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Campus mail gets around

Pigeon-holes; a postage machine; Frank Fisher, the delivery person; a vehicle; and Stover-house are all key elements of the UAJ mail system.

Five days a week Fisher and Bob Greene, Director of the UAJ physical plant, coordinate delivery of incoming and outgoing US Post, DHL Courier correspondence, and the inter-campus mail.

UAJ students may use the inter-campus mail system. At least once a day mail is carried between the six pick-up points of the system. These points include: 1) Stover-house (the brown physical plant building next-door to the Auke Lake Campus); 2) Fisheries (upstairs in the main office); 3) Administration Offices (at the Office of Administrative Services);

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UAJ rings with space age phone system

The communications equipment located in Stover House would rightly be more at home on a space ship. Focus EPABX (Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange) is seen by most campus users as push-button phones.

According to William D. Stevens, Alaska State Marketing Manager for Juneau and Douglas Telephone Company, the phone system is a computer. Most people are familiar with a small home computer called "Apple." Comparatively speaking, the UAJ microprocessor-controlled operating program is a whole orchard. This pie-in-the-sky right here at UAJ offers combinations of 100 different features, and new use possibilities are still being discovered.

With the assistance of Juneau and Douglas Telephone Company Service Advisor Susan Collins, current UAJ uses were instigated and are

being continually expanded. "Camp-on Automatic Call-back," "Executive Forward All Calls" are just few of the features now being utilized.

Backed up by a refrigerator sized cabinet and using a small desk-top console unit, Pat Paquin, UAJ switchboard operator, gives any necessary assistance. Over an 18-day period during registration nearly 5000 calls were made.

Robert Green, Director of the UAJ Physical Plant says EPABX, costing "only a few dollars more a month to purchase than we were paying to rent the old system" is set up to grow with the university and will be functional through the year 2000. The money--paid-in-full in ten years--is primarily from the general fund. This \$200,000 plus space-age system is in use at UAJ now.

Computer Time goes unclaimed

Have you ever wanted to own a computer? If you are enrolled as a student at UAJ, you already do. All students at UAJ have \$100 worth of free computer time per year.

To make use of this time simply walk into the computer node located in the Whitehead building and sign your name on a USERID (pronounced user I.D.) request. The next day you can begin to use your own computer time.

Students have computer time because the UAJ is part of an academic computing network based on the large Honeywell computer in Fairbanks. The units throughout Alaska, including the community colleges in Sitka and Ketchikan, are connected by landlines and satellite.

The idea behind the computer network at the university, said Richard Meeker, Southeast Area Manager for the University of Alaska Computer Network, is that everyone should have the same access to the computer as they do to the library. Terminals are available for use at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The Whitehead computer node is open from

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Editorials

The case of the wavering fee waiver

Questions have arisen among the student body concerning the recent fee and tuition waiver awards. If "financial need is not a criterion" as stated in the Student Financial Aid 1981-82 handbook, why, according to the September 16 minutes of the Student Services Advisory Committee, are the accepted applicants "subject to review by Financial Aids?"

And if that same committee has given priority to new students or students with fewer than 30 credit hours at UAJ, should that include persons who already have advanced degrees? Wouldn't the spirit, if not the letter, of the program be better served by giving the monies

to persons seeking an initial degree or certificate?

We recommend the committee continue to develop criteria in more detail and carry out plans to "...strengthen and expand future fee waiver applications to include a more complete set of information."

We also suggest that the Financial Aids Office--with the addition of extra staff during enrollment if necessary--offer guidance and counseling to students along with the Financial Aids packet.

In time to meet applications deadlines, an all inclusive listing of financial aid programs, explain-

ing grants, scholarships, loans, employment and veteran's benefits should be made available to high school counselors throughout Southeast Alaska, published in local papers, broadcast over the radio and made known to the public by all possible means.

With such information, students will be aware of and able to make use of all financial aid opportunities. And in particular, with detailed criteria and applications, the Student Services Advisory Committee will be able to distribute fee and tuition awards fairly.

S. S-C.

Is WHALESONG supposed to be migrating?

We--WHALESONG--were told we could, with their consent, share an office with the Student Government. They generously agreed. Generously because the Student Government office is one of two small rooms adjacent to the student lounge, and an active part of the lounge. I wonder that the Student Government functions as well as it does with the facilities it has.

Their office contains the for-student-use typewriter on a desk, a couch and some chairs, and two end tables.

