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Lind invites Gorbachev to UAS

BY LAWTON KNIGHT
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Mikhail Gorbachev may soon be on his way to Juneau, if he accepts an invitation extended by University of Alaska Southeast Chancellor Marshall Lind to be the commencement speaker at graduation in May.

Lind sent a letter to Gorbachev in October inviting him to be the commencement speaker.

"We applaud your positive influence on opening the borders of Alaska and Siberia to visa-free travel for Native people, and enthusiastically embrace the citizen's diplomacy that feeds the steadily growing cultural and educational connections between Alaska and the Soviet Far East," said Chancellor Lind in his letter to Gorbachev.

It is not unusual for invitations for commencement speakers to be extended well in advance to allow the speaker the time to make the necessary arrangements.

Lind also spoke with Yuri Dubinin, the Washington D.C. based ambassador to the United States from the Soviet Union, about the invitation while he was in Juneau.

"I felt that the ambassador's response was very positive; he was very interested in exploring this. It is complicated. This isn't something you just do over night, especially in view of

everything that has taken place in the Soviet Union. The general response was very positive, and they seem to be interested," said Lind.

"I also discussed the invitation, with one of Ambassador Dubinin's aids and he indicated that he would assist us in anyway he could to at least have the matter considered. I guess that is about as much assurance at this point that we can ask for. It's a major step just to get some consideration. Ambassador Dubinin is the highest ranking official from the Soviet Union in the U.S. and we were extremely fortunate with the timing of his visit; it was just superb.

"Professor Wally Olsen suggested in September that in view of what is happening in the world, particularly the opening of the borders between the Soviet Union and Alaska, and the ability of Native peoples on both sides to be able to cross the border without visa difficulties, we ought to recognize that as a contribution to the United States and invite President Gorbachev to come to Juneau. My first reaction was that of surprise, but the more I thought about it the more I liked the idea," said Lind

"In our region we have the former Russian-Alaskan capital, Sitka, and now here we are in the current state capital of Alaska. It's a nice way to renew and recognize some of the

historical ties. You put it all together and it makes good sense. Let's try it," said Lind

Olsen, who is a professor of anthropology at UAS, said of Gorbachev "Here's someone who is helping the state and the university build bridges to our neighbors to the west. It seems appropriate to invite him to address our students. Nothing like this happens unless there is community support and cooperation."

"I started talking with various people about the idea, to see what their views were. Most everyone I talked to thought it was a great idea. It was appropriate in view of all the things that were happening at the time, so they encouraged me to pursue it. We have taken all the steps and sent the invitation. We are now waiting on a response from President Gorbachev's office as to whether or not he will be able to join us on May 4th," said Lind.

Lind also said of the invitation, "This would have tremendous educational value, and that is the whole purpose. This is a way to promote a better understanding of U.S. and Soviet relationships. It's through students and young people of the country that world peace will happen. Commencement is just the beginning of a life-long educational process and this would be a fine way for our

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UAS Professor of Anthropology, Wally Olsen, suggested that in view of current events it would be appropriate to invite Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to be the keynote speaker at the May 1990 Commencement. "Here's someone who is helping the state and the university build bridges to our neighbors to the west. It seems appropriate to invite him to address our students."

Tuxedo Junction a success again

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

One of the most anticipated evenings of the year came to a silent end last Sunday at 2 a.m.

Tuxedo Junction, the annual scholarship fund raiser hosted by the University of Alaska Southeast, allowed Juneau to shine Saturday night, while grossing a profit of \$17,000 for the university.

"I think it was a success," one student commented to his date on the way out the door Sunday morning.

The only complaint that

floated through the air at the event was in regard to the new casino rules.

"When you make gambling more of a gamble than it already is, it almost isn't worth the money. I mean I like the idea of donating to the university, but I won over \$800 in chips and walked away with nothing. There's no telling how much I spent," said James Grace a Green's Creek geologist.

In past years the casino rules allowed winners to enjoy at least small rewards for money invested. This year the rules

changed, and not to the liking of some participants.

Gamblers who won, purchased tickets for five dollars and dropped them into a box for a chance to win. Several drawings were held throughout the evening.

Theoretically the more chips an individual won, the better their chances were of actually winning. While this is true, it didn't help console those who won lots of chips and still walked away empty handed.

