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Earth Day fair starts today at UAS campus

BY SHAWN C. PAUL
WHALESONG STAFF

Think globally -- act locally... you will make a difference. According to University of Alaska Southeast Earth Day Fair flyers this is the national theme for the 1990's.

UAS students Mary Coe and Michelle Ridgway, members of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), organized this weekend's Earth Day events, including today's fair.

Earth Day 1990 is the twentieth anniversary of a day

celebrating and promoting the protection of the environment.

Coe, an advocate for acting locally, urges students to "get the whole picture, you need to understand what impact your actions will have," she said.

A main objective of the fair is to instruct people on "what the day is all about from an individual as well as community, national and global standpoints," said Ridgway.

The fair coordinators recently deluged the faculty mail boxes with announcements and the campus walls with flyers

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Geese relaxing on the Mendenhall State Game Refuge.

Photo By Gregory Norman

120 students may graduate May 4

BY WHALESONG STAFF

More than 120 students are in line to graduate from the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus on Friday, May 4.

At the ceremony, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall downtown, the university will award two honorary Ph.D degrees and one Meritorious Service Award.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the invited speaker, has not yet informed the university as to whether or not he will be sending a written or recorded message.

Maynard M. Miller, a professor emeritus from the University of Idaho at Moscow, who also teaches at the Juneau campus in summer, is receiving an honorary Doctor of

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Landfill rapidly filling up in Juneau

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Imagine Juneau residents wallowing like a litter of pigs in their own garbage.

This is the scene that could confront the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) if Channel Landfill closed its doors.

The two incinerators at Channel Landfill, a subsidiary of Channel Corporations, burn 70 tons of refuse a day.

"It's over capacity about nine months of the year," said

Jerry Wilson, president of Channel Corporations.

The answer to being over capacity is to burn six or seven days a week instead of the five that the machines are designed for, said Wilson.

This cuts out time for maintenance on the incinerators and shortens their usable life, said Wilson.

The life of the landfill is lengthened by the incinerators.

The volume of trash is reduced by about 85 percent by incineration, according to a

paper submitted to the CBJ by Channel Corporations on the Economics of Recycling of Solid Waste in the CBJ.

About 10 percent of the 23,201 tons of waste went directly into the landfill without being burned in 1989, according to the paper.

If Channel Corporations landfilled all the incoming waste, the landfill would be full in five to seven years, according to the paper.

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UAS recreational gym pending House funds

BY GREGORY NORMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

The University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau campus could be seeing another new structure in the not too distant future; a student recreation facility to be exact.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that the funding for such a facility still needs to pass the House.

A Senate bill (SB130), calls for \$2 million to be

appropriated from the Railbelt energy fund to UAS for the "recreational education facility."

"It's half way through the process," said Sen. Jim Duncan, D-Juneau.

The bill passed the Senate last week.

Jack Wolever, regional architect for UAS said, "We are attempting to secure the \$2 million needed to get the project underway."

A strong proponent of the facility is Duncan, "I believe

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Students protest faculty decision

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

About 15 students attended the UAS Regional University Council meeting in Juneau Wednesday, to protest the fact that UAS Juneau campus mathematics professor Gerard Garland is not being rehired for his position.

The students verbalized their opinions with energy and volume for about 45 minutes.

Most of their complaints on the issue revolved around students' part in the faculty selection process. They said they were not notified about Garland's situation in time to

unite and express their support for him.

UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind explained to the group that decisions of this nature were made by a selection committee. The committee in Garland's case, he said, has one student representative, Tina Pasteris, to whom concerned students should voice their opinions.

When the students asked why this representative was never on campus and why no one knew who she was, Lind explained that she is interning full-time at a middle school and is therefore not on campus much this semester.

Lind advised the students to

meet with the Dean of Education and Liberal Arts, John Pugh. Lind also told the students to make an appointment to speak with him (Lind) if they are still not satisfied after their meeting with Pugh. Seven of the students made one appointment with Pugh for Friday.

Two of the students said they had spoken with the dean's office individually, and that the information received on these two occasions was contradictory.

Another group of students, with some of the same members, put together the

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Open beer leads to eviction

BY SHAWN C. PAUL
WHALESONG STAFF

Juneau's alarming number of homeless recently increased at the hands of university housing authorities.

University of Alaska Southeast sophomore Lisa Griffin, along with three other students, was recently evicted from student housing, with barely a month of school left and dim hopes of finding another place to sleep.

"I can't believe they wouldn't let me stay four more weeks. I'm forced to find a place to live for less than a month, which is impossible to do in Juneau," said Griffin.

By her own account, Griffin was seen standing near her residence with an open container of beer, which violates housing policy.

Standing with a group of friends, Griffin noticed housing manager Lynette Grammel addressing the group, but says she couldn't hear what was being said. Among the group, according to Griffin, stood a minor who also was holding an open beer, so the group assumed that Grammel was instructing the under age student to dispose of the illegal substance.

Griffin said that she realized her err in leaving her apartment with the open container and "I immediately walked back into my house and put it away, then came back out with a different, closed container."

Three days later, Griffin says her roommate, Heather Peters, was handed an eviction notice to deliver to her. The notice reportedly charged Griffin with violating the housing contract and said that "under the circumstances you are no longer allowed to remain in housing." The notice also alerted Griffin to the fact that an appeal before Director of Student Services, Bruce Gifford was possible.

Griffin chose to request an appeal.

In the interim, Peters says she was approached by Grammel to discuss the incident and how it might effect her life. According to Peters, Grammel said to her "let's just assume that Lisa's not going to win the appeal, which we both know she's not going to."

Gifford, Grammel and Activities/Housing Director, Tish Griffin were present at Griffin's appeal.

Griffin says she felt very intimidated by Grammel's presence. Knowing what the manager had said earlier in the week to Peters, Griffin says "I

basically knew I had no chance."

Griffin lost the appeal and points out that during the meeting Gifford relayed to her that "if we don't kick you out we will look like suckers."

In commenting on the entire incident, Gifford said "it's not something I'm particularly proud of, but under the circumstances I'd do the same thing over again."

"The reality of the situation is, we do not allow open containers outside of residence hall rooms, we do not allow minors to consume and we do not allow adults to buy alcohol for minors. In that incidence every one of those rules had been broken," Gifford said.

Tish Griffin later added that housing evictions are "not based on allegations or heresay. We have proof or admitted circumstances."