One of the end tables holds the only on-campus public use phone, usually busy. There is a small bulletin board and a few small shelves, shelves Student Government uses.

Into this arrangement came WHALESONG. To publish a paper it is necessary to have access to information which in turn means files: files of background material, local resources, personal profiles, photographs, phone numbers, etc.

WHALESONG is run on a shoestring--so we have purchased the absolute minimum of supplies, but the minimum still fills a second box.

And our one big item, a lease-with-option-to-buy typewriter, is still not in our possession.

Where would we put it? We requested a lock for the door, but how can we justify locking up the only public phone and the only for-student-use typewriter? We can't, of course. That typewriter is not really suited for newspaper work so the 1st issue was typed on Ron Silva's typewriter, the 2nd on Ken Cash's, and the 3rd on Kit Stewart's, but we are running out of people.

It seemed careless to leave equipment in such a public location so we carry it back and forth, back and forth, then back and forth again.

Our solution has been to use the other small room adjacent to the student lounge. There is a nice long table on which to lay out

the paper. (The only other place long enough would be the floor.) And we greedily eye the chalkboard as well as the shelves lining one complete wall, wondering why they are stacked with career literature.

However, it is our understanding that for reasons arrived at during the great and difficult merger the room is allegedly a "faculty lounge."

What a waste it is if that is true. We have never seen but one live faculty member in the room and he came to see the WHALESONG on business, not to "louge."

Such a perfect room for WHALESONG and Student Government to share...a facility both organizations desperately need. And with a lock on the door, we would have a safe place for expensive equipment and files.

It would surely be better than trying to lay out some sections of WHALESONG at 4:00 a.m. on my clothes dryer.

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Thar She Blows

"Eats" Syntax

September 18

Dear Ken:

First, I would like to compliment you on your column "Eats." Indeed, much can be said about the topic. Certainly "eating out" is an adventure both financially and gastronomically! Moreover, your experiences in qualifying as a "cooker an an eater" were interesting and amusing.

Second, you will have to blame Mr. Petersen (Eng. 101 BR) for the things that jumped out at me when reading your article. From the fourth paragraph: "On the other side of the counter are, in order, being waited on, tasting, eating, and appreciation." Now how is that again? In the second paragraph of your article this reader had difficulty establishing the correct

"territory" of the cockroaches within your sentence. Mr. Petersen would say "SYNTAX! Now what does syntax mean?"

Third, I must end this commentary before I get my cockroaches in the wrong place. Keep in mind though that Mr. Petersen's students are around everywhere.

Best of luck,
Student,
Mr. Petersen's Eng. 101 BR

Dear Student:

First, thank you for your laudatory comments, even though they came addressed to Ken West, not Ken Cash.

Second, regarding my syntax: I have never paid any yet and I do not intend to start paying it now.

Ken Cash

Admission Policy

September 24

Editor:

In reaction to your editorial of September 23 on admissions, I wish to express thanks for the policy.

Because of open admission, I am now a retired Teamster, and full time student. I had taken several courses as I had time, and gradually realised that for me, College could be more interesting and rewarding than driving truck.

When I graduated from High School in 1937, college was a luxury I was not really interested in. Actually, I was not college material then. Now, however, I am thankful for the opportunity.

Dave Dawson
UAJ Freshman

Student Government Update

by Sandra Schmidt-Cash

Noon, October 20, the Student Government will meet in the lounge area of the bookstore building. Everyone's welcome

WHALESONG will have complete coverage of the 1981-1982 UAJ Student Elections in the next issue.

Channels

Kit Stewart

Back at school for the first time in more years than you care to count? Fresh out of high school and wondering what's expected of you? Or just swamped with schoolwork? If so, watch this column. In the next few issues I will share several of Kit's Clues for Collegiate Coping. Some topics will be: Getting Top Grades, To Degree or Not, Independent Study? and When to Challenge What.

The first clue is How Not to Flunk Out, or Develop Basic Study Skills:

- 1 Have a system--any is better than none.
- 2 Have a fixed time and place to study. Pretend it's another class that you can't miss.
- 3 Allow at least one (or three) hours study for every hour of class time, depending on the grade you want.
- 4 Read the text ahead of time.

Then the lecture will be painless review and you will recognize important points.

- 5 Attend class--teachers always say something that wasn't in the text.
- 6 Take lecture notes. Unless you are a shorthand whiz don't try to get every word, just non-text and emphasized material.
- 7 Do homework assignments at least on time, if not sooner. Then you won't be jammed up at the end, will have more time to study for exams and will find the homework another (comparatively painless) review.
- 8 Don't waste time highlighting or outlining everything. Concentrate on the big ideas, complicated processes or concepts, things to compare and contrast. The best use for an outline is to make muddy thoughts clear. So, if you

can't seem to get something through your thick head, outline it.