The well received floor show featured the Janice Holst

and New Archangel Dancers. As the dancers performed the response was everything from yelling and standing to sincere applause.

"Juneau needs to have more formal events. I enjoyed the change of pace. You can only dance in sawdust for so long and still keep your shoes clean," said Tuxedo Junction newcomer Alberto Dalmado.

Two bands switched off throughout the evening. Mel Flood's Big Band sounded off first, followed by the rock'n'roll of the Casual T's.

"I noticed that everyone joined in on the fun. The bands were both excellent. The variety provided for variable moods throughout the evening. There was a time to be sophisticated and a time to let your hair down. It was nice," said Cecile Elliot UAS student.

This year participants were given the option of purchasing an additional \$10 or \$20 ticket for reserved seating. All seats sold. Ticket prices were \$45 at the door, \$35 at bookstores and \$25 for students with at least nine credits.

I think Juneau is just fine "Tin Machine" without the A-J mine, dont you? Bowie's album reviewed

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

The possible future of the city of Juneau is in question. The opening of the A-J/Echo Bay Mine will tip the scale to the non-desirable side of Juneau living.

The possible damage to Juneau's scenery, air and water could be catastrophic to Juneau, if the mine opens.

The irreparable damage to the pristine Sheep Creek valley could forever destroy any future recreational use of the valley.

There will be over 22,500 tons of tailings and another 1,000 tons of waste rock dumped into the Sheep Creek Valley. The mine will be operating seven days a week. This adds up to over 164,500 tons of waste material every week, pouring from the already existing 140 miles of tunnels.

About four percent of the tailings, over 6,500 tons a month, would contain trace amounts of cyanide. Do we want this laying around, leaching into our water?

What will happen in the future, when the mine ceases to exist as a profitable enterprise? Will they simply pack, and we'll still be left with this ugly, scarred valley, a hollowed-out mountain and a road with 60 foot high, visable gashes? This probable scenario lends force to the saying "Echo Bay gets the

gold, Juneau gets the shaft."

There are also problems with the idea of their diesel generator. The plans for the A-J Mine call for the installation of a 21-megawatt (MW) diesel powered generator inside of Mount Roberts which would run 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

This generator will be built to provide additional electricity after the mine soaks all of the excess power provided by the Snettisham(47MW) and Crater Lake hydro(31MW) projects,

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which would provide power to Juneau area homes up to a population base of around 35,000 people, and the 3 MW of power provided by the damming of the Sheep Creek Valley. Juneau, on the worst winter peak-load time last year, used about 55MW of electricity.

The 21-megawatt generator would dump about 13,500 lbs. of Nitrogen Oxide and 1,620 lbs. of Sulfur Dioxide into the Juneau atmosphere every day. These two contaminants have been proven to be contributable sources of acid rain.

With all the rainfall that we receive, what would the effects of acid rain be on our streams,

fish and forests?

There would also be about 800,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 60 tons of cyanide (very deadly) shipped up the Gastineau Channel to Echo Bay's 16 acre industrial plant scheduled to be built opposite of the City of Douglas.

What are the consequences of a spill from a shipping barge or a leak from one of the storage tanks on the complex? Not a pleasant thought in my mind.

My main question is, are we desperate enough to jeopardize our air, water and scenery for a little gold?

Juneau is just fine without the AJ Mine.

Me, on a University Newspaper?

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Quotes of the Week

Strangers in the night

"I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communication."

--President Bush announcing plans for a summit meeting Dec. 2-3 with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

To vote or not to vote

The elections are taking place in Nicaragua, period. With contra or without contra, they are going to take place, definitely. With war or no war, that is, elections are taking place."

--President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua, insisting national elections will be held in February.

Ortega Flips and Flops

"Now it will depend on the Yankee Congress and the Yankee president that these elections take place on February 25."

--Ortega, changing his mind.

Comments on the Gorbachev invitation

"So often we say, it's not possible, it isn't going to work. You don't know until you try it."

--Professor Wally Olsen the idea man behind the Gorbachev invitation.

Tuition battle begins

"Those of us who believe in the cause are going to fight you tooth and nail all the way! It will be my recommendation to our student council to do the same."

--Student President Dutch Knight as he adressed the Board of Regents in response to more tuition hikes.

End justify the means?