Both Peters and Griffin expressed concern over the timeliness of recent evictions. "Last semester we saw three people kicked out, this past month we've seen about seven," said Griffin.

"It's like spring cleaning around here," added Peters.

According to Tish Griffin's documentation, five students were evicted last semester, while four have been evicted in the past 45 days.



Future UAS students out for a stroll. Photo By Gregory Norman

USUAS budget shrinks to \$9,000, continues to fall

BY SHAWN C. PAUL
WHALESONG STAFF

With 15 days left in this year, the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast (USUAS) has less than \$8,000 left in its treasury.

At the April 18 USUAS meeting, student council

members received a brief financial statement that approximately \$9,000 remained in the budget, and then proceeded to allocate more than \$1,000 to various projects.

In other action, student officials rescinded a previous motion that created and funded a full-time office support staff position. The position would

have cost students nearly \$20,000 a year.

A committee of present and officers-elect was appointed to come to a consensus on the new staff position; detailing what student council's needs are and what the staff member's duties ought to be.

Student leaders also appointed a committee to study and assist in a restructuring of the Whalesong. The group is charged with developing proposals concerning the Whalesong's teacher(s), advisor(s) and funding.

USUAS voted unanimously to support and help finance a major campus-wide recycling effort.

UAS student Burl Sheldon, speaking on behalf of several individuals, asked for and received \$ 500 in start-up funds to be matched by UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind.

Sheldon's proposal for USUAS to fund one-fourth of the salary for a part-time position at physical plant was also approved unanimously. The position is to be equally funded

by the USUAS, physical plant, chancellor's office and student housing.

The part-time employee would be responsible for administering the recycling program. The project includes placing bins at convenient locations on campus for people to drop off paper and aluminum. According to testimony, this project has community support as well; including financial aid from local businessman and former University of Alaska regent, Don Abel.



Photo By Gregory Norman

Students taking a walk during a recent spell of good weather.

Earth Day remedies from CSEC

BY SHAWN C. PAUL
WHALESONG STAFF

Amid the barrage of media coverage and public relations campaigns concerning Earth Day 1990, Juneau college students can receive pertinent, local information.

The Concerned Students for Environmental Cures (CSEC), a local collegiate organization, is both an information source and a means for "students who would like to have input on

environmental issues" to get involved said president Ruth Pangia.

A marine-chemical biology major, Pangia is currently the official representative of CSEC. She sees this weekend as one of the most important of the year.

"It's necessary that America as a whole is brought to the awareness that we are killing the Earth. We as destroyers have the ability to stop, therefore we must assume that responsibility," she said.

When asked to address skepticism over this plea, Pangia admitted she didn't see the environmental issue as threatening until recently.

"I never paid any attention to this... before because I was wrapped up in a society with closed minds that allowed material pleasures to override common sense," Pangia said.

She attributes a great deal of her new commitment toward responsible treatment of the

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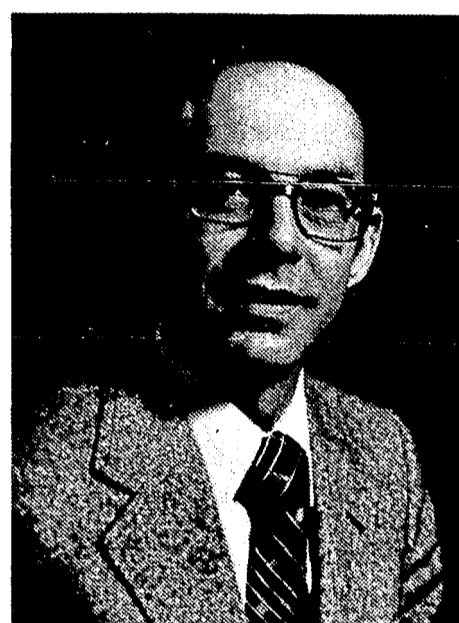
J. Wade Gilley



Jerome Komisar



Pat O'Rourke



Carrol Krause

UAS File Photo

Candidates for President of the UA system: Carrol Krause was on campus April 13, Patrick O'Rourke will be here April 23, J. Wade Gilley, April 26, and Jerome Komisar, May 2.

Seater wins Remedies presidency

BY WHALESONG STAFF

Barb Seatter earlier this month was elected as president of the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast for the coming school year.

Seatter, a senior who is originally from Bridgeport, Conn., received 38 votes to edge her only official rival, Dean Paddock, who received 22 votes.

A total of 16 write-in votes were cast in the presidential race.

In the other three contests on the ballot all of the students, who had run uncontested, easily fought off write-in challenges to win one-year terms on the student government association.

Shawn Paul received 45 votes to win the term of vice president. Teresa Warren was the top write-in candidate in the race gaining seven votes.

Chris Swanson received 44 votes while Ruth Pangia was the winner of a term as legislative affairs coordinator with 63 votes. The winning candidates take over July 1.

Seatter will replace Dutch Knight, who has been president of the student government association for the past two years.

Remedies

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environment to a very basic need, "the fact that I couldn't breathe anymore," she said.

Pangia grew up on the east coast of the United States, where she swam as a little girl in the ocean frequently.

The fun was short-lived as "one day when I was about seven, I came out of the ocean smelling like a skunk." Soon after the beaches were closed due to septic waste pollution, said Pangia.

She moved to Southeast Alaska to be "the minority in the world who've seen the untouched land," she said.

Pangia is dedicated to protecting the environment for "future generations who will never know what we have today; unless our generation slows down its energy consumption," she said.

"Somewhere around 90 percent of the environmental problems stem from energy consumption," said Pangia.

After moving to Juneau, the environmental concerns "have been intensified in my mind because we are the lucky ones. Those blinded in the big cities get used to and accept their situation, because they've never been in contact with any

place better," said Pangia.

According to Pangia there are five simple measures Juneau residents can take to reduce harm to the local environment.

1. Stop junk mail.

Americans receive over 2 million tons each year. Write the Mail Preference Service Direct Marketing Association, 11 W, 42 St., P.O. Box 3861, NY, NY 10163.

2. Use unleaded gasoline.

"Leaded gasoline causes carbon-monoxide buildup which is our main problem with air-pollution," Pangia said.

3. Use detergents that do not contain phosphates.

She said, "phosphates reduce the amount of oxygen in water through the promotion of algae."

4. Use cloth diapers.

"Disposable diapers are not biodegradable or recyclable," said Pangia.

5. If you smoke; use filterless cigarettes or Camels brand.

"Camels have cotton filters, which are biodegradable" Pangia said.

