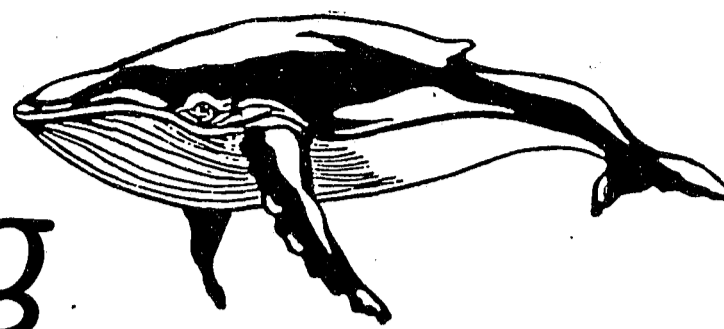


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## Sea World capture draws great debate

By JAMIE FOLEY  
Special to the Whalesong

Suzanne La Pierre, a lawyer for the Sierra Legal Defense Fund Inc. was the first featured speaker of the Brown Bag series held at the UAJ campus. This particular lecture was held February 20th.

The Sierra Legal Defense specializes in Environmental Law and Litigation and thrives solely on donations from the public. La Pierre gave her rendition of a court case, how with the backing of these donations, a focused moral purpose and the support of such groups as Green Peace and persons including Governor Sheffield, La-Pierre was able to barr the Federal government and the Sea World corporation from taking ten killer whales out of Alaskan waters for capture in aquarias.

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The end is in sight.

## Bookstore main topic

# USUAJ draws large crowd

By: JAMIE FOLEY  
Whalesong Editor

The controversial closure of the UAJ bookstore was the main topic of conversation at the March 8 meeting of the United Students of UAJ.

Attendance was high at the meeting, the majority being students, but administrators such as Vice Chancellor Harry Keim and Chancellor Michael Paradise also attended.

The focus of the meeting centered around the recent hiring of former bookstore manager Ginny Hayes as the new student recruiter. Hayes was transferred to this position after the UAJ bookstore was closed for all but two hours each day due to budget problems.

Bob Triplett, a UAJ student, made reference to a quote by Ginny Hayes in an article of the March 8 issue of the Whalesong. Triplett wondered why some-

one with no previous experience would be given the job of recruiter.

Keim assured Triplett that he thought Hayes had a "pleasant personality" and said "I thought it would be a good transfer."

It was then asked by Dave Hays, the legislative affairs co-ordinator for USUAJ, if Hayes has a bachelor's degree, which Keim said she does. Hays went on to say that frequently he had not felt comfortable in the bookstore and had "had some run-in's with Ginny Hayes." He added that he did not feel Hayes had demonstrated substantial experience as compared to the other prospective recruiter, Pat Gereighty.

It was then asked by Joe Parnell, lower division representative, whether Keim could substantiate a rumor that Hayes was transferred because she works for the state, meaning it would be very difficult to fire her. Keim replied, "Yes, she was given the job because of

policy."

Keim went on to explain that to fire Hayes he would have had to have found cause to do so. Parnell questioned why this policy has not been challenged. Keim said that to do so the Regents would have to approve a major policy change.

To shed some light on the transfer, Sheila Colbert-Kerns, who at present supervises Hayes stated, "If I'm not pleased with a worker, I am in the position to let that person go."

Chancellor Michael Paradise then asked permission to speak to the group. "Your anger is justified," he said. "I am angry too. We have to realize that there are conditions which happen to control us: oil prices declining and the governor requesting us to cut the budget. We have to abide by this."

Paradise went on to explain that a

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## Editorial

This semester the Whalesong staff has been encouraged by the positive feed-back received from students, faculty and administration. It seems communication and cooperation between staff and the school populace has doubled since last semester and we are glad that at least some have found the Whalesong to be a useful and competent medium.

Although we have enjoyed the positive reactions, most of it through the submission of stories and letters, we are also more than open to receive criticism and suggestions. Receiving all types of reactions gives us an idea who our readers are and what those readers require from their newspaper.

Although the end of the semester is in sight, we would like to encourage even more involvement from everyone. We encourage the submission of art work (photos, drawings, graphics), creative writing, poetry, and any other ideas you may have which could be printed on the arts page or the regular news or sports pages.

We encourage people to send in stories they may feel are important to share with others, whether hard news or just special interest articles. As a newspaper staff, we are the representatives of this university, not only through our own news assignments, but by considering yours as well.