If all the above doesn't help, then get help. Instructors are usually generous with their time if you have a specific problem. If you lack some of the basic skills listed above or if you just need help getting started, then GO TO THE STUDENT STUDY CENTER. Karen House, its manager, is an enthusiastic and sympathetic person quite capable of guiding you over the rough spots. She has pamphlets and equipment for self-help along with free minicourses or workshops on a variety of subjects including note-taking, time management, etc. See the "In the Wind" column for workshop dates and times. I highly recommend them.

Larry Stevens discusses computers

Computer courses

If you want to know about bits or bytes, Larry Stevens, an instructor of Computer Science (CIS), is a good person to get to know. Stevens has been teaching CIS at UAJ for the past seven years. Presently he and Steve Healey are the only full-time instructors of CIS.

This semester there are approximately 300 students enrolled in CIS classes. About half of those students are in CIS 101, an introductory course. Stevens explained: "This is a computer literacy course. We teach a basic understanding of computers. It's hard for even people in the field to keep up with it. ...right now there are one million computers in the US. That's up from approximately 500,000 two years ago and 300 in 1964. Projections are that there will be 10 million by 1985."



With the rapid growth of the computer industry and the large demand for CIS classes, Stevens foresees the need for three more full-time instructors within the next few years. The large number of part-time teachers came under criticism by the accreditation team, but according to Stevens, "There is no way that full-time instructors can offer the quality of instruction for the diverse subjects that the working professional can."

Home micros

It seems the in thing is to own a microcomputer. We hear about how the computer turns on the roast at the proper time and keeps us from bouncing checks and is great for playing Stars Wars. It seems though, a lot of people are buying them without knowing the least bit about what a microcomputer really is and how it works.

According to Larry Stevens, a microcomputer is a device whose central processing unit is contained in a single chip. If you don't understand the terminology of the last sentence, chances are you should not be purchasing a microcomputer.

Stevens pointed out that no one would go out and spend \$4000 on stereo equipment without knowing what they were getting, but literally thousands of people purchase microcomputers and don't even know how to turn them on. So if you have been thinking about getting a microcomputer, check into it a little further by taking an introductory course in computer sciences. You might be surprised at what you'll learn.

New Lexitrons arrive at Bill Ray Center

On September 29, the Bill Ray Center was greeted with the arrival of two Lexitrons and one printer. The Lexitrons are word processors which will be used in Office Occupation classes.

The Data Processing division has on order three microcomputers, (two Apples and a TRS 80). According to Larry Stevens, it is anticipated that the three microcomputers will be here in about thirty days.

The microcomputers will relieve some of the load from the UA Honeywell computer system. At the present time, there are about 7500 people who have computer ID's and several hundred terminals. Yet the computer system can only support 120 users simultaneously. A terminal does not guarantee a student access to the system in Fairbanks. The microcomputers are stand-alone computers, requiring only the turning on of the power and a diskette. A student can go right to work on a terminal without waiting for an open line.

Stevens also stated that the beginning student ties up the computer for the longest time; therefore, the two Apples will probably be used for CIS 101 classes. The TRS 80 will be used for several assignments that are required in the textbooks.



Ruth Voltz, UAJ student, uses some of her computer time at one of the terminals in the Bill Ray Center.

On the trail of the whale?

WHALESONG has a mailbox at the Office of Student Services UAJ Auke Lake Campus. Messages can be sent to WHALESONG through the intercampus mail from other campus locations. On Tuesday or Thursday afternoons WHALESONG personnel will be at their office in the Student Lounge area of the Auke Lake Campus.

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Peterson Heads to London and PHD

"Topics of invention" are three words that run through the minds of students when writing sentences, paragraphs and term papers for English professor Arthur Petersen. Embellishing those words and others at UAJ since the fall of 1975, Petersen has taught classes ranging from Basic English to The World of F. Scott Fitzgerald. Aside from teaching, he has held positions on various University committees and published two volumes of poetry, DARK SAVIOR and STARS IN TWILIGHT and has a third volume in the works titled LIFE. Petersen received his A.A. degree in English from Sierra College in Rocklin, California and his B.A. and M.A. in English from California State University in Sacramento, California.