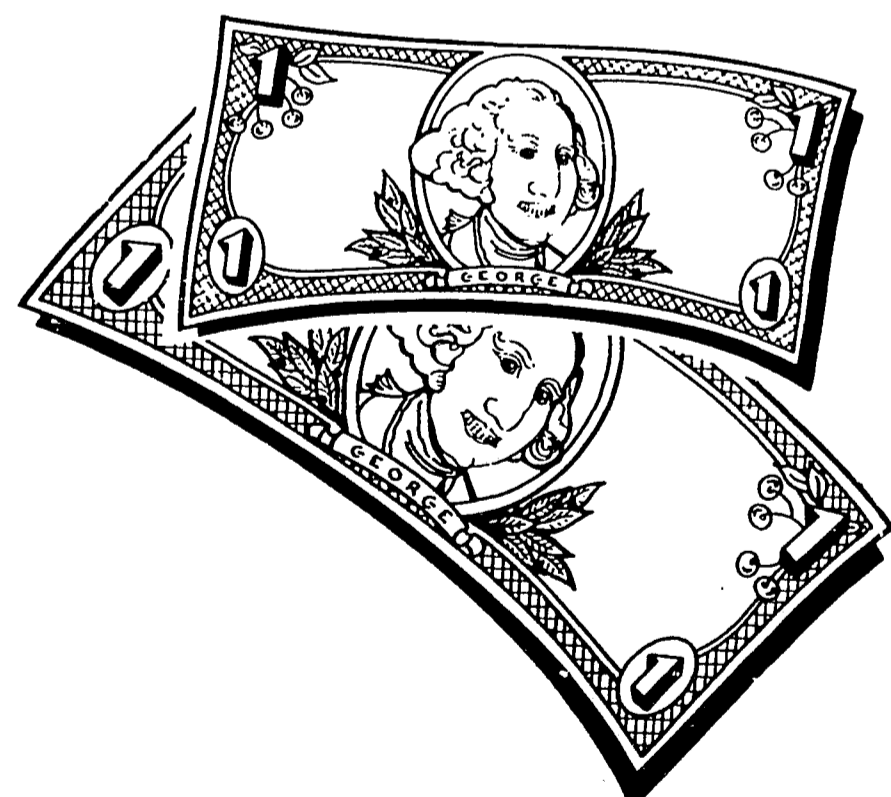
Students interested in more information from the CSEC or in joining, may contact Pangia at (907) 789-4537.

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EDITORIAL

Violence versus discipline

Discipline, an issue that has challenged man for centuries, faces increasingly more controversy with each new generation. Years of studying human behaviors and psychological mechanisms has revealed that the physical punishment of young children, teeters on the brink of violence.

The questions then, are: Is physical punishment necessary? If so, how much is enough or too much? What is the definition of violence? What is wrong with violence? And, where can we find the balance between just enough discipline to prevent the behaviors that are dangerous, disrupting or simply uncalled for and still allow the undisturbed development of the child's character?

Violence can be analogued to marijuana. Some people believe smoking marijuana leads to the use of more potent drugs. The same can be said of violence. Children who are subject or witness to beatings, according to one study, have an 88 percent chance of inflicting violence upon their children. Sounds like child abuse, not a spanking for talking back, right? Wrong!

A six-year-old, whose parents angrily strike him every time they are upset with his actions, gets the message that it is okay for him to hit people when he's mad with them. If a young person's role models act violently out of

anger, in what should be the comfortable atmosphere of his own home, it is easy to understand how he could develop a similar attitude, especially if the action is aimed at him.

Still, some people argue that striking a child on his rear and telling him why he is being punished, is a highly effective form of behavioral change. However, recent psychological studies have revealed that punishment is not as effective at permanently changing behaviors as some may think. In fact, punishment is a very short term remedy. The behavior is likely to recur.

Psychologists who uphold this theory say a better way to discipline children is to use a reward system. Instead of punishing them for bad behaviors, to formulate a program through which the only way the child would be permitted to participate in the things he enjoys, is to earn the privilege with good behavior. This more positive approach, according to psychologists, gives better short-term results. It may also produce better long-term results in light of violence.

The long-term effect of beating children is beginning to show its face in the rising statistics of child abuse and battered women. Violence is everywhere. There are few directions in which a child can turn his eyes and not see a violent behavior taking place, the television (even cartoons these days), the movie theater, the park, the play ground at school and more. He shouldn't have to see it in the palm of his parents' hands as well.

UAS student poetry

WHEN MOTIVATION IS LACKING

My eyelids of a thousand pounds
I force to rise to peep
And find the origin of all those sounds
That disturb my precious sleep.

My brain commands my lifeless arm
To wake and hit the snooze
Because, I reason, it can do no harm
To postpone my morning blues.

But Mr. arm stops short and cries
"Wait, I think you're late!"
I hoist my lids to expose my eyes
And leave my blissful, unconscious state.

My neck strains, I grunt with effort
To try to lift my head.
The challenge of it is similar to sport
The event: getting out of bed.

My feet are on the floor.
I'm looking for the door.
I will enter the event and compete.
But it's like I always knew,
There's but one thing to do:
I must lay down and accept defeat.

By UAS Student Jennifer Mannix

THE CAMPUS AT UAS

The campus at UAS
is a campus of fun and of stress
The mountains and glacier
reflect on the lake,
the magic of learning,
the give and the take.
The squirrels and professors,
the students and staff,
we gather together
to learn and to laugh.
Professors give lectures,
the raven flies low.
In this forest of knowledge
like sapling we grow.
We come here sincerely
to learn of this life.
We bring here our dreams,
our sweat and our strife,
and when we leave here
a new life to make,
forever we'll cherish
this time by the lake.

By UAS Student Rick Bierman

Abortion

Dear Editor:

As Governor Andrus of Idaho recently discovered there is no practical or fair way to draw the line between those who may and those who may not be entitled to the medical service of abortion. Contrary to the Feb. 9, 1990 article in the Whalesong entitled "Abortion Compromise," there really is no possibility of compromise on the issue of freedom to control one's own body.

News accounts of the Idaho governor's decision failed to provide a detailed explanation of why he vetoed the legislation that would prohibit most abortions in that state, despite his own personal pro-life stance, except to say that he was

concerned that the bill would prohibit women pregnant from the act of rape or incest or facing life threatening complications in pregnancy from legally receiving an abortion. It certainly isn't difficult to speculate what some of those situations might be.