A student's questioning:

Equality for all students?

Are students mere cattle- sorted, grouped and processed for the convenience of the teachers and administrators?!

An equality university?

Is this school a meat market where bodies are conditioned, reviewed and marketed to the mass machine?!

Submitted by Mike Reedy

## Letters. . .

### Financial aid thanks

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the state student loan and federal financial aid updates by Lynne Webster and other members of your competent staff. Through the efforts of the Whalesong, UAJ students should now be aware of the possibility that financial aid as we know it may drastically change over the next few years.

Students should also be aware that the UAJ financial aid office periodically receives notices from private individuals and service organizations wishing to provide scholarships to our students. Right now there are several scholarships available: The Talented Veteran Student Scholarship, the Mable Crawford Scholarship for business majors, the PEO Chapter G Music Scholarship, the Rotary Club Scholarship for Southeast Alaska residents, U.S. Dept. of Education Indian Fellowships and Scholarships and the Alaska State Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship for education majors. In addition, the Alaska Association of University Women plans to give a substantial scholarship to a senior for spring 1986.

Current scholarship offerings are listed on the bulletin board at the financial aid office and at other locations around campus. Students may stop by anytime during regular working

hours and we will be glad to give them applications and other materials.

Students should not be saddled with a heavy debt burden when they finish their degree program. One way to lower this debt burden is to seek out private scholarship funding. Please urge our students to consider applying for these scholarships to supplement or replace state and federal loans.

Thank you once again for the concern the Whalesong has displayed for the financial aid issues facing us this semester.

Sincerely,

Dianne R. Schmitt

### Extending the university

Dear Editor:

During the spring of 1982, the most Rev. Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago addressed America's Responsibility to the Poor in his talk to the Brooklin St. James Cathedral audience. In his talk he indicated that "most of us Americans under middle age have not seen or really touched the face of poverty. The national trauma we know as the 'Great Depression' has been our only mass experience of what it means to be without the convenience in life, and likewise, without solutions for the problems caused by depressions." How can we in Juneau, address this American social sin?

It is important, I believe, that

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we -- the University, private and public employers, serve as advocates for the development of the whole person along with his and her community through education. Let me stop and be the first to say, that "education is not a panacea," or cure-all for social concerns and problems, but if we work together, we can develop the individual's mind and his or her body of the community through cooperative education/ internship programming.

In short, the need in the semiprofessional, technical, and highly skill-

ed occupations is for (1) more people, (2) the right kind of people, (3) well trained, and (4) well educated people. Only through education can these ends be accomplished.

The answers have been suggested in the University of Alaska, Juneau's Co-op Education/Internship programming efforts. The Juneau Chamber of Commerce membership was a prime mover of this program.

When defining well-educated as those who have developed their minds as well as their job skills, technical

competence ranked at the top of the list, but no more so than competence in liberal arts, and the application of that knowledge to one's chosen occupation. This is, I believe, an educational concern for all of us. Only within an educational setting is there hope that these values will be given proper attention and development. If we are to move co-op intern programming we must view the job site as an extension of the university classroom.

Jerome Mayfield  
Career Counselor

**Activity fees debated**

Dear Students of UAJ:

There is now a proposal before the student government to change the student activity fees that are charged each student at registration time. Currently the student activity fees are assessed at the rate of \$1 per credit hour. The proposal is to change this fee to \$10 per student, regardless of credit hours. What this will mean to you, if you are now a full-time student, your fee will drop from \$12 to \$10 per semester. Part-time students will pay an increase of \$1-\$7 (depending on credit hours). Students with less than 3 credit hours should probably be exempt as they don't qualify for the student discounts that others receive. This change cannot happen without your approval and also the approval of the Board of Regents.

I support the proposal to change the activity fees for two reasons:

First: All students benefit equally from the activities of the student government. It is only logical that each student share this financial burden equally. These activities include subsidizing the Whalesong, the new lockers (I know you can't see them, but they are coming) and the soon-to-be installed stereo in the Mourant bldg., as well as the upcoming party at Eaglecrest and the party just held at the Breakwater for the Whale's final home game. Also, the student government has bought more discount tickets for skiing at Eaglecrest.

Did you know those tickets were subsidized? Eaglecrest only gives a 10% discount. The rest is normally subsidized by UAJ Student Activities funds, from the Student Activities office. This also applies to the Racquet Club and the swimming pool. When the budget for student activities was frozen, student government was asked to fill the gap and provide money for more tickets- which it did.

