



Soundings

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Holiday closure

UAS will be closed for the holiday break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1. All buildings, except for housing, will be closed. The campus reopens on Jan. 2. The closure is a combination of winter holidays, a deferred spring break day, and annual leave days.

Sitka holiday

Sitka Student Government held a potluck holiday party for faculty, staff, students, and the general public on Dec. 3. There was food, games and a chance for children to talk with Santa.



Holiday party in Sitka.
(Photo by Jane Brizgaloff)



Sarha Clark was just one of the Juneau Campus taking part in the Chancellor's Holiday Party held Wednesday in the Lake Room for UAS faculty, staff and students. The food was prepared by Debbie Gleaton and the UAS Food Service staff.

Glory Hole donations

The annual UAS faculty, staff and student donation drive for the Glory Hole is underway. Collection boxes have been distributed around the Juneau campus. Needed items include: clothing in good condition, new or good condition toys, and non-perishable food. Help is needed for packing and delivery. Contact Karen Cummins, 465-6409.

Soundings goes electronic

The first issue of Soundings in 2002 will be distributed primarily electronically rather than by paper. An informal survey of Sitka and Juneau faculty and staff showed near unanimous support for electronic distribution. The Ketchikan campus has already been distributing Soundings electronically. Those wanting Soundings on paper may print from their screens or, on the Juneau campus, take copies from various wall holders. Those wanting to continue to receive mailed copies should contact Scott Foster, 465-6530 or scott.foster@uas.alaska.edu

Ohler's latest book

Jason Ohler, Juneau educational technology, holds a book signing at Hearthside Books in the Nugget Mall from 1 - 3 p.m. Saturday for his newest book, "Then What?" He describes the book as a novel for the general public about living and learning in the digital age. Ohler, who spent more than four years working on the book, said it covers all the issues he has been thinking about regarding technology and society and learning for the past 20 years.

Reviewers have praised the book. Robert J. Sawyer, Nebula Award-winning author said, "I'm pleased to report that the new McLuhan has now arrived, in the person of Jason Ohler. Read THEN WHAT?, and see where we're headed."

Media critic Howard Rheingold, said, "Jason Ohler — one of the few technology critics who has both a sense of humor and the ability to tell a story."

EPPIE 2000 Award winning author Geri Borcz said, "Marshall McLuhan is considered by some as an oracle of the electronic age, but Jason Ohler does McLuhan one better in THEN WHAT? Ohler has a prodigious talent for making technology understandable by anyone."

More information about "Then What" and information about ordering copies is available at www.thenwhat.com

Staff Alliance

"The Staff Alliance (classified and APT staff) advocated for an adjustment to salary grid for all members, and on Nov 9th the Board of Regents approved inclusion of a 1.5 percent increase for FY'03. "This is the second increase in as many years and in marked contrast to stasis of the last decade," said Alliance Chair Robert Sewell. "In a related action, the BOR has directed the administration to examine the competitiveness of UA salary schedules for non-represented staff and to report these findings to the Board."

Employee Nov. anniversaries

Fran Barnes, 20 years; Rita Bowen, 10 years; Peter Colson, 3 years; Patricia DeAngelis, 1 year; Lara Dzinich, 1 year; Michael Funk, 1 year; Sherry Kleindolph, 3 years; Dawn Montgomery, 4 years; Jana Ring, 1 year; Juan Rivero, 1 year; Erlito Samonte, 3 years; Deborah Sonnenburg, 5 years.

Employee Dec. anniversaries

Russ Carson, 7 years; Terry Dean, 19 years; Nancy DeCherney, 1 year; Tonia Haggard, 1 year; Sara Hagen, 15 years; Randall Kanzig, 1 year; Joe Nell, 5 years; Luther Riley, 11 years; Robert Ridgeway, 6 years; Paul Ripplinger, 3 years; Fred Sloan, 3 years; Lisa Ward, 16 years.

FY04 Initiatives

The Phase I FY04 Initiatives are available at www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/faculty/initiatives/ Provost Robbie Stell said the chancellor will develop and forward the UAS priorities to the president's office by Jan. 30. Then the UA Initiative Planning Groups will begin working on recommendations of which Phase I proposals will be developed into more detail for Phase II consideration. Faculty and staff appointments will be made by the president's office to the Initiative Planning Groups.

