



Soundings

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Bruce Gifford and his grandson at the farewell party

Gifford good-bye

A farewell party for Dean of Students Bruce Gifford was held in the Student Services hallway on Tuesday. Gifford said it would be difficult when he finally leaves Juneau on the ferry Monday for his new job as vice president of Student Services at North Idaho College. Gifford received a citation from the Alaska Legislature and gifts from many on campus. He said we would be returning to Juneau to visit his son's family and the campus.

Leadership Institute

The week of May 21-25 twenty students in the Master of Public Administration degree program and participants from the Certified Public Manager program will be on campus attending the third summer Leadership Communication Institute in HB 113. Sponsoring organizations are UAS, the State of Alaska Division of Personnel, the Alaska Municipal League and the City and Borough of Juneau.

Leave policy

All nonexempt regular employees who still have a personal holiday available must coordinate time off with their supervisor. The personal holiday must be used on or before June 15, 2001.



Provost Robbie Stell was one of the speakers at the nursing graduation.

Nursing graduates

Ceremonies were held in Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau for those receiving nursing degrees from Weber State University. The cooperative program with UAS helps to meet the critical nursing shortage in Southeast health care facilities. The program allows students to take nursing classes locally through distance delivery.



The virtual MPA graduation in the media classroom.

MPA graduation

Distance students who completed their Master of Public Administration degree took part in distance graduation ceremonies originating from the UAS media classroom, also the site of their live TV distance classes. Students in several Alaska cities and Whitehorse took part. Commissioner of Administration Jim Duncan, a former MPA instructor, was the commencement speaker. The student address was by Tamara Kotar who spoke from Ottawa where she is now working on Ph.D.



Linda Rosenthal presents Jazz and Classics tickets to Kollene Dunne.

Jazz and Classics

The ten days of blues, jazz and classical music concerts and workshops runs May 18 - 27 at various locations throughout Juneau. Linda Rosenthal, Juneau music, is the founder and music director. "Poets, Oysters and a Little Night Music," presented by UAS will feature Lincoln Mayorga and Douglas Webster, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chapel by the Lake. For a listing of Jazz and Classics events see: www.juneau.com/music/

Juneau campus

Fitness: The winner of the 10 week Academic Programs Campus Fitness Challenge was the Boogie Woogie Bookworms Body Building Band (a group of 20 library staff and student assistants). Kathy Tilton organized the event.

Softball: The UAS Flukes are 2-1 after losing a close game (9-8) to the UAS Spartans student team in extra innings Monday night.

Interns: Two graduate students will be working as summer interns in student housing. Jennifer Sloan is from Western Illinois University and Kim Testin is from Grand Valley State in Michigan. They said, "This is the best internship nationwide." They cited Timi Tullis' enthusiasm, campus size, professional opportunities, and Alaska.

Enrollment: Roger Swason from Noel-Levitz was on campus this week making his 15th visit as a consultant on enrollment management and student retention.



Cathryn Foster was impressed with UAS faculty and classes.

Supporting UAS

"Since my husband is in the legislature we decided to come to Juneau as a family," Cathryn Foster of Nome says, "and decided to return to school." Foster hadn't been to college since 1990 and admits she was nervous.

Foster took English from Emily Wall, art appreciated from Todd Turek and philosophy from Kevin Krein. "I was stunned by the work, by the level of performance the instructors demanded," she says. "They didn't just have high standards, they were also excellent teachers."

"I learned so much...critical analysis, critical thinking. These are tools I can take into the field. There was something in every class that compliments the other classes."

Foster praised UAS. "This is a tough school. It sets the standard for the rest of the state. No other institution in Alaska or on the West Coast is any better than this campus."



JDHS students were recognized by Mayor Sally Smith and assistant principal Dale Staley.

JDHS students recognized

The year-end Juneau Douglas Student Recognition ceremonies were held on the Juneau campus May 10. Outstanding students from each month and May's winners were recognized and presented with awards. Mayor Sally Smith was the guest speaker.

Ketchikan campus

Radar: The US Coast Guard has renewed approval through 2006 of the campus' 5-day, 2-day and 1-day Radar Observer courses. In addition, the Ketchikan campus recently acquired the latest software to ensure the courses provide current and quality instruction.

