



Soundings

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Dean of Students Bruce Gifford has submitted his resignation after more than 18 years at UAS. He has accepted a position as vice president of Student Services at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene and will begin June 1.

"It's going to be very tough to leave," Gifford said. "This has been our home. This is where our friends are. But, after nearly two decades in Southeast, both Diana and I are looking for a change, and for a little drier climate."

Chancellor John Pugh said, "Bruce has contributed a great deal to the growth and development of UAS. He will be very difficult to replace." A search for a Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management is beginning. The dean is responsible for integrating student service functions with academic programs and for directing the university's enrollment management plan.

"The chancellor has everything at UAS going in the right direction," Gifford said. "I feel good having had a hand in that. In addition the UAS Student Services staff is excellent, experienced and committed. I know they will continue their outstanding service to students and the university."

Gifford started at UAS in 1982 as director of student services on the Ketchikan campus and moved to the Juneau campus in 1988 as part of restructuring.

Women's History

Poet and musician Joy Harjo appears March 2 to kick off the first of nearly 20 different events for Women's History month. Harjo has written six books of poetry and is a member of Poetic Justice, a band that combines music with poetry. On March 2, Harjo appears at noon in the Lake Room and at 7 p.m. for a poetry reading/lecture in Egan Library.



Joy Harjo

Other Women's History Month events:

March 5: "From the Radical Reformation to Radical Feminism: Women in Religion in America," by Michael Price, noon, Lake Room.

March 7: "A Celebration of Women Writers," by Dr. Alexis Easley, noon, Lake Room.

March 8: Women's lunch discount in Cafe.

March 8: International Women's Day Celebration, 4:30 -6:30 p.m. Silverbow.

Other March topics include women and religion, health, technology, politics, storytelling, and the arts. Concerts include Cindy Pearson March 24 and Madgalen Hsu-Li March 30.



Polar Bear Plunge Saturday.

Winterfest continues

Eight days of Winterfest events conclude on Feb. 25 with an intertidal walk at 9:30 a.m. at Auke Rec followed by the closing picnic. The Polar Bear Plunge takes place at noon at the Auke Bay Dock on Feb. 24 followed by a BBQ, climbing contest and 9 p.m. dance at the SAC. The UAS Songwriter concert takes place at 7 p.m. in HB 113 on Feb. 23.

Staff Development Day—March 16

The all-day program provides professional development opportunities for classified and APT staff and to acknowledge their contributions. Dale Seay, from the Statewide Office of Human Resources, is the keynote speaker. Workshops will be held on e-mail, phones, web page, records/time management, and sexual harassment/diversity. Registration forms will soon be available in departments.

Employment anniversaries

Alice Tersteeg, 25 years; Frank Fischer, 22 years; Clive Thomas, 20 years; Judi Parrott, 7 years; Nancy Woods, 5 years; Mary Bowen, 5 years; Gail Klein, 5 years; Alex Cipriano, 3 years; Joseph Sears, 1 year.

Plan for Banner downtime

The Banner Student Information System will receive an upgrade starting March 1 at 5 p.m. The system may be down through March 8. Offices relying on Banner will only be able to offer limited services during that time. Those needing Banner during that time should make requests to the appropriate office immediately. Training is being held Feb. 21 through March 1 to familiarize users with the new upgrade. Direct training or upgrade questions to Computing Services, 465-6452 or Records and Registration, 465-6294.

Juneau campus

Employees: Changes in UA staff compensation and the job evaluation system will be discussed with Staff Alliance from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Feb. 28 in Egan 210, and on March 1 in Egan 210 with administrators from 8:30 -10 a.m. and for everyone from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Dale Seay, UA director of Employee Relations, will make the presentations

Bookstore: Faculty/student commencement apparel orders and student announcements are due by March 9 in the Bookstore. Summer and fall book orders are due March 2 and 23 respectively.

Global Connections: Mo Hicks, who recently traveled to Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, gives "Hot Tips for Student Travelers: Down Under and Back!" at 1 p.m. Friday in the Mourant lounge.

Scrapbook Club: Friday, 6 -10 p.m. in HB 204. Bring photos and memorabilia.

Ketchikan campus

When too many students wanted to register for two Ketchikan classes, additional classes in investing and a financial accounting had to be added. Ketchikan student government organization, will have a garage sale at the Robertson/Hamilton Buildings March 10 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. to raise money for student activities. Three classes in early childhood development, taught by Bill Sallenbach, will be offered on six Saturdays starting May 12. Math and Humankind meets Thursdays in the library.