The first question that must be asked when considering the implications of a bill that would so severely limit access to abortion is who decides who is eligible for this medical treatment. Judges, doctors, social-workers? What penalties might the decision-makers face if someone later deems they have been in error and wrongfully taken the life of a fetus and how will that affect their ability to pronounce sound judgements?

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LETTERS

Ethics

Dear Editor,

Ethics and its study are a ubiquitous and sumptuous entree' on the menu of the statewide environmental flagellate and forgive restaurant. The government bureaucracy, corporate dinner guests and their minions-lobbyists and professional political analysts and consultants have enjoyed a 15 year feast on the beached whale cuisine of blubber/oil. The University of Alaska Juneau has seen precious little of royalty money on its campus. In 15 years the university in the state capital has received only the bare (sic) minimum amount of physical changes needed to allow accreditation subsistence.

A full size pool, another science building, more student housing, a practice gym, a real non-political wavelength space observatory and a track are all changes very, very long overdue. Alaskan oil profits went to multinational corporations. Alaska got only 10 percent when it could have contracted exploration and drilling of its own resources and

got 90 percent. Why didn't it? Was it the Jay Hammond economic plan which which created this ratio?

Perhaps I should ask Clive Thomas, our visiting political scientist from London. British Petroleum profits have brought a great deal of money to the British government (until the timely sale during the stock market crash in 1987). British Petroleum has large North Slope leases, ownership of Standard Oil of Ohio, and I believe acquired the Alyeska Pipeline Corporation. Professor Thomas has been on campus for years and has had great opportunities to observe every aspect of Alaskan politics and government, in fact he teaches courses in government here.

Why is it that the British government and the other multinational corporations make so much money off the Alaskan oil revenues, and the Alaskan bureaucracy can't rouse itself to so much as consider developing its own assets? Why doesn't anything of a comprehensive university development plan proceed? What about models and architectural design competitions?

Have a nice day,
Gary Gibson

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Second, what criteria will be used to base a decision on? If a woman is raped, will she be eligible for an abortion if she doesn't report it? Will there be a time limit for reporting the crime and will a doctor's examination be necessary to confirm the women's story? Perhaps it will be necessary for her to press charges and face her attacker in court to maintain eligibility, or perhaps the conviction of her attacker will be required before an abortion is legally permissible. Is a woman who experiences "date rape" eligible or one who is raped by her husband? Our legal system already persecutes a woman who dares to accuse a man of rape, and now some lawmakers want to add to that burden by making it difficult, maybe impossible, to abort a fetus conceived during an act of violence!

And what about a woman's health? Only a rare anti-choice individual is willing to sacrifice the life of a woman rather than abort the pregnancy threatening that life. With the Idaho bill a decision must be made regarding which life-threatening conditions will make abortion permissible. The concern must be how to fairly draw a line of demarcation? Shall we pick an arbitrary number such as a 75 percent chance of death if the pregnancy continues being the justification for a legal abortion? If so, what about the woman whose chance of dying is only 74 percent? Is she forced to take the risk? No matter where the line is drawn there will always be a pregnant woman whose risk is just a little less but who may not be willing to accept that risk, just as there will always be pregnant women who are not willing to take great risks to carry a child to term in their womb. We should focus on the word "willing." The right to decide belongs with no one else but the woman who must live with that decision for the remainder of their life.

With legislation of this kind the issue is not whether a fetus has a right to life, but WHO will decide WHICH fetuses have that right and which don't. There is a very small minority of people in this country who believe that life begins at conception and thus is sacred and protected by the laws of the state from that moment forward regardless of the circumstances of conception or the mother's health. These people are true "pro-lifers" and I have respect for them, though I completely disagree with their philosophy. The other, more vocal, anti-choice minority does not believe that women facing an unwanted pregnancy are incapable of making a decision regarding their pregnancy without the assistance of strict guidelines designed by that very

same minority.

I applaud and thank Governor Andrus for realizing that the legislation that came before him was not intended to uphold the sanctity of life but was instead aimed at controlling, limiting and punishing women. His high regard for his constituency over and above his own personal opinions and ambitions sets an example that other governors would do well to follow. For his foresight and courage he deserves reelection.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Lorenzo

Permanent Fund

Dear Editor,

Do you really care about your financial future? Then you better care about the financial future of Alaska! Tuition increases are a problem for you now. How bad will various increases be in the year ahead? Will you be able to get and hold a good job if the economy is in a decline? Do you want to have to try to thrive and survive in a state with a history of a boom and bust economy? Can't something be done to improve the situation?

These things should concern you, so you better consider the following ideas and information.

The present Permanent Fund has been a marvelous and wonderful way to use the natural resources of Alaska for the benefit of individuals and the state. In less than two decades the fund's net worth has grown to nearly \$10 billion while it also has provided Alaska residents with substantial dividend checks each year.

This is all well and good, but a better program could have been instituted when the present permanent fund was started. If such a program had been in place, Alaska would not be facing tough financial times now or in the future. The net worth of the fund would be at

least \$35 billion right now, and the fund would be growing larger at a good rate. Even if oil and revenues were negligible, the investment income from such a fund could be very substantial. The fund would supply enough money to support a dividend check program at least as good as the present program. At the same time, enough money would be available to fund a reasonable budget for the operation of the state government.

At the December 9, 1989 Anchorage public hearing conducted by the Commission on the Future of the Permanent Fund, Mr. Roger Cremona submitted a thorough and detailed proposal for the better program mentioned above. The computations and assumptions used are sound and correct. The detailed data sheets provided as

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow students,

For the last two years I have had the privilege and honor of serving as your President. This has been an opportunity that I have taken very seriously and an opportunity that I will cherish for a long time. Thank you for that opportunity!

I would also like to thank those council members, and those who have served on committees or assisted student government or myself in any way. Your help has been immeasurable and of great value.

I will continue to support and be an advocate for the university when possible as it is something I believe in very much.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Barb Seatter who has been elected your new

President, and to Shaun Paul your newly elected Vice President.

There is much more that needs to be done than student government can hope to accomplish by itself. As students it is important to participate in the development of the programs and services offered by the university, as we are the ones who ultimately benefit from these services. From one of John F. Kennedy's speeches about our great country, I borrow and say about our great university "Ask not what your university can do for you, rather what you can do for your university?"

Respectfully,

Dutch Knight

Dutch Knight
USUAS President

part of the proposal used the best revenue projections available from official state of Alaska sources.

