance," Hud-

son said.

"First we must examine the revenue base and then establish broad priorities," he continued.

Fran Ulmer: "I wholeheartedly support UAJ staying a university with four-year status. There are so many ways this university impacts Juneau, and I am certainly an advocate for UAJ."



Red Swanson: Swanson said he believes that UAJ could be a world-class university in the areas of fisheries, timber and government.

He said that the three campuses in the University of Alaska system should be distinctly different types of universities, with Fairbanks excelling in oil and mineral research, and the Anchorage campus concentrating its efforts in Pacific Rim trade.

Jim Duncan: Duncan said he is not pessimistic about UAJ's future.

"The recent enrollment increase shows that UAJ is taking steps to tighten its operation," he said.

"With budget reductions," he continued, "UAJ needs to broaden its mission to serve the region better."

He said the university should emphasize fisheries and public administration programs to accomplish this.

Lee Stoops: "There is a tremendous value in having a four-year institution located here," Stoops said.

He said he would advise a cautious approach in planning

UAJ's future given the budget reductions.

Question #2: Are there changes you would like to see made at UAJ to enhance its value to the region?

Botelho: "It is increasingly necessary to strengthen relationships with Islands Community College (in Sitka) and Ketchikan Community College," he said.

Botelho added that the university should seek out joint ventures in research, with such organizations as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"Our life-blood won't come from unrestricted dollars; we will need to attract research dollars to make up the shortfall," Botelho said.

Hudson: "UAJ is already very valuable to the region as an educational institution and as an industry within the city," Hudson said.

He added that there needs to be greater amplification of the university in its role in fisheries. Governmental programs, he said, should also be enhanced, and he cited the internship program as a means of accomplishing this.

Ulmer: "Aggressive enrollment activity would help the overall health of UAJ," Ulmer said.

In spite of the increase in enrollment this year, Ulmer said UAJ is still underutilized, and that through increased enrollment the university could find a means of benefitting other Alaskans.

She also believed UAJ could benefit by taking advantage of the "natural laboratory" in the area.

Swanson: "We need to stop the flow of unnecessary dollars and look to the long range," Swanson said.

He said he sees UAJ's location in a government town as an ideal opportunity to give

students "real world" experience in government through internships.



Duncan: "I will do everything I can to support the university's public administration program," Duncan said, citing it as one of the quality programs at UAJ that helps to build regional support.

Stoops: "I hope the Regents will realize how valuable UAJ is to the region" as they plan the university system's structure and budget, Stoops said.

He added that the campus at Juneau is a logical extension for students in the Southeast community who want to continue their educations in Alaska.

Question #3: Do you feel that changes are needed in the student loan program to make it more efficient and equitable?

Botelho: "The student loan program will have to be reviewed very carefully," Botelho said.

"It is inconsistent to have a program that both enables students to go out of state while also trying to build good in-state educational programs. We need to offer incentives to attend in-state institutions," he said.

Botelho added that the program could be made to include part-time students to make it more equitable, and to make it more cost-effective, the Postsecondary Education Commission should focus on the high student default rate.

Hudson: "It appears the program has now been tightened up. well," Hudson said in reference to recent changes in the student loan bill, passed by last year's legislature.

"We will need to watch it

carefully to avoid high default rates," he added.

Ulmer: The former mayor said she would reserve comment on this question until after reading material related to the program to be submitted to

her by USUAJ president Michael Smith.

Swanson: "I would like to see the student loan program enable students to stay in Alaska," Swanson said.

"We should spend the dollars at home and raise the percentage of money invested in Alaska," he commented.

Duncan: "The program has been looked at over the years, and there's more pressure now to see that the program is used without being abused," Duncan said.

An example of the abuse of the program Duncan cited was the numbers of vocational schools getting student loan dollars and then going out of existence.

"I would recommend constant re-evaluation, but no major changes," Duncan said.



Stoops: "The program is now ultimately equitable and everyone is treated equally," Stoops said.

"Given the present budget and looking at the local university, we need to consider confining the loans to students in curriculum offered in Alaska. We can no longer afford the luxury of sending students outside for curriculum offered in the state," Stoops said.

Question #4: Do you think UAJ should expand its involvement in Pacific Rim development? How do you think the legislature could support that effort?

Botelho: "The idea in concept is attractive," Botelho

said, but he added that the concept is encompassed in some of the programs already offered at UAJ.

