



Soundings

Jan 25 2002

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/soundings>



UAS Student Sabrina Richmond was one of those carrying the Olympic Torch in Juneau.

Adjunct agreement

UA and United Academic – Adjuncts, AAUP/AFT have reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement. The successor agreement is subject to ratification by union members, approval by the Board of Regents, as well as funding by the legislature. The agreement will go into effect when approved and expire December 31, 2004. Agreement details will be available after formal approval by the union's members and the Regents.

Retention figures

UA Institutional Research reports that retention of first-time, full-time freshman at UAS as of Jan. 22 from fall '01 to spring semester '02 was 76%. From fall '00 to spring '02 was 54%, from fall '99 was 26% and from fall '98 was 20%. Over the same four year period, retention of first-time, full-time baccalaureate degree-seeking students was higher: fall '01 to spring '02, 74%; from fall '00, 62%; from fall '99, 34%; and from fall '98, 21%.

Comedians perform Friday

Student Activities presents two comedians 6 p.m. Jan. 25, at the SAC. Gary Brightwell has been featured on many comedy shows including NBC's "Friday Night", A&E's "Comedy on the Road", "An Evening at the Improv." Danny Villalpando's credits include television and film, comedy clubs, theater and colleges. Free to SAC members and \$5 for others.

Alumni profile

A demographic analysis of UAS alumni produced a total of 1,961 with current addresses. The results show 1,651 alumni live in Alaska and 1,003 of those live in the Juneau area. The age demographics show 16% are under 30; 38% are 30-45; 30% are 45-55; 12% are 55-65; and 4% are over 65. Lynne Johnson is the alumni coordinator, 465-6416.

Mexico service trip

Students, faculty and staff may sign up for a service trip to Mexico during spring break. The group will go to a Franciscan Mission in Guaymas, Mexico, March 8 - 18 and learn about the country, stay in a mission and build adobe houses. Cost is airfare plus \$100 for food and supplies. Contact Tim Schroeder in Sitka, 747-7703 or Timi Tullis in Juneau, 465-6368.

Students not in class?

Faculty who have students registered for class but not attending are asked to notify Rita Bowen, 465-6439. She will contact the students, offer assistance, remove them from classes if appropriate, and make space for those wait-listed.

Ketchikan news

Remodel: The remodel of the Paul Building is complete, and distance education is now located on the fifth floor.

Staff: Plant Manager Michael Funk was injured just before the holiday break and is rehabilitating for several months.

Scholarships: Lisa Dale and Danielle Nickich were each awarded \$250 from the First City Rotary Vocational Scholarship. Renee Lastimoso, Jean Burns and Christina Miller each received semester scholarships from the UAS Ketchikan Advisory Board.

Film: The Community Film Series started the semester with "Some Like It Hot" and will be followed Feb. 2 with "The Wrong Man." The spring series explores mistaken identities in a variety of film genres.

Sitka Instructional Services

Sherry Barnes has been hired as the Instructional Support Coordinator in the Sitka campus' Office of Instructional Services, formerly Distance Education. She joins Randy Kanzig and Alec Christopher. Denise Blankenship continues to lead the office that provides much of the Sitka campus student/faculty support.



Sherry Barnes

Workshops help Students

Four drop-in workshops will be held at noon Fridays starting Jan. 25 in the Lake Room to help students succeed. Topics are Jan. 25, "Taking Good Notes" by Jodi Barnes; Feb. 1, "Time Management" by Judy Andree; Feb. 8, "Major and Career Planning" by Megan Bingold, and Feb. 22, "Managing Stress," by Pamela Webster.

UAS briefs

Staff Council: Meets Feb. 13 at 1:30 in the Egan, 210. Sitka and Ketchikan may call 1-877-751-8040, passcode 546143

Career Services: New website: www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/career/ or go to the UAS website quick links and choose Career Services.

Benefits: Employees may check their pay and benefits information by going to UA On-Line. Those needing their pin number reset should call Nancy Woods at 465-6507.

Summer jobs: Elderhostel Shipboard program seeks group leaders to present classes for the summer 2001 Southeast sailings. Applications are due Feb. 8. Call Paul Kraft, 465-6461.

Pavilion campaign

The kick-off reception for the Noyes UAS Outdoor Pavilion community campaign will be held Friday from 4 - 6 p.m. at Laraine and Romer Derr's home, 9325 View Drive, off the Back Loop Road. Call 465-2848.



First dance of spring semester.

Juneau events

Dance: The SAC's Spring 2002 Welcome Dance took place Jan. 18. Students danced non-stop from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. to DJ music. The next SAC dance is the Valentine's Dance, Feb. 9.

Climbing: the Climbing Club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the SAC.

Films: Vote for the next SAC film for Black History Month on the SAC website - www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/sac/

Hike: An overnight to the cabins at Pt. Bridget, Jan. 26.