Although it would have been easy to implement this proposal during the 1970's, it is not quite too late to establish this Super Permanent Fund, but it is vital to act now. After this year it will probably be too late.

Ask your representatives in the state government to support the proposed amendment to the Constitution. Tell them to study the proposal thoroughly and understand it before making a final decision. Regrettably, the Commission on the Future of the Permanent Fund either did not understand the proposal, or the commission chose to misinterpret the proposal. As a result, it is likely that most members of the legislature did not realize the advantages of this proposal and have not given the Super Permanent Fund the consideration it merits.

Probably the best suggestion for your representatives would be to study the proposed Constitutional Amendment. They have the detailed data sheets to show how the plan works. It is not easy to plow through this material, but it is necessary and worthwhile. Our representatives owe it to all the people of the state to check this out. If the Super Permanent Fund is not set up now, your children will not appreciate the sell-out of what should have been their birthright.

Get off your butts and do something about this. This generation will be the first generation to really benefit or suffer depending upon what happens to the Super Permanent Fund.

Learn about the SPF and let others and your state representatives know you want

the SPF set up in 1990, or else. Help yourself, others and your elders understand the stakes involved and help them get on the stick too.

Do you want to look back

and regret what might have been? This is an idea whose time has come!

Sincerely,
Ray Martin

AIDS transmission dangers discussed

BY SUE ELLEN HOLMSTRAND
WHALESONG STAFF

I am from Northern California. I worked for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and attended a major university (with some 23,000 students) in a town not too far from the Bay area. I had a friend, a physician, working on the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) research team at that university. But I never met anyone with AIDS until I came to Juneau, and met a young man who was going around to the various schools speaking about the disease.

understand the facts of this disease, I went to the library and checked out a stack of books relating to AIDS. I was looking for the chemical structure of the virus, the medium of transmission, and information regarding the chemicals currently being used to treat the disease. But apparently the medical community has been doing nothing. Because after reading the books, the only conclusions I can reach is that there is no chemical structure to the virus, there is no chemistry to the drugs, and more money is needed for research or we will all die.

These things are not true.

The truth is that the abhorrence of the lifestyles of those in the high-risk groups brought about a very interesting dilemma to those groups. In order to raise money and find an interest for a cure or a vaccine, the gay community had to promote the disease as one that would be the "plague" that could wipe out the human race.

But enough is enough. The statistics (in the United States) show that the disease is not spreading out of the high risk groups. Chances of receiving a tainted transfusion have abated. AZT and other drugs are keeping

OPINION

Should I assume that there are no cases of AIDS in San Francisco, but there is an outbreak of epidemic proportions here in Juneau? There must be some reason to believe this. We were handed condom "samples" and admonished to observe "safe" behavior. Should I now believe that the students in my Alaska Geography class are a high-risk group?

Having a solid science background and wanting to

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Signs of Life set: A dirty job well done

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

Set designing can be a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

Dan DeRoux, the creative mind behind Perserverance Theater's sets, found out recently that what "sounds" like a great idea at first may "sound" like a bad idea when put to action.

"Gravel makes a lot of noise," he said.

DeRoux lugged in gravel to the set for "Signs of Life," the theater's next main stage production, because several scenes of the play require dirt, he said.

But much to his dismay, as soon as all the manual labor was done, someone walked across the stage and a loud crunch echoed throughout the room.

"I thought it would look so nice to have a bunch of nice little rocks on the stage, but we'll have to use sand," DeRoux said.

He said he's the designer, but a lot of other people have input.

"You're just trying to find a balance of what works with your facility. There's all kinds of compromises that happen. And you try not to repeat yourself from show to show," he said.

The unusual set for "Signs of Life," includes such things as pieces of both a car and a mobile home, a phone booth, a mountain and Death Valley.

And yet this strange set is the most costly part of the production, with a budget of about \$1,500.

Probably the least expensive design aspect of this

Baley's play shows life

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

With seriously grimy mud spread from head to toe and imbedded deeply into the knees of her thin, beige, slacks, PJ Gentry, who plays Sal in Perserverance's "Signs of Life," stammers around the stage, arms spread out in search of life.

Her truly hilarious counterpart, Bruce J. Hanson as Abe, follows closely behind, staring puzzle faced into the many mysterious holes in the earth around them.

Their search is a long and troublesome one. "Is there really such thing as life?" Sal asks.

A good ear will capture the inspirational message behind local playwright, Debbie Baley's "Signs of Life."

The interesting thing about it is the coiling together of comedy and drama that Baley has accomplished. The audience is at constant odds with themselves on whether to laugh

or cry.

Gentry and Hanson succeed in conveying the seriousness of the play, while amusing the audience with their perspectives.

With only two actors in the entire production, it is somewhat distracting when the audience can not see one of them for an entire scene, but the shape of Perserverance's main stage theater makes this nearly impossible to escape.

The best seats are probably in the middle since one scene takes place nearly in the laps of the people in the front rows of the center. Unless some of the staging is changed from the preview, those people seated on the side will miss the facial expressions and a very unique form of affection that Abe gives Sal in one scene.

Christopher Hanna, the director, said Signs of Life was a challenge to buckle down.

"As a group, we found that every time we attempted to lock the play into a box long enough to be 'interpreted,' it would slip

out through a crack while we were distracted," Hanna said in the program.

The interpretation of the play is strictly individualistic. It may be as different as death and life from one person to the next. It depends on perspective and outlook and more.

One thing about Signs of Life is certain though, those who see it will drive home asking themselves several questions about life that they may have otherwise never pondered.

In consideration of every college students' financial crunch, Perserverance is offering special ticket prices to all UAS students for select nights.

Students may purchase tickets for \$5 off the regular admission price from UAS professor Art Peterson or from the activities office in the Mourant Building.

Signs of Life opens April 19 and plays through May 12. The discount tickets apply to opening night, April 20 - 25.

particular play is lighting. Since all of the very elaborate lighting equipment is a one time purchase, it doesn't have to be figured into the budget of each play.

Art Rotch, the lighting designer for the play said all in all the equipment is worth roughly \$28,000.

"Of course A.E.L.&P. (Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.) gets a big chunk each month," he said. But, electricity is not figured into the

expense of a play either.

Rotch said there are several different ways to approach lighting.

"There's the intellectual approach. It's 5 in the afternoon, hot, sunny, Nevada. Or, there's the technical approach, how to get the lights on the actors. What angles to use, and how many shadows do you want."

One thing lighting designers are careful to avoid is

casting a dramatic angle on a character that will be perceived one way from some seats in the audience and another from other positions, Rotch said.