Second: This change in activity fees will mean an increase of \$15-40,000 annually over the present income, depending on actual enrollment. In these times of declining oil revenues

(a "catchy" phrase we have all heard before), we are faced with state budget cutbacks that are going to affect the quality of services as we have come to know them. It may become necessary for student government to pitch in and help.

We are entering a new phase of student involvement in the student services section of this university. There are a number of students that are concerned about the fact that budget cuts seem to hit the students first. The student government has the potential to provide some of the services that we may be in danger of losing, but it will take more money than it now receives to make a significant change.

The bookstore is a good example. There are people now working on the possibility of student operation of the bookstore through the school of business. This is an exciting opportunity for a hands-on learning experience in marketing, managing, bookkeeping, and in inventory control. In addition to providing jobs for students, the educational benefits are immeasurable in terms of real experience. There is also the possibility that it could become a research project for a faculty member to set the system up and see it through its operation. Student government involvement could be a major factor in helping this to happen.

Another good example is the upcoming Resource Conference scheduled to be sponsored by student government. This conference will be a meeting of representatives of state government, timber industry, fishing interests, conservation groups, U.S. government, and native corporations. The topics will cover a comprehensive land-use plan for S.E. Alaska. (Student input-help is being solicited. Contact Joe Parnell at the student government office.) These are the kinds of things that the student government can do, but they require money. There has been a suggestion for a year-end party and barbecue at the campus at the end of finals week so that we can all relax

together one last time and say goodbye for the summer. This would be paid for by, (you guessed it) student government.

When students ask for word processors, graphics devices, and other items not currently available or in adequate supply at the university, who is going to provide these things? Have you asked for anything lately from the administration? (Referring to things that cost money.) Don't bother. I can probably save you the trip by saying just three words: Four percent reductions. The figure may change, but the song remains the same. This is where student government can make a difference by supplying some of these things.

How is this money being spent? Here is a breakdown based on figures supplied at the last student government meeting:

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	\$11,506.00-total
Advertising/publicity	\$355.00-total
Commodities:	\$3881.69-total
Total expenses:	\$19,743.64(to date, 3-8-85)

What happens to the student activity fees? They go directly to the operating budget of the student government. According to the current financial statement (which is not quite up to date), the income from student activity fees (1984-85) totals \$20,169. This figure includes both fall and spring semesters. When the carryover from 1983-84 (\$19,690) is figured in, as well as income from vending machines (\$1,580) and a lab/materials fee (\$184) the income totals \$41,648.57 (including \$25.00 in "other" income.) When

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# Financial aid cuts could cut very deep

By FRED A WESTMAN  
Whalesong Staff Reporter

In a recent memorandum to state representatives of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), a top official sounded the alarm on President Reagan's budget for higher education.

According to Richard T. Jerue, vice president for governmental relations at AASCU, the proposed budget would be "devastating" to students receiving public college aid as one out of every four would no longer meet the stricter eligibility requirements.

Reagan's FY 86 budget would slash the FY 85 level of \$8.8 billion allotted for higher education by \$2.3 billion, or 25 percent. This deep incision would scar the student aid programs as all but \$100 million of it would be cut from student aid.

Fifteen percent of Guaranteed Student Loan recipients would lose eligibility for that program. Sixteen percent of the independent student population would lose eligibility for all aid programs, according to Jerue.

According to a recent overview of the budget put out by the American Council on Education, the 15 percent who would lose eligibility for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program works out to be about one million current borrowers.

"Almost 75 percent of need based student aid recipients at public institutions come from families with incomes of less than \$16,500. Almost 60 percent of those students come from families with incomes below the poverty level," Jerue said.