Students volunteering

Timi Tullis, service learning coordinator and Amber Richard the School Mentioning coordinator from Big Brother, Big Sister of Southeast Alaska recruited UAS students last Tuesday in the Maurant Cafe to assist in the mentioning program. Richard said, "I am really pleased at the number of students that I talked to that were interested in giving back to the Juneau community." Tullis has a list of other Juneau volunteer opportunities that require 1-2 hour commitment per week. Contact her at 723-9611 or timi.tullis@uas.alaska.edu

Student leaders

More than 70 students, many of them freshman, were nominated by Juneau faculty and staff to take part in a new student leadership committee. The committee is being formed to facilitate academic success and achievement by Vicki Orazem, vice provost for student success, and Paul Kraft, dean of students. Faculty nominated students with strong academic and interpersonal skills from a variety of backgrounds. About 30 students, with a minimum 2.5 GPA, will be selected to enroll in a 3-credit leadership course this spring. For more information call Orazem at 465-6421.

Juneau campus

House sitting: a 24-year old UAS junior, Oliva Anthony, is looking for a house to sit over the holiday break or beyond. Call 790-9862 or e-mail: o_anthony@hotmail.com

Orientation: Any campus programs wanting information given to new students at spring orientation should submit it to Jodi Barnes by Jan. 8 at jodi.barnes@uas.alaska.edu or x6456

Finance training: Shawn Hunstock, business director, will conduct finance and budget training for faculty on Jan. 11. For information call the computer helpdesk (877) 465-6400.

Facilitation: A basic facilitation skills workshop will be held in Centennial Hall Feb. 12 and 13. The registration form and agenda are at www.uaa.alaska.edu/enri/rs_site/rs1.html



George Parker and Sharon Crostlick received retirement gifts from Provost Robbie Stell at the Chancellor's holiday party.

Faculty

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, attended interagency crab meeting in Anchorage, Dec. 12 - 14, to discuss current research on snow crab biology. Participants included NMFS, ADFG, USGS, UAS, and UAF.

Brenden Kelly and Beth Mathews, Juneau biology, presented results of their research last week at the 14th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals in Vancouver, B.C. Kelly's talk was entitled "Snow Conditions Predict Optimal Survey Periods for Ringed Seals" and Mathews' talk was on "Disturbance of Harbor Seals and Potential Effects on Counts from Aerial Surveys."

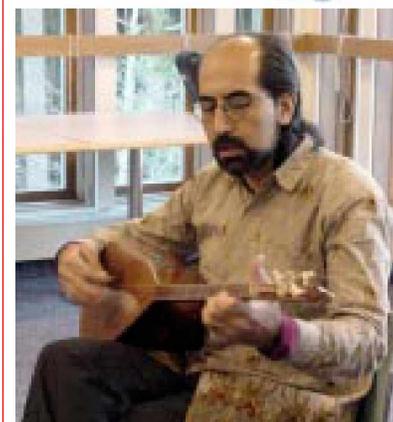
Scholarships available

The UA Foundation has announced the availability of privately funded scholarships for students attending any UA campus during the 2002-03 academic year. About 50 scholarships are available ranging from \$500 to \$8,000. Requirements vary depending on class standing, GPA, major and hometown/high school location. Interested students must complete the UA Foundation statewide application available at any campus financial aid office or at www.alaska.edu/uafound/process_policy/scholar.html Applications are due March 1. For more information contact Amanda Wall, 474-5136 or email at Amanda.Wall@alaska.edu.

\$4 million donation to UA Foundation

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., and Phillips Petroleum Co. presented the UA Foundation with checks totaling \$4,030,728 on Dec. 6. This is the second annual contribution under the terms of the companies' charter agreement with the State of Alaska. The charter agreement specifies that 30 percent of the money BP and Phillips set aside each year for community giving will go to the UA Foundation for use by the university.

Last year, the companies presented the Foundation with the first contribution of more than \$2.5 million. Foundation trustees approved use of the funds to hire new faculty. The university is also using some of the money to develop programs in Alaska Native Language and Culture, global logistics, nanotechnology, behavioral health science and bioinformatics.



Music from Turkey and talk about the region were both presented by Latif Bolat in the Lake Room.

Regents

The Summary of Actions from the Dec. 6-7 Board of Regents meeting is at www.alaska.edu/bor/ Then click "Minutes".

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 14
• End of finals week

Tuesday, Dec. 18
• Grades due to Records

Thursday, Dec. 20
• Grades available by phone or web

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1
• Holiday break, campus closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2
• Campus opens

Friday, Jan. 11
Finance training for faculty, call
• 465-6400.

Monday, Jan. 14
• First day of spring classes

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