"Ollie North has been punished enough. Let the vendetta end. I'll just say to Ollie North, this one's for you."

--Sen. Jesse Helms, Republican N.C., whose bill to restore Oliver North's \$23,000 annual pension, revoked after North was sentenced for illegally shredding documents in the Iran-contra scandal, was approved by the Senate

BY KURT DZINICH
FOR THE WHALESONG

Well after twenty-plus years, David Bowie is still at it. With his latest effort "Tin Machine," we find Bowie taking a swing to the left. This time out, instead of another solo album, Bowie has opted to back himself with a hard-rocking band that shows punk flavorings, the project is simply called "Tin Machine."

On Bowie's last album, "Never Let Me Down," we found the songs leaning towards the more slickly produced side of the scales. Although "Never" had several good songs, the true Bowie fan will find it easier to appreciate the material in their "live" versions (this can be done by checking out the excellent Bowie live "Glass Spider" tour video).

Now with "Tin Machine," we find material ranging from moody, electric slow songs to hard-rocking tunes that show punkish energy.

The album shows that form. The vocals and lyrics fit

Bowie's voice is still in fit nicely. with the contemporary topics the band deals with on the album. Songs like "Crack City," "I Can't Read," and "Video Crime" highlight these topics.

While Bowie's vocals are high in the mix, the guitar is right up there too. It's hard to describe guitarists' Reeves Gabrels style, but it's a combination of punk, new wave, and rock with a few mild sound effects thrown in for good measure.

The album's highlights come on the strange, slow, dark (if you will) songs "I Can't Read," and "Amazing," the latter a great song. The hard-rocking peak comes with "Under the God."

Some of the songs didn't strike me at first, and the strange style took some getting used to, but all in all, "Tin Machine" shows that, while Bowie doesn't much care for writing commercial tunes, he can still turn out an excellent album. I'm sure this one will sell a good hundred copies.

The Kwangju American Cultural Center

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The vacant building of the American cultural Center, now an abode of silence, reluctantly receives a visitor, unlocking two padlocks and an iron-barred gate; a strip of empty air is hung at the flagpole where the Star-Spangled Banner had been fluttering

forty-two years. What then has America left here, 80 Hwangkum-dong, very near the 5.18 Square where the citizens in the bloody whirlwind screamed for Democracy and liberty?

The dust sitting mute on chairs in the reading room, the iron bars stark at attention in window frames, bricks, closed doors, panes of bulletproof glass,

and some questions unquenchable in everyone's mind.....

Ah, the land's old cries several sparrows are scattering in the quadrangle of the American Culture Center; I gaze up into the deep blue heaven through the shadows falling to pieces, One heaven of five thousand years the Korean paulownia branches support.

To where winds this road along now? Rise on wings the prophetic songs above the scars and separate land, breaking the heavily-built white silence, turns the history its hidden dark face above the amicable hands that have been shaking forty-four years. Yet you would say:

Self reliance doesn't lie in blaming others for your own sores nor in isolating yourself. We'd better learn from a tree how to be in touch with winds and how to grow without bending to a seasonal wind. Then as we might open Korean Culture Centers in any city of the U.S., why can't the Americans open theirs here?

The vacant building of the American Cultural Center in ther heart of Kwangju City, drearier than ever, utters monosyllables in metallic voice, hardly understood, closing its iron-barred gate and two padlocks as a visitor goes out.

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The Chancellor has the right to select a commencement speaker and to offer a honorary doctorate upon approval of the Board of Regents. What would you think if the Chancellor invited Mikhail Gorbachev to be the speaker at commencement?

Whalesong Campus Survey

Galen Tromble, student, said, "It would be interesting. It's kind of a neat idea in a way. It's so far out, you come off as showmanship. That guy has probably got his schedule mapped out for the next two years."

Pamela Mason, student, said, "I'd be shocked! I think it would be a good choice. Wow! I'm impressed."

John Wood, student, said, "I think it would be a great idea if you could get him to come. I'd even come. I think it would be a good opportunity for students. I think it gives students an idea how serious we are about international trade."

Dale Brandt, student, said, "I think it would be a great idea. It would be a goodwill gesture on the part of the United States and more importantly Alaska. I think it would encourage further communications. We need to keep the ball rolling."

