



Soundings

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UAS Classroom contract

A ground breaking ceremony for the new classroom building takes place March 21 at 8:30 a.m. Coogan Construction has been awarded a \$3 million contract to build the first phase. The two-story, 22,000 square foot building is to be completed by Dec. 20. It connects to Egan Library and uses similar exterior materials and finishes. The building will provide 16 classrooms ranging from a 12-student seminar room to a 154-seat lecture hall. The project architect is Jensen Yorba Lott of Juneau.



Josh Horst honored by Board of Regents

UAS student regent

Josh Horst received a citation by the UA Board of Regents today for his two years of service as a student regent during the first day of their Juneau meeting. Horst is the second UAS student in a row to be appointed by Governor Knowles. Annette Nelson-Wright was the previous student regent.

Women's History

Seven different events are scheduled after spring break for Women's History Month. The following will be held at noon in the Lake Room: "Women's Health Forum", March 19; "Women and Technology," March 21; Men's Perspective on the Women's Movement," March 22; and "History of Women and Christianity," March 23. "Women, Religion and Spirituality," takes place in the Lake at 1:30 p.m., March 23. Other presentations include "Mary Baker Eddy," 7 p.m. March 23, Egan Library, and Cindy Pearson folk concert and women's poetry slam, 7 p.m. March 24, Student Activity Center.



A cold jump.

Polar Bear Plunge

More than 40 students, faculty and staff, jumped into the 39 degree water of Auke Bay as part of the Polar Bear Plunge. Many jumped more than once including "Utah" Yuchisato who made the plunge a record five times.

Human Rights speaker

A workshop on "Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" will be offered March 21 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Hendrickson 110. Paula Haley, executive director of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, will present the workshop, open to all employees.

Ketchikan Career Day

UAS Ketchikan co-sponsored the fourth annual Career Day with Schoenbar Middle School in Feb. to help 8th grade students begin considering career choices. More than 50 Ketchikan professionals presented a "Day in the Life" session about their careers. The library is sponsoring noon, women's history lectures March 23 and 30. Upcoming classes include handling hazardous waste, basic construction, professional development in retail and office skills, radar observer, and Tlingit language,



Julia Klein and Johanna Evans.

UAS athletes

Julia Klein and Johanna Evans represented UAS at the west region Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Championships in Arizona March 3 along with their coach and UAS club advisor Christine Tait. Other schools represented were Stanford, Arizona and the University of Washington. Both will attend nationals in Virginia March 28-31 and compete in compulsory figures and duet. In addition, Klein will enter the solo category.

Staff Development Day

Registration forms for Staff Development Day, March 16, are available in campus departments. Fax registration forms to personnel, 465-6324, to reserve a place in the afternoon workshops: making the most of the email and telephone systems; web page development and searches; records and time management; workplace ethics; and better communication in the workplace. For questions call 465-6473.

Student scholars honored

Housing students who earned above a 3.5 gpa last semester were hosted at a dinner in the Lake Room. More than 40 students qualified this year, up considerably from last year. The meal was served by John Pugh, Bruce Gifford, Tish Griffin, and Timi Tullis.

Student success

Two accounting graduates passed the final parts of the CPA exam in the November sitting. Brian Blackwell and Joanna McDowell have now completed the CPA exam. Jean Hannon, who earned a Master of Education degree in early childhood in 2000, has had an article published in the Feb. issue of Science and Children. Hannon now teaches in Fairbanks.

Juneau campus

Alumni: Annual spring banquet and auction, April 6 at the Baranof Hotel, \$25 per person. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8 p.m.

Spring break: Housing students led by Martha Hill will be in Whitehorse March 12-17. Students and staff left for a service trip to Mexico on Thursday.

Aid Mission: UAS graduate Jo Paddock-Betts returns for a third time to Bosnia Herzegovina at the end of March. Those willing to contribute money for war refugees may leave donations with Elizabeth Schelle, Mourant 107.

Commencement: Orders are due in the Bookstore by March 9 for delivery before graduation.

Textbooks: Summer book orders are past due and fall orders are due March 23 in the Bookstore.

Explorations: More than 25 e-mail requests a day are being received by Art Petersen from those seeking submission guidelines for the UAS literary magazine.

