



Soundings

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Humanities Conference begins Friday

"Love" is the theme of the UAS Humanities Conference April 5/6 in Egan Library. Ketchikan's First City Players perform Tom Stoppard's play "The Real Thing" Friday at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. experts discuss aspects of love followed by discussion groups. Sue Koester said the conference would appeal to "people who like to play with ideas, writers, thinkers, and people who enjoy discussing issues."



Vivian Martindale

Prize Winning Student

Vivian Martindale, a UAS distance BLA student in Hoonah has been awarded the Cortland Auser Undergraduate Student Paper Award offered by the National Association for Ethnic Studies. Papers are judged on the basis of originality, content, and creativity. Martindale's paper, "Moving Mountains in the Intercultural Classroom," examines the differences in communication styles between the Alaska Native student and the Euro-American

educator specifically pertaining to the university classroom setting. Martindale graduates with a BLA degree this May in Sitka and will be one of the student speakers.

Sitka Senior Day

More than 50 attended the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Senior Day on the Sitka campus April 1. Each senior selected four classes, out of 16 possibilities. Sessions, taught by UAS faculty, staff, students and community members, offered seniors information about college, vocational training, financial aid, and employment. "The event was a great success," according to Tim Schroeder. "We are looking forward to more programs like this in the future." Bob Love, Sitka campus recruitment specialist, coordinated the program.



Tess Christiansen from Old Harbor attended Senior Day.

Ketchikan campus

Recognition: Eighteen "Phenomenal" women were acknowledged at the Ketchikan Phenomenal Women award luncheon March 30 including several from UAS: Professor Priscilla Schulte, Advisory Board member Judith Anglin and student Margaret Cloud.

Computers: The Forest Service donated surplus computers and servers to the Ketchikan CISCO Networking Program. They will provide hands-on training for students

VideoVersity: The campus' community film series completed its first year April 6 with "Memento." The spring theme was "Mistaken Identities." Planning is underway to continue the series next fall.

Construction: The Board of Regents has authorized the administration to bid and award a contract for the Ketchikan Hamilton/Robertson Technical Education Center remodel at a cost not to exceed \$1,705,000.

Student volunteers

During the past 2 months, UAS faculty and students visited many villages as part of the Volunteer Tax and Loan Program to assist Alaskans prepare their income taxes. This is the third year that UAS has participated in this program. During February and early March, David

Ackerman, Juneau business, and business student

Pia Pesnell traveled to more

than a dozen villages. During spring break Ackerman and business student Jackie Blom visited five locations. In March, George Masek, Juneau business, and students Scott Jones and Matt Wood traveled to two communities. Also during March, business student Amanda Mason traveled to Hoonah.



Jackie Blom assists a taxpayer in Chignik Lake



Students tour Greens Creek mine.

Student Success

Mining: Students in chemistry and geology classes visited the Kennecott Greens Creek Mine March 23 for a tour of underground workings, the ore

mill, and the tailings disposal sites with faculty members Lisa Hoferkamp and Cathy Connor.

Sociology: Two students will take part in the Pacific Sociological Association meeting in Vancouver, BC. Travis Hawley will be in a session on Culture, Pop Culture and Culture and Annette Nelson-Wright will participate in a session on Social Institutions.

Anthropology: Nine students traveled to Anchorage this week to present papers at the Alaska Anthropology Meetings along with faculty members Dan Monteith and Priscilla Schulte.

Leaders: Participants in the Student Leadership program met in a retreat March 30 to learn about leadership opportunities this fall that include peer mentors for PITAS students, student ambassadors, telecounselors, housing community advisors, teaching assistants, and middle school tutors.

Women's History

Rita Gross, professor emeritus of comparative religion at the University of Wisconsin, speaks at noon in the Lake Room, April 17 as part of Women's History Month. Her topic is "What Went Wrong? Feminism and Freedom from the Prison of Gender Roles."

Juneau campus

Eco-philosopher: Joanna Macy presents a workshop at Chapel by the Lake April 14 and 15 co-sponsored by UAS. Ed 593 credit is available. Cost is \$120. The workshop will include interactive exercises grounded in breath and body meditation activities. Call Linda Buckley to register, 789-0140. "Taking Heart in Tough Times" is also the topic of a free lecture April 16 at 7 p.m. in Egan Library.

Alumni: The annual scholarship dinner/auction takes place April 5 starting at 6 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel.

Food: Supper specials are offered Tuesdays at Spikes.

New faculty: The second meeting with new faculty will consider Native culture, noon April 9, Lake Room, lunch provided with RSVP to Vicki Orazem, 6421.

Softball: The Flukes, UAS employee softball team, return this summer. Call Mona, 6381, to sign up.

Ceramics: Students will sell their ceramic art in the Lake Room, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. April 17.

Shower: For Nellie Fluty, financial aid, and her baby, Selina, April 11, 1 – 3 p.m. in the Novatney conference room. Call Diane, 6255, for gift suggestions.

Bookstore: Summer book orders are now late. Faculty book orders for fall are due April 5 and should include needed supplies and special equipment.

Dean candidates

Meet candidates for Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at open forums/receptions from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Lake Room: April 9, Robert Davis, Eastern Oregon University; April 16, Peter Quigley, Embry Riddle University; April 19, Dana Thomas, UAF; April 23, Gary Smith, San Juan College

RefWorks trial

Students, staff, and faculty may participate in an April trial of RefWorks, a web-based bibliographic manager product for the creation of a personal searchable database of citations. Look for a link to the RefWorks trial on Egan Library's web page. Library staff wants to know reaction to determine whether to consider an institutional subscription.