Dick Myren, student, researcher, said, "You have got to take chances and if people don't like it then at least you tried. I think it is a great idea. Yeah, he's doing all kinds of things. That's ambitious. I'm all for that. The chance is 1/100 of 1% but you never know until you try."

Carol Ottesen, librarian, said "What does it hurt to ask? Why not? Sure."

Yolando Lozano, student, said, "I think it would be good for the university in terms of publicity."

Doug Badilla, student, said "Gorbachev is quite a scholar. I think he would be good."

Conner Sorenson, professor, said "I don't think it would ever happen but it is a great idea. Go for it."

Lisa Laurin, student, said, "I think it would be pretty interesting if we could get him. It seems so American to graduate and he is a Communist. But, I think he has been great for the whole world. I would come to meet him."

Susan Warner, student and employee at the university, said, "I think it's a great idea, but I don't know why he would come."

Joe Locher, student, said, "It would be totally awesome don't you think. It would be awesome, totally awesome. Unbelievable."

Jerry Walther, student and basketball player, said, "It would be nice, but to get him to do it would be something else." Terry-Lynn Edwards, admission and records employee, laughs and continues to laugh then says "It would be interesting!" as she continues to laugh.

Georgia Sepel, university employee, said, "I think it would be inappropriate."

Mary Lou Follett, nurse practitioner and counselor for the university, said, "I think it would be incredible if Mikhail accepted. There is alot of Soviet-American networking,

it's not a bad idea. I would prefer to have someone more appropriate, someone within the American university system."

Kevin Araki, librarian assistant, said, "I think that it would be great. I think it would be good for international relations and good publicity for this campus. That sounds like a good idea. My concern would be the security involved with that."

Brad Winton, student, said, "I don't think it would happen which means the person chosen to fill in is automatically a second choice, which is negative publicity. In essence I think the choice should be realistic."

Julie Leary, librarian assistant, said, "Oh, I think that would be great. It certainly would put us on the map."

Becky Lorenzo, student, said, "It's an exciting idea, I have some doubts about whether the guy would show up. It's such a neat idea."

Kristin Dolquist, basketball player and student, said, "I think that would be just excellent. It would be a cultural experience that I would never forget."

Lisa Pascetti, university employee, said, "Will he come? I think it would be great. It definitely would be a hand across the continent, a nice cultural exchange."

Ken Burch, student, said, "I think it would be a positive step. It would be rather amazing if he actually accepted. Another person that would be great is Nelson Mondella

Did you know?

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

• By the year 2030 almost one quarter of the United States' population will be senior citizens.

• A typical female salmon releases some 3,000 eggs, and on the average only two survive to return and spawn.

• A grizzly bear's maximum speed over a quarter mile is 30mph, while the fastest speed recorded for man over the same distance is 27.89mph.

• A group of whales is called a pod or gam, bears a sleuth, elks a gang, crows a murder, geese a gaggle, cranes a sedge, swans a bevy, ducks a brace and gnats a cloud.

• The oldest living trees in the world are reputed to be the bristlecone pines, the majority of which are found growing on the arid crags of California's White Mountains. Some of them are estimated to be more than 4,600 years old.

• Juneau's normal monthly temperature (°F) and precipitation in inches for Jan. 22°/3.7", June 53°/3.0", Oct. 42°/7.7" and Dec. 27°/4.7".

• The average relative humidity for Juneau in January is 79 percent in the morning and 75 percent in the afternoon, and for September it is 91 percent in the morning and 59 percent in the evening.

• The average annual snowfall in inches as of 1987 for the following Alaska towns was: Anchorage 68.6, Fairbanks 65.5, Juneau 99.9, Talkeetna 107.3, Valdez 299.4 and for Yakutat 206.1.

• The record maximum 24-hour precipitation for the state of Alaska was Oct. 12, 1982 in Angoon, 15.20 inches.

• The governor of Alaska as of mid-1988 made \$81,648/year, California \$85,000/year, Minnesota \$94,205/year, New York \$130,000/year, Arkansas \$35,000/year and South Dakota \$57,325/year.

• "Poverty" in the state of Alaska is defined as anyone who makes \$7,480 or less a year.

• The per capita income for Anchorage is \$20,550, Honolulu, Hawaii \$15,380, San Francisco, Calif. \$23,542, Jacksonville, Fla. 13,792, New Orleans, La. \$12,838 and for Seattle, Wash. \$17,776.