Technology support: Arlo Midgett works at media services to provide support for the development of student and faculty technology skills. He also works with faculty and graduate students to publish materials to various media and websites. Contact him at 465-6514.

Film: "Shower," a Chinese comedy about bathhouses, part of UAS/JAHC film series, 7 p.m. March 14, JDHS.

Jobs: Juneau Job Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., March 17, Nugget Mall.

Nursing graduation

UAS and Weber State University hold graduation ceremonies for students completing the requirements for an associate degree in nursing: May 11, Ketchikan; May 13, Sitka; and May 14, Juneau. The students are now eligible to sit for the national examination to become registered nurses. Applications are being accepted for three more Certified Nurse Aide training classes. Contact Marianne Stillner at 465-8775.

Venezuela for the holidays

Ten UAS Spanish students and two instructors spent a month in Venezuela that included three days in the jungle and New Years above 15,000 feet. This is the fourth year students have visited a Spanish speaking country during the winter holiday break.

Students practice their language skills and become immersed in the culture during the trip for which they earn three credits. "Everyday you interact with people," according to Arlo Midgett, one of the instructors.

Although most nights were spent in hotels or in the homes of people who rented rooms, during the jungle trip students slept in hammocks in a shelter without walls. "Bats were flying overhead," Midgett said. "There were giant spiders."

Midgett has been on each of the three previous UAS trips to Mexico, Ecuador, and Cuba.

Faculty/staff

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, has had his research proposal, "Timing and re-interpretation of ringed seal surveys," funded by the Coastal Marine Institute and UA's President's Special Fund for \$354,112. He will study ringed seal ecology in the Beaufort Sea over the next 3 years.

Robin Walz, Juneau history, presents a paper "Thoroughly Maigret (Despite Himself): The French Detective as a National Icon in the Era of Americanization" at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting at the University of North Carolina, March 8-10.

Ginny Eckert, Juneau biology, presented a seminar Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Homer and at UAA entitled, "Comparative analyses of marine invertebrate life histories and implications for conservation".

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, has a paper, "Salmon Capital of the World: Fish Processing from Subsistence to Tourist Attraction in Ketchikan," accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the American Historical Association - Pacific Coast Branch in Vancouver, BC, Aug. 8-12.

Todd Walter, Juneau environmental science, has had a research paper about modeling surface runoff water quality published in the Journal of Environmental Quality.

Cathy LeCompte, previously temporary Ketchikan business, has been hired as the associate professor of business. She has a masters degree from Seattle University. Prior to joining UAS, she was fund development director at the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce.

Tish Griffin and Timi Tullis, Juneau activities and housing, attend the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators meeting in Seattle March 16-21.

Joe Nell, Juneau computers, and **Melissa Nell,** Juneau Facilities Services, have a new baby girl, Hannah, born March 4.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, March 8

- Reception for student regent Josh Horst, 6 p.m., Baranof Hotel

Monday, March 12

- Spring break begins

Wednesday, March 14

- Film series, "Shower," 7 p.m. JDHS

Friday, March 16

- Staff Development Day

Monday, March 19

- Women's History, health, noon, Lake Rm

Tuesday, March 20

- President Hamilton reception, 4:30 p.m. Lake Room

Wednesday, March 21

- Classroom building ground breaking, 8:30 a.m.
- Women's History, technology, noon, Lake Room
- "Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace," Paula Haley, 1:30 p.m. HB 110

Thursday, March 22

- Women's History, men's perspective, noon, Lake Room

Friday, March 23

- Women's History, women and Christianity, noon, Lake Room
- Women's History, spirituality, 1:30 p.m., Lake Room
- Women's History, Mary Baker Eddy lecture by Joni Overton-Jung, 7 p.m. Egan Library

Saturday, March 24

- Women's History, Cindy Pearson fold concert/poetry slam, 7 p.m. SAC



Cindy Pearson

UAS scholarship awarded

Each year UAS grants a one-year tuition scholarship for one of the top science projects at the Capital City High School Science Fair. This year's winner was 10th grader Carl Brodersen. "This is a magnificent event," according to advisor Robert Sewell. "Too often, our community misses the opportunity to celebrate significant intellectual achievement of our youth."

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