



Soundings

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While teaching in Hyder, Cathy LeCompte met comedian Robin Williams.

Ketchikan grants and programs

The Ketchikan campus has begun training employees of the Hyder Water Works in the community of Hyder. Business faculty Cathy LeCompte has flown to Hyder twice to provide training in work ethics and policies. On her last trip, LeCompte met comedian Robin Williams who was working on a movie being filmed in nearby Stewart, B.C.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough recently passed their annual budget. Included is \$15,000 in grant money for UAS Ketchikan to provide a College Connection program for high school students and provide student scholarships. Gail Klein will establish the program that allows dual high school/college enrollment.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough also funded an economist position for UAS Ketchikan. The economist will assist the borough with its long-range economic development plan, keep vital statistics on Ketchikan and assist businesses with business planning.

The Department of Fish and Game has awarded UAS Ketchikan funding to develop a fisheries program that will focus on hatchery technical skills. The two-year program will be for students interested in pursuing a career in hatcheries. The campus will be hiring a faculty coordinator for the program.



Bread Loaf classes started Wednesday

Bread Loaf returns to UAS

About 80 Bread Loaf students began six weeks of classes on the Juneau campus on June 27. The program continues through August 9. Students, and 11 faculty, stay in campus housing and eat in the Mourant Cafe.

Bread Loaf is the graduate school of English at Middlebury College in Vermont. UAS is one of four permanent locations for their summer program. The others are in Vermont, New Mexico, and England. About a quarter of this year's students are from Alaska.

Kevin Dunn, UAS Bread Loaf director and faculty member, describes the summer classes as intensive. "It's your life for six weeks," he says. Dunn says UAS's forested campus with views across Auke Lake to the Mendenhall Glacier offers a perfect location. In addition to classes for their students, Bread Loaf also presents a public summer lecture series and a play.

Most of the Bread Loaf students are high school teachers who take summer classes to complete requirements for their master's degree from Middlebury College. Six of this year's Bread Loaf students will be graduating at the end of their summer at UAS.

4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY: The UAS campus will be closed July 3 and 4 for the 4th of July holiday. No UAS classes will be held. Bread Loaf students, however, will hold their regularly scheduled classes.

MAT commencement Saturday

Graduation ceremonies will be held for 41 students who have completed their Master of Arts in Teaching degree at 10 a.m. Saturday (June 30) in Egan Library. Eleven of the graduates are in the elementary program and 30 are in secondary. Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer will give the commencement address. Dave Marvel and Mary-Claire Tarlow, directors of the secondary and elementary programs, will speak. Student speakers will be John Weemes for the secondary program and Julie Leary and Jennifer Challen for the elementary program.

A reception will follow in the Mourant Cafe.

Native arts scholarship established

The Ravenstail Weavers' Guild, in coordination with UAS, is providing a limited number of scholarships to honor Selina Peratrovich and the Native Arts. Peratrovich was a master Haida basket weaver who was instrumental in bringing the art of basket weaving to small villages, cities, schools and universities in Alaska. The fund was created to provide financial assistance to students interested in learning the traditional Native art regardless of cultural background. To qualify for a scholarship, a student must be enrolled in a Northwest Coast Basketry class or classes.



Scholarships offered for basketry students

Alumni directors

The UAS Alumni Association has elected their board of directors for 2001/2002. They are: Diana Cote, president; Debbie Banaszak, vice president; Linda Fink, treasurer; and members Cecelia Miller, Rosemary Matt, Jeremy Kerr, Venietia Santana, Ruth Danner, and Joseph Stubbins



Rain gauges are being placed on Juneau mountains.

Rain research

Rain gauges are being placed in ten sites around Juneau this summer by Environmental Science faculty and students to assess the effects of topography on rainfall. The objective is to develop correlations between precipitation recorded at the airport weather station and precipitation occurring high on the surrounding mountains. The information will be helpful to engineering and community planning. Todd Anderson, an environmental science major, is the primary student researcher. Todd Walter received funding for the research from the president's Natural Resources Fund.