Sitka campus

Cheryl Samuel will teach the woolen weaving portion of the Northwest Coast Arts program March 12-19 and also teach classes in natural dyes and Celtic drawing during the week. A beginning and intermediate glass blowing class will be offered April 16-22. Call Pete Colson, 747-7728 about the limited enrollment class.

Student/Faculty/staff

Ori Harding, Juneau biology student, presented a poster, "Importance of Snow for Ringed Sea Pups" at the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography meeting Feb. 12-16 in Albuquerque.

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, gives an invited presentation, "Implications of Climate Change for Pinnipeds Breeding on Arctic Sea Ice," at an international conference, in Switzerland, Feb. 23-25.

Emily Wall, Juneau English, takes her Literature of Alaska class on a Sandy Beach hike Sunday. **Cathy Conner** will describe local geology and history.

Barbara Burnett, Juneau Financial Aid, will attend the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators Leadership Conference in March to prepare for her year as president of the Alaska Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

Diana Collins, Juneau, has been hired as the computer lab supervisor for Computing Services.

Nicole Davidson, Juneau, has been hired as a record clerk in Records and Registration.

Bonnie Elsensohn, Sitka continuing education, leaves in March to return to work in graphic arts at the Sitka Sentinel.

Marketing faculty hired

Dr. Michael Dwyer begins fall semester as the marketing faculty member in Juneau. He has almost ten years of international teaching, management and marketing experience at the Denver and Tokyo campuses of the worldwide Japanese education system, Teikyo Group. Dwyer also has seven years of personal selling experience with medical equipment manufacturers. He earned his Ph.D. in management science (marketing) from the University of Wales in Swansea, UK in 1999.

College Connection success

Students in the College Connection were very successful during fall 2000. A total of 44 students took 70 courses totaling 222 credits. Students earned 91% of the credits, with 76% of grades being an "A" or "B". There were no failures. The program allows selected school district students to take UAS courses for both college and high school credit. Tuition costs are paid from varied sources including the Juneau, Galena, Alyeska, and Nenana school districts as well as from a new scholarship fund and self-pay. Coordinator Robert Sewell said, "Student performance is solid for the third semester in a row and thus shows that dual enrollment is working well at UAS."

UAS briefs

Scholarships: UAS scholarship application deadline is March 1 and UA Foundation scholarship applications are due March 2. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office and from the Financial Aid Office's website.

Free Flight: Site for and about Alaska poets, writers, and readers and includes UAS's Bread Loaf and Explorations magazine. See www.customcpu.com/personal/psm/index.html

Accounting: applications for an accounting faculty position to replace Paul Kennedy close March 15.

Facilities Services: Facilities Services has created a UAS classroom building construction page at www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/facilities/index.html They are also featured in the February issue of the Alaska Southeaster magazine.

Distance Award: \$5,000 goes to the UA faculty member named Outstanding Distance Educator. See: gov.alaska.edu/Faculty/distance-educator-award/

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 22

- Eskimo Olympic demonstration, 1 p.m., Lake room.

Friday, Feb. 23

- Winter volleyball, noon, Mourant courtyard
- Global Connections, 1 p.m. Mourant Lounge.
- UAS night, Eaglecrest
- Scrap Book Club, 6-10 p.m., HB 204
- UAS songwriter concert, 7 p.m. HB 113

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Polar Bear Plunge, noon, Auke Bay dock
- BBQ, 1 p.m. SAC
- Climbing contest, 2 p.m., SAC
- Dance, 9 p.m. SAC

Sunday, Feb. 25

- Intertidal walk, 9:30 a.m. Auke Rec.
- Winterfest closing picnic, noon, Auke Rec.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

- Dale Seay with Staff Alliance, 8:30 a.m. Egan 210

Thursday, March 1

- Banner Student Information down through March 8.
- Dale Seay, with administrators, 8:30 a.m., Egan 210
- Dale Seay, open forum, 10:45 a.m., Egan 210.

Friday, March 2

- Women's History, Joy Harjo presentation, noon, Lake Room.
- Women's History, Joy Harjo poetry reading/lecture, 7 p.m., Egan Library.

Monday, March 5

- Women's History, Michael Price lecture, noon, Lake Room.

Wednesday, March 7

- Women's History, Alexis Easley lecture, noon, Lake Room.

Thursday, March 8

- Women's History, 78¢ on the dollar lunch special, Cafe.
- Women's Day Celebration, Silverbow, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
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Career Ed

A state-of-the art electronic diesel engine has just arrived at UAS. "What this means," according to Chuck Craig who teaches diesel classes, "is that there is nothing down south that is any more modern than what we have in Juneau now." Training on the latest engine puts students in a more competitive position in the marketplace, Craig said.

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