"That's sometimes hard with the shape of this theater."

It's important to select the right colors of light. Some factors that play into this are actors' skin colors, hair colors, size and what type of mood is desired, Rotch said.

Lighting is subtly used to

create mood. Depending on the color, focus, angle and shape anything from hilarious to tragic can be generated.

Rotch said the challenging thing about "Sign of Life," is that it is both a comedy and a drama.

"I've always thought they're lighted differently."

So, as DeRoux is facing set design trials and errors, Rotch is pondering a whole new approach to creating mood with lighting.

And last but certainly not least to consider is the costume designer.

Barbara Casement, the costume designer, works under a personal goal to, "...say something about the characters with their clothing."

Since "Signs of Life," only has two characters, Casement said she thought costuming was going to be a cinch, but she has found her personal goal very challenging because most of the scenes take place outdoors and the characters (Abe and Sal) don't change clothes very often, if at all.

"The only thing I know is Sal is an earthy type and will be wearing earth tones and Abe is an airy type and will be wearing sky tones," she said.

Some things she usually likes to consider, Casement said, is the physical appearance of the actors if possible, the time frame of the play, where the characters are from and how the actors feel about certain clothing types.

"We want them to be comfortable," she said.

The price of costumes varies drastically from play to play. For "Signs of Life," Casement said she has a \$300 budget and hopes she doesn't have to use all of it.

Aids

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patients alive longer. Other studies involving the treatment of the actual causes of death (pneumocystis pneumonia, Kaposi's sarcoma) are proving beneficial. So please don't come to me and tell me that I am at risk, and please don't hand me a package of condoms unless I ask for them.

If you need help in fighting this disease, perhaps more could be gained by appealing to the intelligence of the collegiate audience. Let us know that this disease is a challenge to the scientific community. Tell us what you know about it. Be honest about the means of transmission. Ask us to help find a cure.



UAS Auke Bay campus Springs to life.

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Degrees

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Science degree. Miller is the director of the Glaciological and Arctic Services Institute, which is a cooperative venture between UAS and the University of Idaho. He is also the leader of the Juneau Icefield Research Program.

"I am deeply honored by this award and most humbly and graciously accept it. I hope that my continuing work in Southeast will bring honor and recognition to this wonderful area and to our association," Miller said.

For the last 44 summers, Miller has researched and studied the glaciers of the Juneau Ice Field. More than 50 Ph.D. and M.S. theses have been written on research done under his leadership. He has led more than 50 expeditions in South America, Scandinavia, Greenland, India, Africa and Nepal.

From 1975 to 1988, Miller was dean of the College of Mines and Earth Resources at the University of Idaho. During this period he also served as geologist and director of the State of Idaho Geological Survey. He is also an affiliate professor at the University of Alaska Southeast and serves as chairman of the Foundation for Glacier and Environmental Research, headquartered at the Pacific Science Center, Seattle.

Ladd Macaulay, director of a non-profit fish hatchery program designed to bring economic diversification to the Juneau area, will be presented a Meritorious Service Award during commencement. Macaulay is founder of Douglas Island Pink & Chum, Inc.,

owner of the new Gastineau Hatchery, located near Salmon creek at three mile Egan Drive.

Macaulay has a degree in biology from the University of Montana with nine years as a biology teacher in the Juneau school system.

In his new hatchery he has donated 2,000-square-feet for university research for graduate level students.

"There were so many people involved in putting DIPAC together, I don't know how to recognize all of them. They each played a part in it. It wasn't really me alone," said Macaulay.

Commencement begins at 7 p.m. with the Juneau Symphony playing a number of selections and at 7:30 p.m. the processional will begin. The grand marshal will be Professor Phillip Hocker, associate professor of education. The color guard will be presented by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Star Spangled Banner will be sung by Rep. Fran Ulmer, D-Juneau, and John d'Armand, UAS professor music.

Others speaking include The Reverend Don Nicholas Bullock, rector at the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Linda Rosenthal, UAS professor of music, and Elizabeth Evans, UAS visiting assistant professor music, will perform the musical interlude. University of Alaska Regents Virginia Breeze, Gordon Evans, Eric Forrer and Ann Parrish will be in attendance as will outgoing President Donald O-Dowd.

A public reception in the lobby of Centennial Hall will follow the ceremony hosted by the University of Alaska Southeast Alumni Association.

Briefly

The 1990 Children's Book Celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tues. April 24, in the Hendrickson Building, rooms 205 and 206. The latest in children's books will be available, with music and food.

Science Learning Centers will be displayed from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mon. April 23 in Hendrickson Building, rooms 205-206. Students in Education 323 will be available to demonstrate science activities.

Presidential Candidates: Dr. Patrick O'Rourke, candidate for the presidency of the University of Alaska, will visit the UAS Juneau campus on April 23. He will be available to meet with students at noon in the Mourant cafeteria. There will be an open forum with faculty and staff--teleconference with Sitka campus at 1:15 p.m. in Hendrickson Annex, room

104. He will be in a public forum at 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom A, of the Dimond Courthouse.