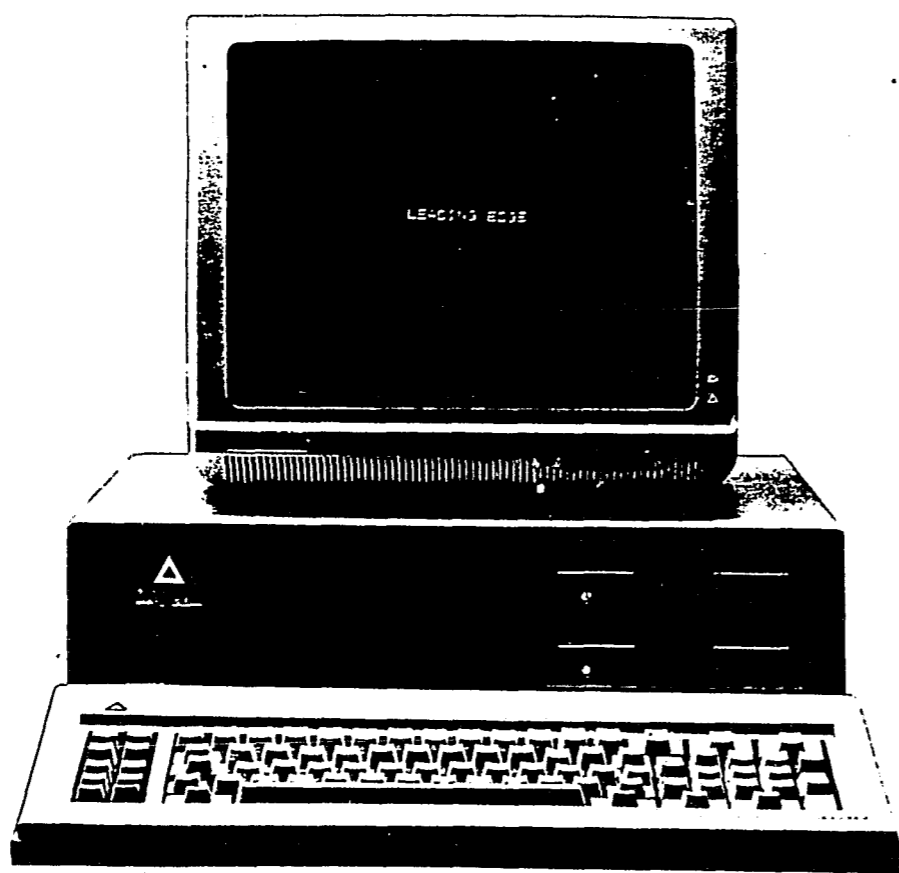
"We now must begin to let members of Congress know of our concerns. I urge all of you to write to your Con-

gressional delegation expressing your strong disapproval of these proposals," he said.

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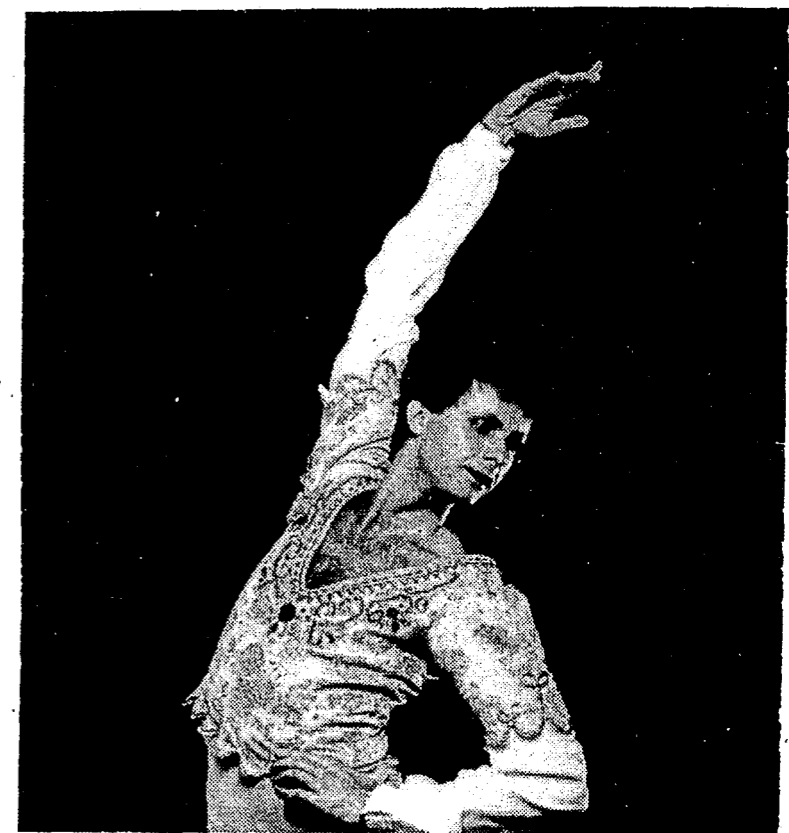
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## Statewide dance festival to be held

By FRED A WESTMAN  
Whalesong Staff Reporter

The third annual Alaska Statewide Dance Festival will be held in Juneau for the first time this year during the week of March 27-30, 1985.