Faculty

Mary Ida Henrikson, Ketchikan adjunct art, has an oil painting, Kantishna, selected to travel to Juneau, Fairbanks, Kenai and Homer as an extension of the All-Alaska Juried Art Show 02. She also has a work included in the Kenai Visitor's Association Invitational and will show in Ketchikan in May.

Ginny Mulle, Juneau sociology, attends the Pacific Sociological Association meeting in Vancouver, B.C. from April 17-21 where she presents a paper entitled "Environmentalists, Sportsmen and Alaska Natives" and organizes a session on capital punishment.

Roger Estrada, Sitka business office, does voluntary tax preparation through the Tax Aide Program, a free service for those with incomes under \$25,000 and the elderly. Call 747-7717 for appointments.

Barbara Burnett, Juneau financial aid, is attending the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Conference in Boise. She also completes her term as president of the Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Christopher Hay-Jahans, assistant professor at the University of South Dakota, has been hired as assistant professor of mathematics.

Jacque Christensen, Juneau Records and Registration, has been hired as records supervisor replacing Kim Dooley who resigned.

Lynn Uhl, currently academic specialist at College of the Redwoods, has been hired as career services specialist in Juneau to help with internships, student employment, etc.

David Blair, resident life manager, has resigned. Candidates for his replacement are being interviewed.

Briefs:

Staff Council: Candidate nominations for the UAS Staff Council are due May 3.

Contact Robert Sewell (465-6359) or Lola Savatgy (465-6226).

UA Academy: Contents from Academy 2002 are at www.alaska.edu/hr then click on "What's New and Rumor Control Central."

Communications: The Leadership Communication Institute takes place May 20-24. See www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/lci/

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JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, April 5

- Humanities conference, Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Lounge
- Chemical ecology seminar, Dr. Katrin Iken, 3:30 p.m. Anderson 221
- Alumni dinner/auction, 6 p.m. Baranof Hotel
- "The Real Thing," Tom Stoppard play, 7:15 p.m., Egan Library

Saturday, April 6

- Humanities Conference Preview, 9 a.m., Egan Library
- Line dance instruction/dance 6:30 p.m., Elks Lodge
- Techno dance, 9 p.m., SAC

Sunday, April 7

- Alaska Folk Festival begins, Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 9

- New faculty seminar, Native culture, noon, Lake Room
- Liberal Arts/Science dean candidate, 5 p.m. Lake Room

Thursday, April 11

- Nellie Fluty baby shower, 1-3 p.m. Novatney conference room

Friday, April 12

- Rita Gross, Global Connections, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Lounge
- Campus clean-up, 3:30 p.m., meet at Student Government office

Saturday, April 13

- Lip sync show, 5 p.m., SAC

Sunday, April 14

- Joanna Macy workshop, 1-7 p.m. Chapel by the Lake
- Meet-the-candidates, student government, free pizza, 6 p.m., SAC

Monday, April 15

- Joanna Macy workshop, 9 – 4 p.m., Chapel by the Lake

Tuesday, April 16

- Student government elections
- Ice cream social, 2 p.m. Mourant Café
- Liberal Arts/Science dean candidate, 5 p.m. Lake Room
- Joanna Macy lecture, 7 p.m., Egan Library

Wednesday, April 17

- Student government elections
- Student ceramics sale, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Lake Room
- Women's History, Rita Gross, noon, Lake Room
- Student art show opens, 4:30 p.m., Egan Library

Friday, April 19

- Senegal, Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Lounge
- Film, "Viva Mandela!" 6 p.m. SAC

Faculty Focus: Cathy LeCompte

By Wendy Gierard, UAS Ketchikan

Cathy LeCompte, UAS Ketchikan assistant professor of business, may not have been given a Phenomenal Woman Award, but she is definitely in that category. She, in fact, was the Master of Ceremonies for the Phenomenal Women Award Luncheon on March 30. The luncheon, celebrating National Women's History Month, honored 18 women from Ketchikan and Southern Southeast Alaska for their individual contributions to Alaskan women's history.

Cathy is always willing to help out events and take on efforts that better our community. She has been involved in everything from the Fourth of July Parade, to the Tongass Alaska Girl Scout Council, to the Ketchikan Salmon Derby and the Ketchikan Visitor's Bureau.

Prior to coming to Ketchikan three years ago, Cathy spent six years as the executive director for the United Way of Grays Harbor in Aberdeen, Washington. She managed health clubs for 10 years prior to turning to non-profit work. Cathy says that when she found non-profit work she knew she had found a good match. The motive behind non-profits of truly making a difference in the community fits with her personal values and beliefs.

As a business professor, she enjoys teaching and is always looking for new ways to engage students and impart information. Recently, she has been delivering the business courses via the web and enjoys those challenges. She is very excited about a new program that she will be developing and piloting for UAS Ketchikan this fall.

The program is Service Learning, a teaching strategy that integrates a community service component into the curriculum. Through the identification of student skills and community needs a match can be made that gives students a learning opportunity while meeting a community need. "It is a win-win for everyone," she says. "The students get an opportunity to network in the community and learn while they serve, and the community benefits by having eager and willing volunteers available to help where it is needed most. Many universities nationwide, including UAA, have a Service Learning program and report many positive impacts as a result. ...it is exciting to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and the community." The Service Learning Program is being developed through a grant from the Chancellor's office.



Cathy LeCompte