• A one-way coach airline ticket from Juneau to Seattle is \$274, from Juneau to Honolulu \$536, from Anchorage to Seattle \$380 and from Anchorage to Honolulu \$462.

• If you are 24 years of age, or older, you will be a senior citizen by the year 2030.

• The #1 cause of death for black males in the Los Angeles, California is murder.

• The tallest building in the world is the Sear's Tower in Chicago, Ill. scraping 1,454 feet, while the twin towers of the World Trade Center in NY are 1,350 feet.

• The world's tallest free standing structure is the CN Tower in Toronto, Ontario swaying in at 1,821 feet.

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Gorbachev

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 graduating class of 1990 to begin."

"I have talked to Senator Stevens' office and he has sent a letter of endorsement for which we're very thankful. Senator Stevens has indicated that he thinks it is a good idea and that President Gorbachev is one of the most sought out speakers in the United States," Lind said.

Senator Stevens has also sent a letter to Gorbachev in support of the university's offer.

Governor Cowper has also written Gorbachev in support of the university's invitation saying that he wholeheartedly endorsed the invitation.

"Alaska and the Soviet Union have much in common. We share a common border across the Bering Straits, which is being opened after more than 40 years through the joint efforts of Alaskans and citizens of the Soviet Far East," said Cowper.

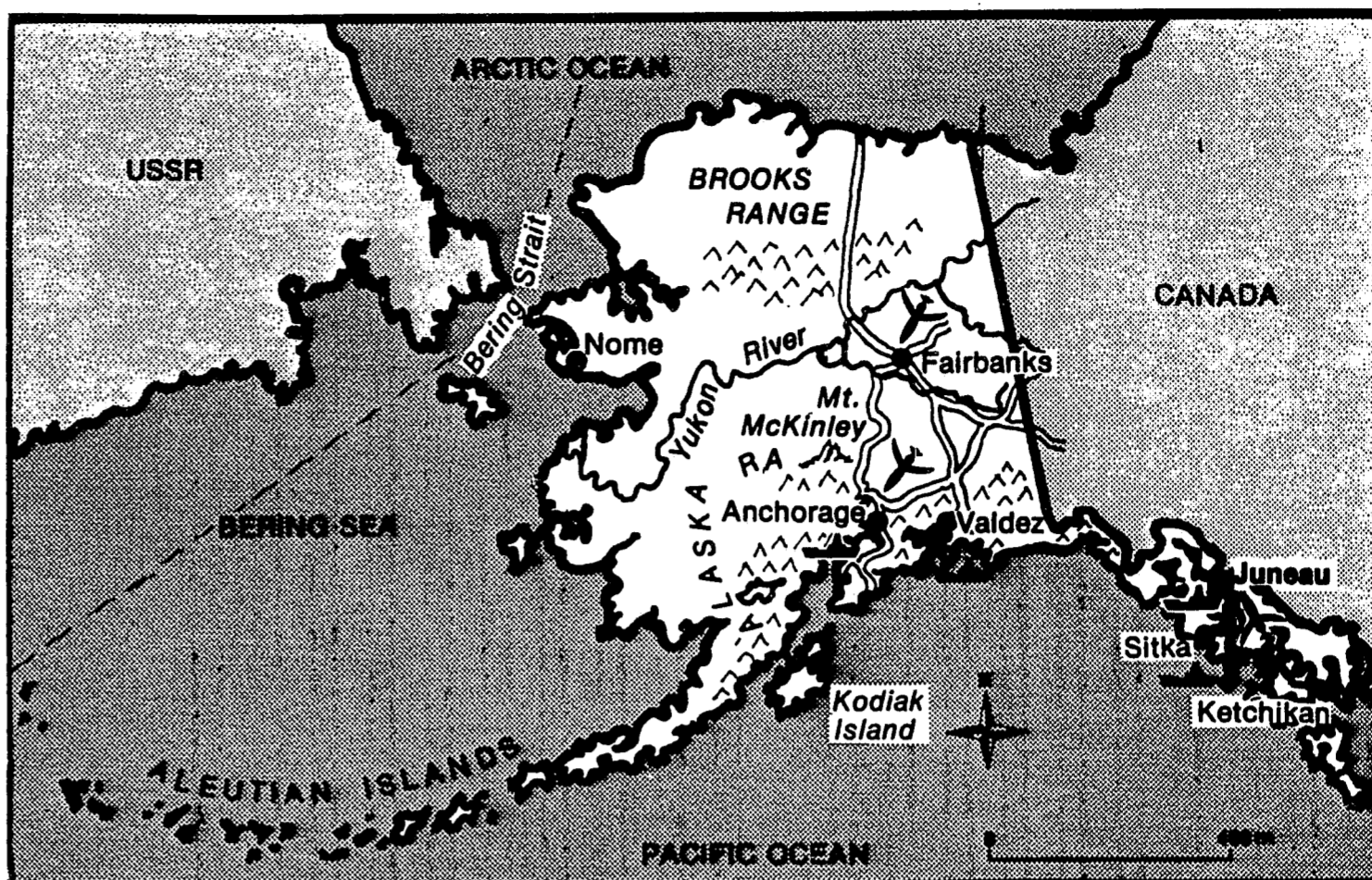
"We share a common heritage as a result of bold Russian exploration and settlement in Alaska. Most importantly, Alaskans and Soviets share a common desire