On Jan. 1, 1982, Petersen leaves on sabbatical for London, England where he will continue working toward his Ph D in British Studies and Creative Writing in a program through Union Graduate School West. This summer Petersen spent an intensive period of time at the school developing his graduate program and having it approved. The program requires a Project Demonstrating Excellence (PDE), equivalent to a doctoral dissertation, and an internship.

The PDE has two components: One is creative and the other more traditional. The creative portion will be composed of at least two volumes of poetry and one collection of short stories, themes being: general, Alaska and love relationships.



The second portion of the PDE will involve creating a theory of poetry. This theory will have a special orientation dealing with the romantic view of creativity as put forth by the early nineteenth century British romantics: Keats, Shelley, Wordsworth, Byron, and Coleridge--the big five as Petersen calls them. Petersen spoke of his plans to research these five romantics, "I'll be going to the places where they lived, reading what they wrote, looking into not only their theories of creativity, but also their social interaction with the politics and the people...finding out what they have to tell me about life and about creativity and bringing that experience back with me to Alaska."

The internship will involve designing a travel study course in England. During the internship, Petersen will be discovering which places students will visit, how the courses will be run and what

costs students will incur. He hopes to have students travel to England and take courses in-residence, enabling them to visit Stonehenge and see some British plays and walk the route traveled by the pilgrims in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

Petersen plans to live in a two bedroom flat located outside Oxford. He will return to Juneau approximately Aug. 15th, ready to teach the fall semester of 1982 with plans to travel back to England on Jan. 1, 1983 and finish his studies. Petersen hopes to graduate in June or July of 1983.

Computers...

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...to 15 per cent a week.

The computer offers an outstanding variety of services. The most popular and most advanced system in the world is the electronic mail system. Up to 6000 messages are sent throughout Alaska each month.

Among the programs available are statistical packages that help take the busy work out of research. Basic math languages and data are built into the computer. If spelling errors are a problem--type into the Editor--it's a 16,000 word dictionary and will tell you the words you've spelled wrong. It will also build an index for your research paper and put in the proper footnotes.

If you are new to computers and need lessons, the computer will take you through a step by step program to teach you how to use whatever function you need. Human help is available from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and a user's guide can be bought at the node or the campus bookstore for \$2

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Sports Spout

government, but will be developing a student athletics program at UAJ. Applications for the position will be accepted through October 23.

When hired, the director will begin development of a program of recreational, intramural and club activities and sports and lay the groundwork for the formation of small college intercollegiate competition. The director will also develop and implement courses in physical education, including classes in coaching and officiating.

Swimming

You can use your student activity card to purchase swimming tickets at a discount. See Jim Elstad at the BRC Monday or Thursday, or the Bookstore anytime, beginning Oct. 12th.



Want to better your grades? Take the free non-credit courses of the Student Study Center workshop.

The classes will be held Wednesdays at the Mike Lake Campus in the Student Study Center from 4 to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays at the Bill Ray Center in room 201 from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information call Karen House at 789-2101 ext. 501.

October 7 & 8—using the parts of a text. We can help make the task less time-consuming and more helpful. We will review techniques helping you understand your textbook to be able to earn good grades. Bring yours and learn how to use it.

October 9—7 & 9 p.m. The Friday Flick will be THE INFORMER. An IRA leader is betrayed during the Irish Rebellion by a slow-witted hanger-on, who is hounded by his fellow rebels and his own conscience. Victor McLaglen won the Oscar as best director. Starring actor John Ford also won as best actor, so did the screenplay and musical score. (U.S., 1961, color)

October 14 & 15—How to read faster and remember more. Reading is studying. By following the SQ4R method you will understand and remember what you read. Let us help improve your reading skills.

October 16—7:30 & 9 p.m. The Friday Flick will be SUMMER AND SMOKE. Powerful Tennessee Williams drama features a haunting performance by Geraldine Page as a repressed small town Southern girl secretly in love with a wild medical student who is oblivious to her existence. With Lawrence Harvey and Rita Moreno. Directed by Peter Glenville. (U.S. 1961, color)



UAJ students and faculty suffering Big Mac attacks managed a reprieve at the free hamburger party sponsored by Student Government. Kit Stewart receives a burnt offering from Howard Lindskoog.

October 22—Nobel Prize winner Bettie Williams will come to Juneau.

October 21 & 22—Managing your time—(study*work*play). Do you find yourself wishing for more study time before an exam or finals? Or do you often have to turn down good-time invitations and hot days because you had to study? Or some game you had to cancel? You can stop all that and become a less "up-tight" and "together" person by simply following our suggestions.