Scrapbooking Club: Meets biweekly on Friday nights from 6-10 p.m. in HB 204. The next meeting Feb.1. Call Jeri Cary, 6504

Ultimate Frisbee: Fridays, 10:15 - 11:30 p.m., DZ School

Volleyball: Fridays, 6 - 10 p.m., Mendenhall River School

Basketball: Wednesdays, 7 - 10 p.m., Auke Bay School

Winterfest: Activities Feb. 9 - 16.

Flex spending mailing causes confusion

Employees who re-enrolled in the medical flexible spending accounts during the November open enrollment period will be covered during 2002. A letter from the vendor created some confusion about the coverage date. If there are questions call Kirk McAllister at 465-6473. The flexible spending accounts are a way to set aside money to pay for medical expenses that are not covered under our health insurance plan.

Campus future

The Juneau campus strategic plan and facilities master plan will be described to two Rotary clubs and the Chamber of Commerce in the next few weeks. Chancellor John Pugh and Facilities Services Director Keith Gerken will make the presentations that will include descriptions of the classroom addition, pavilion, and recreation center.

Perseverance and UAS

Perseverance Theatre's production of Moby Dick begins their Alaska tour with a Jan. 31 performance at 8 p.m. at JDHS. There is a 20 percent discount on group rates for ten or more university students. Call Jeffrey Herrman for tickets at 364-2421 X 29. The theatre and UAS have joined in a cooperative program to offer a theatre minor. Anni Stokes said the play is "perfect material for classes in history, environmental science, literature, communication, drama, and Native studies classes."

Faculty/staff news

Jan Straley, Sitka biology, meets with NMFS and Glacier Bay National Park biologists and the Northwest Cruise Ship Association to discuss potential voluntary changes in cruise ship navigation around humpback whales in Southeast, Jan. 28 in Juneau.

Ron Seater and **Brian Blitz**, Juneau math, attended the American Mathematical Society/Mathematical Association of America national meeting in San Diego to recruit for the tenure-track position and interviewed 25 candidates.

Bill Taylor, Ketchikan economics, will teach for UAS and assist the Ketchikan Gateway Borough with economic development issues in a position funded by the borough.

Mary Henrickson, Ketchikan adjunct art, was accepted into the All Alaska Juried Show opening this month in Anchorage. She will also exhibit in the upcoming Kenai Invitational.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, is teaching a History of Alaska class that was praised in a Ketchikan Daily News editorial by Lew Williams. Williams is supporting legislation requiring a history of Alaska class in high schools.

David Marvel, Juneau education, is traveling to Kodiak to promote the MAT program and meet with Coast Guard and school district officials.

Arlo Midgett, Juneau media services, and **Oksana Kadachigova**, Juneau computing services, have announced their engagement. He proposed during their recent trip in Costa Rica. See: www2.jun.alaska.edu/~jsacm1/perfectday.htm

January anniversaries

Ramir Andes, 8 years; Jennifer Balda, 2 years; Sherry Barnes, 1 year; David Bergeson, 16 years; Scott Christian, 5 years; Heather Conway, 3 years; Gerrit Den Herder, 1 year; Cathy Connor, 10 years; Ginny Eckert, 2 years; Kolene Dunne, 1 year; Beatrice Franklin, 5 years; James Gage, 10 years; Don Greenberg, 29 years; Richard Hacker, 17 years; Thomas Hart, 1 year; Susan Koester, 26 years; Georgia Sepel, 14 years; Marianne Stillner, 2 years; Patrick Vallejo, 4 years.

Grant guidelines

Representatives from the Rasmuson Foundation, one of the state's largest philanthropic organizations, will meet with the Juneau public Jan.28 at noon in the Lake Room. UAS Development Director Lynne Johnson said, "Juneau residents will be able to learn about foundation grant guidelines and describe local needs."



The Juneau campus received 10" of snow in two days.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 25

- "Taking Good Notes," free student workshop, noon, Lake Room
- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge
- Pavilion campaign reception, 4 - 6 p.m., 9325 View Drive
- Comedians, SAC, 6 p.m.
- Volleyball, 6-10 p.m., Mendenhall River School
- Ultimate Frisbee, 10:15 p.m., DZ School

Saturday, Jan. 26

- Cowee Meadows hike, 11 a.m., Housing

Monday, Jan. 28

- Rasmuson Foundation, noon, Lake Room
- Last day to drop classes

Thursday, Jan. 31

- MAT informational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Lake Room
- Moby Dick performance, JDHS, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1

- "Time Management," free student workshop, noon, Lake Room
- Scrapbook Club, 6 p.m., HB 204

If you have UAS faculty, staff, student or alumni news, please contact Scott Foster at 465-6530 or scott.foster@uas.alaska.edu. Layout by Greg Cohen. UAS is an AA/EO employer and educational institution.

If you would like to receive Soundings electronically, contact scott.foster@uas.alaska.edu