

Department of Journalism to Be Expanded in Near Future

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Modification of the Bunnell Memorial Building on the University of Alaska campus will include greatly expanded facilities for the Department of Journalism very soon, Professor Jimmy B. Bedford, head of the department, said recently.

"We are most grateful that Alaskans passed the bonding proposition last November, which included approximately \$800,000 for modification of Bunnell," Bedford said.

"We're almost literally 'busting at the seams' to the point that we regretfully have had to turn away students — but we've scheduled as many as possible for summer session and this fall semester courses."

He stated that he wanted to emphasize that such conditions undoubtedly will be removed by fall because the entire department is 100 per cent behind President Robert Hiatt's statement that the university must not turn away students.

"This week our dean informed me our department is the fastest growing in the Northern Region."

"President Hiatt also has assured us relief in the staffing area, too, because some of our professors are teaching more than two-man loads.

"Such enrollments are not unusual in an expanding frontier society," explained the much travelled professor who has taught at the Universities of Kansas and Maryland and as a Fulbright Professor at the University of Kabul in Afghanistan."

During his almost decade of teaching at UA, the students named him an Outstanding Professor of the University.

"A people move into a region and disperse to engage in a multitude of constructive activities, the bond that holds them together so they can work together in communication. We're not surprised at all that we have the largest number of majors in the College of Arts and Letters.

"History told us we would, and we have carefully planned for this growth. We're grateful we've been pledged the support to enable us to do our job. "I'd like to emphasize, too, that we permit our students to earn but 35 journalism credits of the 130 required for the degree in journalism. This means we are highly dependent upon the other departments to offer their fine

instruction."

Bedford said that the public service function of the department is taking his staff from Barrow to Juneau — Tok to Adak as Alaskans everywhere seek answers to and assistance in solving their communications challenges. Such tasks include establishing Native newspapers, assisting teachers in schools, helping set up businesses in the communications field and solving complex photographic problems, which include planning ahead for the day when communities probably will receive facsimile newspapers.

"You turn on your radio, and out comes a newspaper," said the long time member of the Tundra Times newspaper Board of Directors explained.

"The Japanese have such newspapers in their ships in the Gulf of Alaska," Bedford said. He spent a portion of his sabbatical "boning up" on this process in Tokyo, Japan and in Washington, D.C.

"We particularly are pleased that increasing numbers of Alaskan residents are attending our writing courses as special students. We encourage telephoned inquiries about such enrollments," Bedford stated.

"For years we have been teaching Saturdays to further enable such Alaskans to attend classes. We're open six days of the week, and increasingly are offering as many evening courses as possible."

Charles J. Keim, professor of journalism and English, stated he is particularly pleased that the department has been pledged the additional space and faculty support, "a pleasure that extends far beyond the prospect of getting some relief for my tired bones."

Keim is teaching more than a total of a two-man load, spread among the two departments in which he has been teaching more than 20 years.

"Any professional, working journalist or writer knows that a journalism program has to set up conditions in a portion of its department to resemble as closely as possible actual working, professional conditions — sort of like a chemistry laboratory or a music recital hall."

Keim is a widely published author, former head of the Department of Journalism and Creative Writing and for seven years was dean of the College of

Arts and Letters. Twice he has been named Outstanding Professor of the University.

"I'm particularly pleased that for the first time my magazine article students will be able to see, touch and more fully study the professional publications of their fellow students, of their professors and of others.

"Usually 75 or so students publish articles in regional, national and international publications each semester. I consider this seeing, touching and studying essential to the teaching process. We've simply lacked the space to make these materials available to the students."

Both Prof. Bedford's and Keim's students also are writing and publishing books. These, too will be there for students to see, touch and study. Keim said he understands the department also will be receiving funds to subscribe to Alaskan and other newspapers and magazines, some of which the department's former students are helping to produce.

Keim explained that he understands that the space the department will get will be near or adjoining the present journalism space on the ground floor of the Bunnell Building.

"President Hiatt told us that it would be more feasible to add this space close to existing specialized facilities than moving the latter. The president asked Professor Bedford to submit proposed sketches to the planning office, which has been done.

"My understanding is that the bonding proposition also provided somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to modify the old Geophysical Institute or Chapman Building for the statewide administrative offices which will move out of

Bunnell, thus making more space available for instructional purposes. Right now we have but one classroom left on the entire first floor of Bunnell, except for the Schaible Lecture Hall."

John Ullmann is an assistant professor of journalism who has worked extensively on newspapers, magazines and on other print material. Most recently he has been travelling to Barrow to assist the North Slope Borough of Alaska in starting their printed newspaper, The North Sloper.

This past week Volume One, Number One came off the presses. The journalism class at Barrow High School wrote it. The department increasingly will be performing this type of public "I'm particularly pleased that we are going out to get more production type facilities for all our student publications — the ends product of the instructional process in this area," Ullmann said.

Dr. B.G. Olson, associate professor of journalism, once was Director of the UA Relations Office before becoming president of William Jewell College and a vice president of Northwestern University.

He stated he is elated that the added space will enable the professors to give more professional emphasis to typography and publication design, and to advertising at a time the growing demand in Alaska is for such professionally trained students.

Professor Bedford said he shares the university's pride in his staff and in their accomplishments which are reflected in the accomplishments of their students.

"It has been a sometimes

wearying, always challenging and satisfying uphill climb. Now, thanks to the Alaskan voters and the university administration, we see glorious lights at the end of the ever lengthening and ever widening tunnel."

AMU-UA Merger Task Force In Agreement

The AMU-UA Academic Task Force jointly appointed by Presidents John O. Picton and Robert W. Hiatt to work toward a merger should the proposed sale of AMU be consummated has reached agreement on recommendations concerning the potential transfer of AMU students.

It is recommended that current AMU students be accepted for admission to the University of Alaska; it is also recommended that current AMU junior and senior students be permitted to graduate under AMU catalog requirements, subject to arrangements recommended by the functional units as designated by the task force and subsequently approved.

In approving the recommendations President Hiatt indicated that the implementation of the recommendation to permit AMU juniors and senior to graduate under AMU catalog requirements would be subject to appropriate funding.

Both President Hiatt and President Picton were pleased to approve these recommendations so as to facilitate student academic planning.

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