Scholarships: Commencement scholarships were awarded to Nancy Jensen, Beck Writing Award; Stacie Haslett, Sharon "Christa" McAuliffe; Nancy Jensen, Ferge-Siemon; Stacie Haslett, Delta Kappa Gamma; Jennifer Johnson, Ralph Yetka; Ketchikan High School students Eunice Loyd and Julie Guthrie, PITAS.

Picnic: Organized by student government, the campus picnic was May 6. Craig Ring won the halibut-cooking contest, children took part in a coin scramble and families canoed on the lake. The campus is also working on their 4th of July float. The theme: "A Lifetime of Learning" will feature the stages of an educational journey from childhood to university graduation.

Research: Priscilla Schulte, Ketchikan archeology, and her Archeological Site Monitoring of SE Alaska class left May 14 for a 5-day field trip. The group, along with the Forest Service, traveled to the southern end of Prince of Wales to survey a site, identify culturally significant resources and document the findings for the Forest Service.

Honors: Karalynn Crocker-Bedford, Ketchikan science, received the Faculty Member of the Year award at Ketchikan. Administrative Secretary Deb Pyle was named Staff Member of the Year. Business faculty Cathy LeCompte and Professor Priscilla Schulte were awarded the Faculty of the Year by the students.

Faculty/staff

Jan Straley, Sitka biology, has received a three year, \$210,000 grant under the NMFS Sea Lion Research Initiative, titled Investigations of Steller Sea Lion Predation by Killer Whales in Southeastern Alaska."

Kay Greenough, Juneau education, and two other UA faculty were selected as one of ten teams to attend the Early Childhood Higher Education Initiative. The national initiative is designed to help faculty assist Head Start, child care and early childhood teachers complete degrees.

Tim Powers, Juneau CIOS, has attained a Cisco Certified Academy Instructor certification as well as a Cisco Certified Networking Associate certification.

Beth Mathews, Juneau biology, led a three-hour training session on population monitoring of harbor seals for U.S. Forest Service staff who will be working in Tracy Arm and Pack Creek this summer.

Robin Walz, Juneau history, has a review essay on 19th-century French culture and politics in the H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences at www.uakron.edu/hfrance/reviews/walz2.html. His recent book, PULP SURREALISM, was reviewed in the April 2001 volume of the American Historical Review.

Christa Salmon, who completes her MAT in Juneau in June, has had a research article accepted for publication in the Journal of Hydrology titled, "Hydrological controls on chemical export from an undisturbed old-growth Chilean forest." **Todd Walter,** Juneau environmental science is another author. He said, "I'm excited about this one because it's my second publication with my wife and her first publication as first author."

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, May 18

- Juneau Jazz and Classics begins

Monday, May 21

- First day of summer session
- Leadership Institute begins, HB 113

Friday, May 25

- Jazz and Classics, presented by UAS, 7:30 p.m., Chapel by the Lake

Monday, May 28

- Memorial Day holiday
- Between the Lines, literary reading, Christine Marie, 7 p.m., Back Room.

Sitka scholarship

Patrick Glenn, a distance student enrolled in UAS's Web Publishing Certificate Program is the first recipient of the Elaine Craddick-Patt Scholarship, a newly established scholarship. Craddick-Patt, an adjunct faculty member who pioneered the Sitka campus' involvement in internet instruction, died of cancer two years ago. Her husband, Dave, established an annual 3-credit scholarship to honor her memory and to assist students who are able to access and excel in classes using that technology.

Democracy project

Educators, students and others are being asked to take part in an online survey to help Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer frame the direction of the Alaska Democracy Projects, an effort to strengthen civics education in Alaska's schools. Take the survey at www.gov.state.ak.us/ltgov/

Construction update

The main level Egan Library entrance is closed. Now that structural fill has been placed in the "big hole," the contractor has begun trenching-in to place the underground utility pipes and conduit. Trenching work for the storm drain will continue and foot traffic will be rerouted.

ATTAC program

The Sitka campus Alaska Training/Technical Assistance Center has formed a partnership with the EPA's Drinking Water Academy. As a result ATTAC will develop a statewide center for sanitary survey training. ATTAC's goal is to create training continuity and assist the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation in meeting sanitary survey training needs throughout the state.

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