Juneau Dance Unlimited is the local sponsor for the event featuring ballet, jazz and modern dancers from around the state. The festival will include the North Star Ballet and Dance Omnium of Fairbanks; the Anchorage Civic Ballet and the Alaska Contemporary Dance Company of Anchorage; the Ketchikan Theatre Ballet; the Alyeska Dance Company, the Janice Holst Dancers and Juneau Dance Unlimited of Juneau; the Peninsula Dancers of Kenai; and dancers from Haines.

The evening concert is scheduled for performance on March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Juneau-Douglas High School Auditorium. Also that day a shorter matinee concert for children will be performed at 2 p.m.

Admission for the 8 p.m. performance is \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door; admission is \$5 for children for the 2 p.m. performance with adults admitted free of charge when accompanied by a child.

Dance workshops are scheduled to be held from March 27-29.

For more information call 586-1089.

## Scholars named to Dean's, Chancellor's lists

By INGO FLEMING  
Whalesong Staff Reporter

Over 35 students from the University of Alaska-Juneau, after countless hours of studious toil, can rest assured and find their names on either the Dean's List or the Chancellor's List for the fall of the 1984-85 school year.

For the Juneau campus this is the first year that either lists have been started. After efforts on part of last year's Student Government President LaVena Sargent, and approval by both the University Academic Council and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Beverly Beeton, recognizing academic excellence has finally been instituted.

As for the requirements for being put on either list, Linda Simpson, director of admissions and records, said "it is the different levels of GPA which determines whether the stu-

dent will be on either the Dean's List or Chancellor's List."

In addition, the student must be admitted to a undergraduate degree program, she said.

Students whose undergraduate semester GPA is 3.5 or greater will be placed the Dean's List and those whose GPA is 4.0 will be placed on the Chancellor's List.

So for students whose GPA is below the necessary mark to be put on either list, their course is set. And for those who have their names on either List - Congratulations!

### Dean's List - Fall Semester 1985

Mary Banel	BBA
Lorin Bradbury	BLA
Patricia Bulkow	AA
Ethel Caplan	BBA
David Csepp	BS Biology
Lyn Egloff	BS Biology
Donna Ernst	AAS Paralegal

Jamie Foley	AAS Paralegal
Melody Ann Gerber	BBA
Dawn Groves	B.ED
James Huemann	AA
James Miller	BLA
Legia Pate	AAS Paralegal
Ellen Phipps	AA
Grgg Raschick	B.ED
Lawton Paddock	AAS Marine Tech.
Joel Smith	AAS Power Tech.
Robian Stetson	BBA

### Chancellor's List - Fall Semester 1985

David Ackley	BS Fisheries
Ellen Betit	B.ED
Cindy Clark	AAS Office Admin.
Jill Doreen Grose	AA
Gerianne McLeod	BED
Tina S. Pasteris	BED
Sherri Pray	BBA
Peggy Sepulveda	AA

## Mayor Ulmer addresses UAJ students at special session

By JOE PARNELL  
Special to the Whalesong

Wednesday, Feb. 27, Fran Ulmer, the mayor of Juneau, visited UAJ to give a brief presentation and participated in a question and answer session. A total of 10 people turned out to hear Mayor Ulmer explain her office and its function as part of city government: mainly public relations. She also holds one vote on city council and chairs all the meetings.

Ulmer presented a number of facts and figures about Juneau, which included population statistics numbering 27,500 people, compared to 19,000 in 1980. There are 23,000 registered cars in Juneau, as compared to 14,000 in 1980 and this year the city operates on a budget of \$91,739,300 of which \$25,263,600 goes to the school district and \$13,175,400 goes to the hospital.

After this informational consultation, she took on a few questions from the crowd. Asked why the city was thinking of spending \$3 million to buy 90 acres of land when we had almost 16,000 acres undeveloped, she replied that it was the city's hope to build a school and parking area in the Greenbelt.

When asked about Nimbus, the sculpture outside the Court building and the possibility of having it put at UAJ, Ulmer replied that the sculpture is in storage right now and its fate is currently left to the State Museum board.

Ulmer then asked for one last question. A student addressed Ulmer,

saying: "I left town in September and the parking garage was progressing fine, but when I came back this month, it was in the same condition. Could you tell me what happened?"