to improve relations between our two countries. Over the past 18 months, our people have visited each other to explore business ventures, scientific and cultural exchanges and regular transportation and communication links," said Cowper.

"The University of Alaska plays an important role in the developing relationship between our countries. Several joint Soviet-Alaska ventures are centered at the university, including important medical research into the problems common to people of the north," said Cowper.

"Your acceptance of this invitation would reinforce the historical ties and cultural and geographical similarities between our countries. I would be pleased and honored to return to you the hospitality extended to me during my recent visit to the Soviet Union," said Cowper.

Lind spoke with Dubinin's office in Washington D.C. early today and was told the invitation is being considered in Moscow. It was his understanding that a decision would be made after Gorbachev meets with President Bush in early December.



Astronomer to make presentations

Astronomer Harry Shipman will be in Juneau next Monday through Wednesday, November 13 through 15, to make presentations at UAS and at the Marie Drake Middle and Harborview Schools. The general public is invited to several of his presentations.

Shipman, who is a professor of physics at the University of Delaware, department of physics and astronomy, will center his discussions on the rapidly developing world of astronomy and demonstrate ways that teachers at all levels can bring modern astronomy into their classrooms. His visit as a Shapley lecturer is sponsored by the American Astronomical Society and is being coordinated by Donald W. Greenberg, assistant professor of mathematics and physics at UAS.

Shipman received his Ph.D. in Astronomy from the California Institute of Technology in 1971 and during his 15 years at the University of Delaware he has received a

number of fellowships and awards. His research interests are in white dwarf stars, the late stages of stellar evolution, and brown dwarfs.

Shipman's overall program in Juneau combines a variety of activities: talks, demonstrations of video tapes, and hands-on activities.

His schedule looks like this:

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| Monday | |
| 12 p.m. | Cosmic Evolution: Twenty Billion Years from the Big Bang , Mourant Conference Room, open to the public. |
| 5 p.m. | Comparative Planetology , a presentation to the UAS Geology Class in Room 224 of the Anderson Building. |
| 7:30 p.m. | The Search for Life in the Universe , a presentation for the public, Room 205/206 of the Hendrickson Building. |
| Tuesday | |
| 10 a.m. | Audioconference with high school correspondence students. |
| 12 p.m. | The Global Village in the Space Age , a public presentation in Room 102 of the Hendrickson Annex. |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Copernican Revolution and History of Astronomy , a presentation to the UAS Western Civilization Class in the Theater of the Hendrickson Building. |
| 3:30 p.m. | Marie Drake Middle School, inservice for teachers. |
| Wednesday | |
| 10:50 a.m. | Presentations at Harborview second and third grade classes. |

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Activities:

- Nov. 9- "Windy Ridge Quartet" Bluegrass, featuring Christina Seaborn.
- Nov. 13- "Cosmic Evolution: Twenty billion years after the big bang" by Harry Shipman.
- Nov. 20- "Have lunch with Fran Ulmer."
- Nov. 21- Music by John Buch and Burl Sheldon.
- Nov. 28- "Test Anxiety" by Tish Griffin.

All entertainment will be held in the Mourant Building starting at noon.