Botelho cautioned that it is ill-advised "for UAJ to talk about expanding in any area right now." He said UAJ should keep current programs as strong as can be.

To enhance the development of Pacific Rim relations, Stoops said courses in oriental languages ought to be offered, both at UAJ and at the high school level.



Hudson: This candidate said that more multi-language courses and a greater student exchange program with Pacific Rim countries would be a means of accomplishing this goal. He said legislative grants could enable the implementation of such programs.

Ulmer: "Pacific Rim improvement is part of our future, and if it can be done in a meaningful way, then yes, UAJ should pursue such development," Ulmer said.

She mentioned the recent agreement for a fisheries exchange with Japan as a good example of a meaningful Pacific Rim exchange.

Swanson: "UAJ could have a world-class research facility for fisheries and timber," Swanson said, but he believes the main Pacific Rim activity should be based in Anchorage.

Duncan: "First of all, the university has to put together a core program, then go to the legislature for funding," Duncan said. He stressed that the groundwork for such a program should be done by the university staff. He feels Juneau is a prime location for

Pacific Rim activity.

Stoops: "A large part of our economy may be tied in with the Pacific Rim," Stoops said.

He said this could include not only coal, oil, gas and timber, but tourism as well.

"There is a potential for adding more Asian tourists to Alaska," he said.

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Fran Ulmer

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Editor's Note:

The United Students of the University of Alaska-Juneau (USUAJ) and the United Campuses of Alaska (UCA) invited candidates for the positions of Governor and Lieutenant Governor to appear at the Candidate's Forum on Oct. 15.

Because of previous commitments, those candidates were unable to appear at the forum scheduled for next Wednesday.

Any student or faculty member who wishes to present questions to the house and senate candidates who will appear at the forum are asked to submit those questions, in written form, to Michael Smith, USUAJ President at the student government office located in Room 207-A, Mourant Building at the Auke Lake campus.

The Candidates

House of Representatives

Seat 4-A.

Bruce Botelho, Democrat
Bill Hudson, Republican

Seat 4-B

Fran Ulmer, Democrat
Red Swanson, Republican

Senate

Jim Duncan, Democrat
Lee Stoops, Republican

Forum intended to promote student/candidate debate

By JOLIE SASSEVILLE
Whalesong Editor

Local candidates for state-wide office will gather at UAJ on Oct. 15 to meet students and faculty in a forum sponsored by the United Students of the University of Alaska-Juneau (USUAJ) and the United Campuses of Alaska (UCA).

"The purpose of the forum," said David Smith, statewide coordinator of UCA, "is to establish an interaction between the students and candidates by providing them with a relaxed, friendly, informal atmosphere in which to discuss issues relevant to UAJ and how Juneau will fit into the overall scheme of Alaska's development in light of drastic changes that have been forced upon Alaskans by plummeting oil prices."

Participating in the session will be House seat 4-A candidates Bruce Botelho and Bill Hudson; 4-B candidates Fran Ulmer and Red Swanson; and Senate candidates Jim Duncan and Lee Stoops. (Editor's Note: Interviews with these candidates are printed in a separate article in this issue of the Whalesong.)

"Familiarity with the candidates and what they represent, what their programs are and how that might affect the students at UAJ," are expected to be the end results of the

forum, according to Michael Smith, president of USUAJ.

"I'm not aware that this has been done before at UAJ," commented president Smith.

The format of the program is a roundtable discussion with the six candidates participating.

Michael Smith will serve as moderator of the 90-minute program. There will be time set aside for each candidate to introduce themselves, followed by a moderated discussion with questions by USUAJ, statewide assembly leaders, and the general public.

Questions will be prepared in advance and Smith will read the questions to the candidates. Anyone wishing to ask questions of the candidates should submit them in writing in advance of the event to Smith at the student government office, room 207-A in the Mourant Building.

USUAJ voted to expend \$300 on food for this event. Lunch will be offered as an incentive for students to participate in the program, according to Dave Smith.

Faculty and university administrators are also invited to participate and the organizing groups hope that attendance by both students and university employees will be high.

"Decisions that affect the students affect all of us," Michael Smith.