Mayor Ulmer then gave a recap of the whole situation. She pointed out that Judge Pegues' interpretation of the law, in granting the injunction to stop construction, cost the city over \$500,000 dollars, inconvenienced the people of Juneau to wait even

longer for a parking garage and caused one of the subcontractors to declare bankruptcy.

Another student declared that Belle Blue did have some positive value because she shook up the "good ole boys" at city hall.

The mayor countered by saying she thought "responsible people have to weigh all the gains against the losses and then decide what is right or wrong."

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# Folk Festival expected to draw thousands

By NADINE SIMONELLI  
Whalesong Staff Reporter

The Eleventh Annual Alaska Folk Festival will take place April 8-14 at Centennial Hall in Juneau. The burgeoning numbers of performers and audience, coupled with a lack of state funding, has resulted in a number of changes since the 1984 show.

The first festival, held in 1975, was a free concert at the State Museum. A group of local folk musicians instigated the event with the assistance of the former deputy director of the museum, Dan Monroe. The festival attracted over 400 people that evening alone.

The next year's program had almost 30 performers and included some workshops.

In 1977, the three day festival featured over 50 performers. An added attraction was a paid guest artist who would perform for the audience as well as conduct workshops for interested musicians. Every year since, a guest artist of the country/folk genre has been chosen to participate in the Alaska Folk Festival. This is the only person involved in the festival who is paid for their involvement.

As the number of participants grew, the museum could no longer accommodate the crowd. One year the Juneau-Douglas High School Auditorium was used. This concert environment was not

consistent with the folk atmosphere. During the next four years week-end concerts and dances were held at the National Guard Armory.

"It was dreadful acoustically," said local musician Uncle Bob Pavitt. "We tried using sails, quilts and screens to dampen the sound. It helped, but it wasn't good." So, starting in 1984, week-end concerts and dances were held at Centennial Hall.

According to Folk Festival sources, the decline of state revenues will adversely affect cultural events, the Folk Festival included. A group of festival volunteers and musicians formed a nonprofit organization in an effort to perpetuate the Alaska Folk Festival. They seek memberships, donations, grants and help from organizations. They were awarded a \$3,800 grant from the City and Borough of Juneau to cover the cost of renting Centennial Hall for the entire 1985 Festival. Afternoon and weeknight concerts will take place in the lobby. Week-end performances and the Saturday night dance will take place in the main hall. Thursday and Friday night dances will take place at the near-by ANB Hall.

In preparation for this year's festival, concerts for kids and square dances have been held to generate funds and interest. The Cone Arts Gallery in downtown is filled with music on Wed-

nesday nights. Owner/operator Steve Smith said, "Musicians are gathering to jam and exchange cosmic energies".

Mike Seeger, guest artist in 1982 said, "the Alaska Folk Festival is by far the best run, the best presented and the most artistically superior festival of its kind in the United States at this time."

Bob Banghart, a festival organizer, said, "this is for musicians. If it was not for the musicians its vital purpose would not be pertinent".

Television and radio coverage brings live music made by neighbors to thousands of Alaskans around the state. An audio tape of each performance is given to the person or group in an effort to enhance the abilities of the performers as well as the quality of the festival. Due to the diligence of the organizers, this year's Alaska Folk Festival will continue to be free of charge to the thousands of people of Alaska, Yukon and any travelers wishing to participate.

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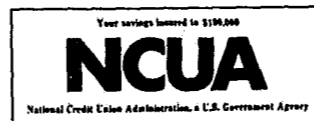
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the expenditures are subtracted, this leaves us with a balance on paper of \$21,904.93.

I say on paper because the actual balance is really going to be somewhere around \$7-10,00 less, due to items unlisted such as phone, bookstore, and copying charges as well as \$6,000 for the Whalesong and \$1,305 for more Eaglecrest tickets approved at the last meeting and other items budgeted but not paid for yet. This means that the student government will spend much more than it has taken in this year and the year is not over yet. As you can see, the student government will go broke in a short time at the present rate. This change in the activity fee will turn that situation around and provide funds for a variety of educational activities and needs as well as the occasional party that we earn through our hard work and persistence.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this. Michael Jensen Smith

**Stop inhumane conduct**

A copy of this letter was sent to Representative Don Young, Senator Ted Stevens, and Senator Frank Murkowski. This letter could be addressed to each of us as well. (Editor's note.)

The national press now quotes President Reagan as advocating the violent overthrow of Nicaragua; he calls it "a noble cause." I hope you agree that any support for "contras" in Nicaragua and El Salvador is an **IGNOBLE** cause.