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Inada workshop

by Chris Fry

A cultural ambassador using his poetry as a vehicle to enlighten others about the Asian-American experience is what Lawson Fosao Inada feels he is.

As part of the University of Alaska, Juneau's Distinguished Writers Series, the 43 year old Inada conducted workshops for the young and old. In addition he held sessions for inmates at the Lemon Creek Correctional Facility as part of the Arts in Prisons program.

Another feature of the series was his September 18 presentation at the Alaska State Museum.

Around forty people were present and all seemed to enjoy Inada's stories and poetry. Between poems Inada took time out to relate many personal stories to his intent listeners. Among these were his experiences as a youngster and his captivity in a Japanese-American interment camp during World War II.

The Fresno, California-born poet has written and edited many Asian-American books. Among these books are BEFORE THE WAR (1971), AIIIEEEEE: AN ANTHOLOGY OF ASIAN-AMERICAN WRITERS (1976) and THE BIG AIIIEEEEE: MAINSTREAMS OF ASIAN-AMERICA (forthcoming).

The widely travelled lecturer has been awarded two Creative Writing Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts--1972 and 1980--and is currently serving on the Literature Fellowship Panel of the Endowment for the Arts.

Inada was so fascinated with Alaska, he wrote a poem about it, then read the poem at the presentation.

"This will be the first time the yet untitled poem has been publicly presented and possibly the last," said the smiling poet.

Inada is currently a professor at Southern Oregon State College.



The Fall Look on campus this year is basic Alaska chic: authentic faded jeans topped by a tri-color UAJ T-shirt --modeled here by Steve Andison, UAJ student. T-shirts available now at The Bookstore, but hurry, only 3 left.

Squeaks & Trills

by Sobole Matt

I understand the Bill Ray Center is pretty proud of their new computers. The computer people there know a lot about them too. I took my Apple to them for help when it got sick. They said there wasn't a thing I could do; it was a terminal illness.

Art Petersen certainly has some interesting plans for next semester. Hope the University doesn't fill his English slot with Alexander Haig.

Does losing Art mean we'll lose that delicious pipe smell in the Soboleff Building?

Maybe Ron Silva can take up the pipe. In the meantime though I hear he's trying to sell movie rights to his class' book GARDEN OF ELOQUENCE.

By the way, it's not true that the new Fisheries budget includes money to purchase the Calypso.

Youthgrants are now available to young people in their teens and twenties to pursue non-credit, out-of-classroom research projects in the humanities. The deadline for receipt of completed application forms is November 16, and funded projects begin the following May.

Up to 75 grants will be awarded, offering as much as \$2,500 for individuals, and up to \$10,000 (\$15,000 for exceptional media projects). For Guidelines write to Youthgrants Guidelines, Mail Stop 103-C, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506.

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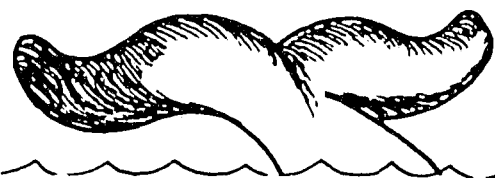
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SURVIVAL INFORMATION

May I have this dance?

Due to the WHALESONG'S publication schedule, student election nominating petition deadline and the date of student elections, WHALESONG is unable to include candidate profiles in this issue. We will make every effort to get in step the next time around.

Housing needed

Information about any available housing will be appreciated. Please call 789-4487.

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priority for the coming year's funding is in physical education. The UAJ now has money to begin a sports program but more will be needed to augment the program and to build a recreational building.

Fields stated that there is a "very positive response in the community" towards sports at UAJ.

During the interview, Fields explained the accreditation process the University is going through. Originally, UAJ fell under the

"umbrella" of the University of Alaska statewide system and as such was fully accredited. However, when a university campus reaches a certain size, it needs to apply for its own accreditation.

In 1977, the accrediting association, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and UAJ thought it would be appropriate to begin the accreditation process. Normally, this process takes about 5 years.

Partly because the University had reorganized in the past year,

and partly because of the concerns mentioned in this interview, the recommendation of the evaluation committee is to continue the candidacy status of UAJ.

In the fall of 1983, the University will once more be evaluated. This is the end of the 6-year period.

"All budget requests are aimed at addressing the concerns raised by the evaluation committee," concluded Fields. "We should become accredited the next time they evaluate us."

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