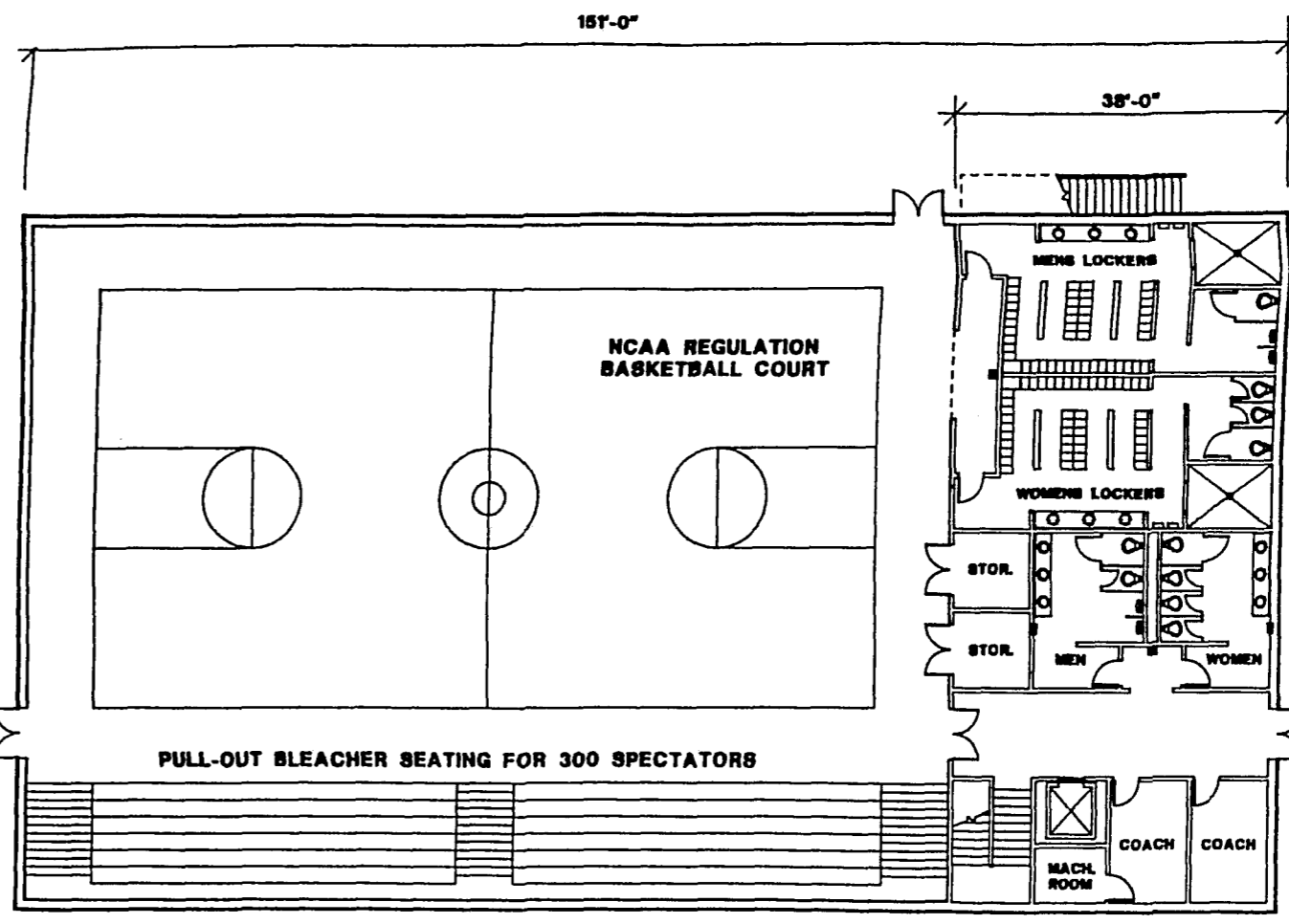
The 10th Annual Midnight Sun Writers' Conference will be held in Fairbanks from May 13-18. It brings together writers, editors, readers, students and teachers for a week of readings, craft talks, workshops and conversations. Early registration is recommended. For more information, contact Sarah Hall at (907) 474-7193.

Want to study overseas? The Institute for International Education publishes a Guide called 'Vacation Study Abroad' which lists summer programs around the world. Write IIE, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3850. American Institute for Foreign Study for study abroad programs, AIFS college Programs, Dept. CN, 102 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

The University of Alaska Board of Regents will meet today beginning at 9 a.m. at the Westmark Hotel.

The University of Alaska Southeast athletics award banquet is planned for 6:30 p.m., April 27, in the Mourant Building. The program includes a buffet dinner, coaches recaps of the season and awarding of honors. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the UAS bookstore and the Bill Ray Center. The buffet is open to the public.

Writing Contest: The winners of the 1990 Archie Sheils Freshman Writing Contest are Kristin Northrup of UAF and John Wilfong of UAS. Northrup won for her entry "C'est La Morte..." she received \$100 for first prize. Wilfong won \$50 for his second place entry, "The 'Proper' Thing for a Woman" about women in combat roles.



A GYMNASIUM MAIN LEVEL PLAN

Architects rendering of proposed recreation facility.

Gym

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this is a major step forward in creating a solid four-year institution," he said.

The facility would serve three basic functions; a classroom for physical education, student recreation (i.e.) intramurals and for the

athletics program. "We are trying to make it as diverse as possible," said Wolever, "there is a mezzanine level which, could house Nautilus equipment, rowing machines and exercise bikes." The price tag of \$2 million "would cover the whole project," said Wolever. "It will benefit the entire campus, as well as creating a stronger link with community," said UAS Women's Basketball

Coach Sandy Morgan. "It will be more convenient for the students, and open up more activities to them," said Morgan. The facility will consist of a regulation NCAA basketball court with pull out bleachers for 300 spectators, locker rooms, rest rooms and offices. If passed by the House, construction on the 15,687-square-foot facility could begin as early as this summer.

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- Babecakes:
We had such a
wonderful life, what
happened?
The Bum

- Lisa,
Sure beats the
Glory Hole.
Scamp.

- Steph, Thanks for every
backrub you've given me.
It's going to be a great
summer.
Stinky Feet

- Good Bye Everyone
Cause we are all tired
and brain dead and we have had
enough of the late night
crushing. Enjoy.
The Staff from '90

- Gerry Garland,
We will all miss you!
Too bad for UAS, they're losing
one of their best!
Your students

Save your cans for recycling on campus

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Don't throw that can in the garbage, throw it into the recycling bin at the Mourant Building.

This may be the message from one student to another student in the fall semester.

The University of Alaska Southeast should release the university policy on recycling on Earth Day, 1990, according to Tish Griffin, assistant director of student services for UAS.

Several students recently approached UAS Chancellor Marshal Lind with the idea that

the university should begin recycling paper and aluminum.

"A group of students met (with the chancellor) with a memo that a few of us came up with," said Burl Sheldon, a student at UAS.

He liked the idea and agreed with the concept, said Sheldon.

"Recycling is an idea whose time has come," said Sheldon.

"We would like to see the UAS administration set a policy precedent, by establishing recycling as a priority with provisions for an effective date of program initiation," according to the memorandum presented to Lind.

"The university needs to

take a leadership roll in institutionalizing recycling," said Sheldon.

The possible monetary gain from the sale of recyclable goods would be an added benefit for the university, said Sheldon.

"That's not necessarily the goal of the student group."

The policy recommendations are being put together by Griffin.

"He's (Lind) asked me to put together the policy for his approval," said Griffin.

The Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses are apparently in the same "infant" stage as UAS, said Griffin.

The recommendations by Griffin are that recycling be institutionalized by the

university with instructional signs for a start-up target date of July 1, and a chancellor's advisory group made up of students, staff and faculty be formed.