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government at UAJ, as secretary/treasurer," she said. "I also worked for a United States Senator in Washington, D.C. and for a Southeast representative in the Alaska legislature. I enjoyed the legislative environment and like being involved in government. I have learned much about the problems Southeast Alaska faces."

David Smith; Student Body Secretary/Treasurer:

"I wanted to be able to have a vote on matters concerning UAJ and its students. I have been involved in United Campuses of America; this office offered an opportunity to be more specifically involved in UAJ."

"I want to learn how UAJ student government works, and to learn how to put my prior experience to good use, to see that UAJ students get a 'fair shake'."

"After graduating from UAJ with bachelor degree in business with major in public administration I plan to go to law school at Berkeley. When I

finish law I want to run for the legislature here in Alaska. My long term goal is a career in government politics."

"I am originally from Santa Rosa, California. My father teaches at Ketchikan Community College. I attended KCC my first year of college and decided to transfer to UAJ because I could get the best possible education here. In high school I was commissioner of athletics, an office similar to a president's cabinet. I was treasurer of the Legislative Affairs Council at KCC."

Bob Gray; Lower Division Representative:

"I decided to run because I wanted and felt I could make a difference by representing lower division students to the best of my ability."

"I am seeking an associate of applied science degree in office administration with emphasis in computer information systems."

"I hope to work at the head office of Sealaska because it has a lot to do with the future of Alaska."

Nathan Bishop; Lower Division Representative:

"Since we just became a university and haven't yet had a chance to develop that 'university feeling', I want to stimulate school spirit among the students by encouraging activities for the entire student body to get involved with, and I enjoy being of service."

"I would like to promote a series of lectures on controversial and interesting topics by inviting authoritative speakers to UAJ. I want to generate more interest in UAJ as a university, not just a place to go to classes. I hope to encourage students into participating in student body activities."

"I am studying for a degree in structural engineering. Next year I will transfer to University of Alaska at Fairbanks."

"Juneau is my hometown, 20 years to date. I have been working as a carpenter in residential construction to pay for school. I love skiing and traveling. I was in Asia for six months this year. I don't have

any prior experience in student government but I do have a strong desire to contribute to the improvement of 'UAJ spirit'."

Sonja Yarga; Upper Division Representative:

"I was a lower division representative two years ago but couldn't participate as much as I wanted because of schedule conflicts. This year I am anxious to get involved."

"I believe there are specific rules governing what representatives are to accomplish. I would like to see more committees (I was on the locker committee) and more student participation in student government."

"I plan to finish my bachelor degree in business administration (with major in accounting) at UAJ. I will take the CPA exam and if successful would like to deal in international business. I am

"I am working for a bachelor of elementary education, majoring in special education. I want to work with pre-school to third grade students."

"I graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School; I have been a resident for seven years. I was previously involved in an advocacy position concerning special education."

also very involved in my community and would continue this activity."

"My hometown is Amherst, Ohio. I was involved with extra curricular activity clubs and as an assistant to student body officers. I came to Juneau partly because the climate is more comfortable for me with my allergy to dust, grass and other common elements, but I chose the University of Alaska-Juneau when a junior in high school because of its student/teacher ratio, and because it offered all the advantages of a new school such as the latest technology equipment and modern buildings."

"I have discovered since attending school here that UAJ has great faculty who are willing to help a student on a one-on-one basis, and the Study Center is a real big help!"

Marla Adams; Upper Division Representative:

"I wanted to be involved in decision making on behalf of the students of UAJ. I have been motivated to represent the needs and interest of others because of my daughter."

"I will work to maintain UAJ's status as a four-year university and to keep graduate programs. I will encourage more involvement of students in university activities."

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* Initiator of the Peace Corps and VISTA

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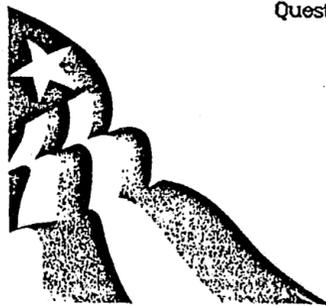
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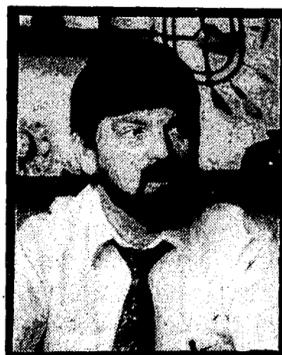
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