Please do what you can to see that we end covert activities in Central and South America. I think a majority of us in the United States and in academia, where I work, want to be and to promote a noble and just people. Thus we wonder why so powerful a country as the United States stoops so low as to represent its interests through criminals, subsidized slaughter, and treacheries beneath all dignity. As an American and world citizen, I feel betrayed by the activities of an extremist leadership that engages in such practices, often in total secrecy, in the name of national security. A free people should know what is government is doing, and exactly why.

There are other reasons for desisting in this sort of international manipulation. But they are based on history, and what many historians tell us, with chagrin, is that we learn nothing from history. Indeed, parallels to disastrous involvements for the United States in South East Asia and in the Middle East are abundant but apparently not clear, or the United States would not be engaged in this similar involvement. "Never again" was the slogan after World War I, which was called "the war to end all wars." Then

about 1936, George Orwell observed, "How soon we forget," in his account of the rehearsal for World War II in Spain. I suspect we will have need of Orwell's words long after 1984.

I hope you agree that America's integrity is best preserved by honoring its principles at home and abroad, not by secret insurgency nor another outright armed assault against still another tiny agrarian country. I hope you will help protect our shores by

you yourself honoring and working to preserve the noble principles this country still claims to embrace. I hope your mind and heart agree with those principles: if so, you will help to prevent the unwise, the unjust, and the inhumane continuation of United States conduct to the south of its borders.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely yours,

Art Peterson

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cushion was secured last year which took care of the bookstore losses, but this year the Legislature did not fully fund the fringe benefits for employees, thus the cushion was lost. Secondly, the governor recently requested the halt of state expenditures, with the result that the university was required to turn in \$124,000 in unspent monies. Paradise said because of these financial conditions, the bookstore could not be saved.

Next a report from the constitution committee was given by Dave Hays. Hays stated that a rough draft of the constitution has been completed. He assured that the final copy would be posted sufficiently for all students to have access for reviewing.

## Whales. . .

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La Pierre represented a group of clients who not only disapproved of these captures, but also questioned the validity of a proposed study which would take place on an additional ninety whales within their natural Alaskan habitat.

La Pierre explained that a permit was issued to Sea World by the Federal government. La Pierre initially wanted to somehow go after Sea World legally, but found no grounds to do so considering they had done nothing illegal.

According to La Pierre, because the permit was issued legally and without grounds for a court case, the firm decided to sue the Federal government, more specifically, the Marine Fisheries Service. In order to do this, when suing the federal government, a plaintiff must also sue all other parent agencies related to the particular agency sited in suit.

Although the 60 day statute of limitations had run after the issuance of the permit, La Pierre was able to cite the "National Environmental Policy Act", as grounds for a suit in arguing the issuance of such a permit to take these killer whales. As La Pierre quoted from the act, "If there is a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, the agency taking action is required to prepare an environmental impact statement."

Sea World had not prepared such a statement and used as a counter argument that an environmental impact statement was not applicable to this particular case.

As La Pierre pointed out, "We

Under old business, Bob Tipllett proposed that student government spend \$1,000 on food for the Eaglecrest party. This proposal was amended to \$500 and passed.

Next Joe Parnell gave an up-date on the Natural Resource Conference, concerning preliminaries yet to be completed before the final presentation.

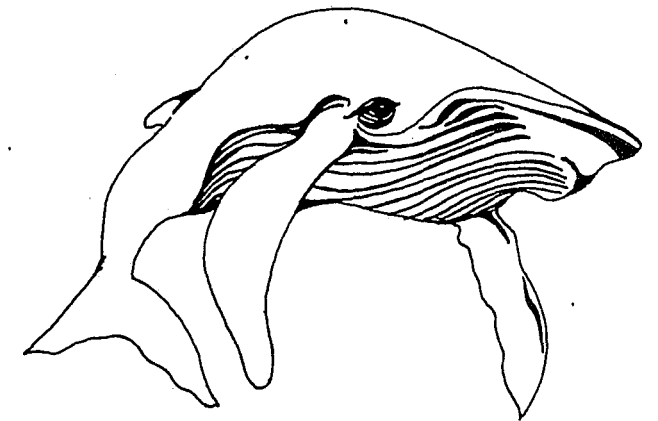
Under new business:

Pasteris solicited support from USUAJ for \$1,305.00 to purchase ski tickets to be used by UAJ students. This was passed by vote.