Regents

The Board of Regents' web site (www.alaska.edu/bor/) has been updated and includes minutes from the March and April meetings, the Regent's recap link for June, new regulations and regent photos, biographies and addresses.

CIOS enrollments

On the Juneau campus last spring, faculty taught 67 sections of Computer Information and Office Systems (CIOS) courses with a total enrollment of 758. Of those taking classes, 136 are pursuing departmental certificates and 88 are working towards AAS degrees. Classes are available from the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses also with faculty from all campuses involved in face-to-face and online instruction and coordinated curriculum development and sequencing.

Articulation agreements play an important role in the CIOS program. During the 1999-2000 academic year, 52 Juneau Douglas High School students passed university exams to earn credit through UAS's Technical Preparation Articulation Agreement.

Students in last fall's Knowledge Worker Pilot Program are completing courses this summer including 200 to 300-hour internships.

Searches underway

Interviews and searches are underway for several UAS positions. They include two new positions that will report to Provost Robbie Stell. The Dean of Educational Programs will provide support for education faculty, students and staff. The Vice Provost for Student Success will provide academic support for undergraduate students. Searches are also underway for the director of Business Operations to replace Lise Carter and dean of Career Education to replace Gary Bowen.

Employee anniversaries

Nathaniel Brown, 3 years; Jeri Cary, 5 years; John Coleman, 5 years; David Conway, 5 years; Jan Crichton-Anderson, 23 years; Paul Empson, 7 years; Nancy Gifford, 2 years; Adelina Guerrero, 1 year; Julia Guthrie, 8 years; Richard Jackson, 1 year; Edwell John Jr., 1 year; Shirley Kaltenbach, 1 year; Brendan Kelly, 19 years; Thomas McKenna, 2 years; John Pugh, 14 years; Steven Tada, 5 years; Timi Tullis, 4 years; Jeanny Wharton, 7 years.

Faculty/staff

Paul Kraft, the new dean of students and enrollment management, began on June 26. He has been working on his Ph.D. at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Emily Wall, Juneau English, attended the weeklong Sitka Symposium and studied with Jamaican poet Lorna Goodison and Wendell Berry.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, will chair the session "Tourism and Unusual Places," at the 5th Congress of the Americas at the Universidad de las Americas at Puebla, Mexico, in October.

Paul Kraft, dean of students, and **Lori Exferd**, registrar, attended the North American Enrollment Management Institute in Vail, CO June 20-23. At the conference Bruce Gifford and Roger Swanson from Noel Levitz presented a session about the enrollment management program at UAS.

Timi Tullis, Juneau, and **Tim Schroeder**, Sitka, have been coordinating Elderhostel cruises for the last two weeks.

Tish Griffin, Juneau activities, will serve a two-year term on the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region 5 board representing Alaska.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, June 28

- Bookstore closed for inventory

Friday, June 29

- Maynard Miller, Chamber of Commerce, Pappy Poe's, noon.
- Bookstore closed for inventory

Saturday, June 30

- MAT commencement, 10 a.m., Egan Library

Monday, July 2

- Students vs. faculty/staff co-ed softball, 7 p.m. Dimond Park.

Tuesday, July 3

- Campus closed for July 4th holiday
- Food Service closed at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4

- Campus closed for July 4th holiday
- Food Service closed

Juneau campus

Plants: More than 30 Juneau plants are identified and on display at the Egan Library circulation desk.

Icefield: Dr. Maynard Miller speaks on "Alaska's Changing Climate" at the Chamber noon luncheon, Friday, June 29 at Pappy Poe's.

Food Service: Closed at 2 p.m. on July 3 and closed July 4th.

Bookstore: Closed for inventory June 28/29. The business office will be open and there will be limited candy sales through the window.

Softball: The staff/faculty team will play the student team in co-ed softball at 7 p.m., July 2 and Dimond Park. Student Government will provide refreshments.

College Connection: The eighth College Connection newsletter has been distributed. It contains information about UAS, campus activities, student profiles, and program details. To see past issues and to be placed on the mailing list go to the UAS home page Quick Links section and click on College Connection.

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