Her list of recommendations also includes a student coordinator funded

jointly by the student government, chancellor's office, student activities and the physical plant.

The policy and plan should be put into action by the time

students come back in the fall, said Bob Green, director of the physical plant for UAS.

There would be six to eight large, trash-can sized containers around campus and 10 to 14 places that would support "fruit-boxed" sized containers for paper, according to the memo presented to Lind.

This list "might be a good starting point," according to the memo.

"The signs that direct the recycling activity have to meet (university) code," said Sheldon.

The recycling signs for university would be like the blue and white building and library signs around campus.

Landfill

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"Twenty to 30 years is the life of this landfill for ash," said Wilson.

This would be shortened by filling in with unburned waste, said Wilson.

The cost of closing the landfill is estimated to be about \$6.5 million.

Channel Corp. is required to have a closure plan within the next two years due to new Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

This would be to collect contaminated water that seeps through the trash in the landfill to affect groundwater supplies. The money would also cover the cost of a methane gas collection system, a sealing material over the entire 45 acres (to prevent leaching and ground water contamination) and a foot of soil to cover the 45 acres.

The cost of a new landfill would be about \$15 million, according to the paper.

"That's in addition to land cost," said Wilson. "That is before you put one bag of garbage in."

Several options are available that would extend the life of the landfill.

The reduction of waste would be the "highest and best option," according to a memorandum to Rep. David Finkelstein, D-Anchorage, from Maureen Weeks, a legislative analyst.

Reduction of waste would be for people on a voluntary basis. It might include buying large packages instead of small, repair rather than discard, buy concentrates and dilute them at home and use cloth diapers.

"The worst culprit we have is diapers," said Wilson.

He advocates the use of cloth diapers.

"I realize it's not as handy, but it's the answer," said Wilson.

Juneauites produce about 4.3 pounds of waste per person per day. The national average is 3.5 pounds per person per day.

The addition of a 50-ton a day incinerator to take up the overflow from the two 35-ton a day incinerators and allow for proper maintenance of the units.

"We need it. The only thing that is holding us back is money," said Wilson.

Another option is the addition of a shredder to compact non-burnable waste and ferrous metals, he said.

"Shredding would also

make much of the metal usable for recycling," according to the paper.

The other option is recycling.

"We're very much in favor of recycling," said Wilson.

The cheapest way to recycle is source separation, said Wilson.

This is when the trash is taken out with a different container for aluminum, glass and metals.

Curbside separation would cost more for the added man-hours and equipment, etc., but would extend the life of the landfill with less ash solids, said Wilson.

"The simple fact of the matter is that recycled materials are commodities and as the supply exceeds demand the value received will decrease," according to the paper.

The cost of recycling will not pay for itself without subsidizing, said Wilson.

The paper offers the idea of avoiding subsidizing by making trash pickup and separation mandatory.

The trash breakdown for residential refuse is paper, 39 percent; miscellaneous (plastic, rags, appliances, furniture, etc.), 22 percent; yard waste, 12

percent; food waste, 10 percent; glass, 9 percent; metal, 7 percent; aluminum, 2 percent.

The figure for paper rises considerably for the government and private sector, according to the Report to the Assembly from the Mayor's Committee on Recycling, Jan. 23, 1990.

There are several organizations that will take paper.

The boy scouts collect computer paper from the state, according to the report.

The Mendenhall Flying Lions Club has a van where people can drop off newspapers located in the parking lot at Fred Meyer's.

The Lions collect about 20 percent of all the newsprint that comes into town, said Dr. Lee Burger, a member of the Lions Club.

"The money goes back into the community," said Burger.

The money is used for youth exchange, youth village, youth camps and an international food fair, said Burger.

There are numerous institutions that recycle other goods at this time in Juneau.

Most of the junked cars in

Juneau end up at E & L Auto. They ship the crushed cars to Kent, Wash.

Juneau Aluminum Weigh Station (JAWS) is operated by the Juneau Youth Football League.

JAWS accepts aluminum and other non-ferrous metals.

Auke Bay Cans also accepts non-ferrous metals.

"We've been recycling for over 10 years," said a spokeswoman for Auke Bay Cans.

"We work with anybody so they are the better for it," she said.

The CBJ Assembly on March 19, passed a resolution that adopted the Report of the Mayor's Committee on Recycling.

The resolution updates the CBJ Waste Management Plan to have "the most comprehensive recycling program possible within three years" and address "methods of providing in-kind and other support for local recyclers."

The resolution provides for a full-time recycling specialist to be on staff with CBJ.

A nine-member Citizen's Advisory Committee on waste Management also has been established by the resolution.

Earth Day

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encouraging faculty, staff and students to participate in this event by bringing recyclable aluminum cans, and attending the fair's many activities.

Prizes will be awarded during environmental contests. Attendees can receive environmental household tips and make signs for Sunday's Earth Walk.

Ridgway said that one major event at the fair is the "kicking off of the aluminum and paper recycling campaign at the UAS campuses."

There will be petitions and letter writing materials available and according to Coe, the

written material will be directly forwarded to the Alaska Congressional Delegation as well as President George Bush.

The UAS Earth Day Fair is taking place today in the Mourant Building from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Protest

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following petition regarding Garland earlier in the week, and submitted it to Pugh:

"We strongly urge you to retain Professor Garland as a professor of mathematics at UAS. Each of us knows from personal experience that he is an extremely competent and dedicated instructor. His

knowledge, clarity, thoroughness and patience have been invaluable to us in our study of mathematics. And, his creativity, enthusiasm and humor have made our learning practical and enjoyable as well. If you remove him from the teaching staff it will be a severe loss to present and future students at UAS.

As students we do not formally participate in staffing decisions at UAS. But we do benefit or suffer from the quality of those decisions. Therefore we believe that our input must be one of your paramount concerns. Please give very serious attention to our perception of our needs and experiences in this matter.

Thank you for your careful

consideration of this letter. Any of us would be happy to speak with you individually as well if that would be helpful."

Some of the comments on the petition were:

"He cares about his students."

"He makes teaching us his top priority."

A graduate this year said, "I made it because he was my math instructor."

"He has always been available and willing to help his students!"

"Friendly fellow teacher."

"Please keep him!!"

Garland was informed earlier in the week that his replacement had been chosen. Dean Webb has been hired as the new assistant professor of

mathematics. No information was available on the new professor at press time.

There were 33 applicants for the position, eight of which were Alaskans, according to the UAS personnel director's report.