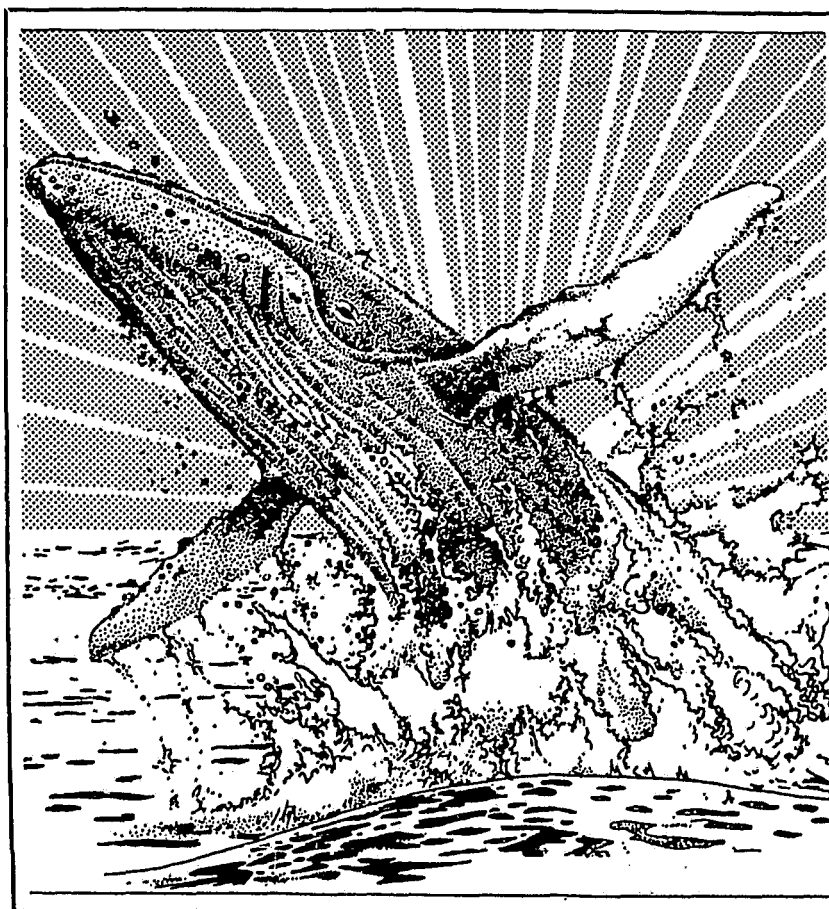
A motion by Mike Smith was presented to the council for an increase in student activities fees from \$1 per credit hour to \$10. Action on

this matter was deferred to the next student government meeting.

The final order of business involved a legislative affairs report given by Dave Hays, the legislative affairs co-ordinator. He told students that HB 161, the bill which could alter student loans drastically, has not been thrown out of the legislature but said he did not think the bill had any support.



thought they were wrong. We felt there was no justification for them to exclude this procedure." La Pierre went on to explain, "We were not challenging the permit at this point, but the fact that the permit was issued without this environmental impact statement." If nothing else according to La Pierre, she was hoping for this tactic to stall the "go ahead" signal from the agency for Sea World to begin taking the whales.



Other procedures pertinent to court hearings were attempted from both parties to the case, with La Pierre's clients winning. The court ruled in favor on their basis of legal theories presented

The Federal agency has 60 days to appeal this case, if they find it within their best interests, excluding those of Sea World.

As La Pierre pointed out, such an appeal would have to be presented on only the legal issues which were raised in relation to the permit issuance, putting aside the frustrating fact that Sea World has presently been barred from taking or studying whales off the coasts of Washington, California and Finland, to use as a counter defense if such an appeal was granted. The only other area killer whales can be found are in Alaska and the Antarctic.

La Pierre told of Sea World, after killing whales in attempts to capture them off the coast of Washington, filled their slit stomachs with cement in hopes of hiding their remains.

The major argument La Pierre stressed on behalf of her clients in this particular case was the fact that not enough is known concerning the affects these studies and captures can have on the whale population. The impact of such activities are questionable.

As La Pierre pointed out, her clients have won for the moment. Since an appeal's case strictly deals with procedural law, La Pierre cannot make the agency come out with a decision in her favor on the basis of emotional pleading.

La Pierre encouraged by the Alaskan spirit of supporters and their input, including letters and phone calls stressed the fact that this is a very important and significant role the public can make on a court decision such as this one.