



Soundings

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Provost Stell to retire in 2003

Robbie Stell began as director of the business department at Juneau Douglas Community College in 1969. She will retire as provost of UAS June 30, 2003. "It's the time in my life, and the institution's, to look forward to some changes," she said. The search process will begin in the fall when the faculty returns to campus.

"The provost position should be very attractive," Stell said. "This is an exciting time at UAS. We are poised for a marvelous future."

Stell said she was particularly proud of UAS leadership in delivering programs to rural Alaska and the significant changes in Juneau from humble beginnings to a significant residential campus.

"Robbie Stell has provided significant academic leadership during UAS's formative years," Chancellor John Pugh said. "She has led the efforts in accreditation and has championed the growth and development on instructional technologies. Her retirement is well deserved, but she will be missed."

Convocation dates set

Fall UAS convocation will be held in Juneau August 19 – 21. Regional faculty and administrators are expected to attend. A draft agenda will be available before the end of the semester. Vicki Orazem is chair of the planning committee.

Dean candidates

Another candidate for Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences visits Juneau April 19. Dana Thomas is chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at UAF. Gary Smith, dean, Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts, San Juan College, in New Mexico visits April 23. Faculty are asked to send their rankings and reasons for the four candidates to Provost Robbie Stell.

Ketchikan news

Phi Theta Kappa: Induction ceremonies will be held April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Library. New inductees are Ivana Rolanda, Janis McElroy, Shiva Bryant and Mary Ellen Purfchwitz. Students joining from last fall are Leslie Chapel, Donna Lauth, Nancy Jensen, Tracy Fierge, and Judy Dunning.

Welding: AWS entry and advanced level welding have both been accepted as a catalog courses. Each is a 15-credit course and satisfies the accreditation standards.



Robbie Stell

Sitka briefs

Honored: Nicole Duclos, Sitka ATTAC, was honored at the Alaska Water/Wastewater Management Association Conference in Sitka. She received a gold shovel (with a gold nugget attached) along with induction into the Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers. This honor is conferred on veterans of the Water/Wastewater field in recognition for outstanding work.

Visit: More than 60 Sitka residents, including 17 UAS Sitka students, visited Juneau for the folk festival on an Allen Marine catamaran chartered by the Sitka campus.

UA budget

Juneau residents may testify on the UA budget April 18 from 7:15 to 9 p.m. Testimony is limited to two minutes and must be done from the Legislative Information Office in the Terry Miller Building.

Student success

Writing: UAS Freshman Writing Contest winners include: first place, Sibyl Atkins, Sitka student of Emily Demmert; second place, Eileen Jones, Juneau student of Emily Wall, and third place, Brooke Ratzat, Juneau student of Sue Koester.

Writing: UAS winners in the statewide Archie Shiels Freshman Writing Contest include first place, Cathleen Lorenz, Sue Koester's student; third place, Sandra Kay Galeana, Don Cecil's student and John M. White, Emily Wall's student.

Video: For the second time, a student project edited in Media Services has won the Panhandle Picture Show film festival in Haines. Chris Meirzejewski said, "We owe a lot to you (Media Services) for taking the time to explain things so patiently to us and for being so welcoming to students."

Speaking: Jennifer Loesch and Eric Morrison described their UAS experiences at the Alaska Business Roundtable April 4.

Internship: Jeannette Lacey, who graduates with a BLA in social science, has been doing a sociology internship, under Ginny Mulle's supervision, with Rep. Beth Kerttula. She has researched and helped write House Bill 482, State Employee Dependents Daycare Centers.

Internship: Nathan Corduan has been in a psychology internship this semester under the supervision of Shelley Theno with the Alaska Mental Health Trust and will continue this summer.

Internship: Edward Jones will begin an internship in psychology under the supervision of Shelley Theno with the Council on Domestic Violence.

Teaching: Sheila Craig, one of the Professional Education Center's ARCTIC program participants, was featured in NW Lab's Education magazine about the impact of ARCTIC experience on her current teaching methods.



Nicole Duclos

Juneau campus:

Biology: Bill Hamner from UCLA who had dinner with biology students April 17, lectures on open ocean invertebrates at 2 p.m. in Anderson 221 on the 18th and holds a discussion on marine biology careers on the 19th at 1:45 p.m. in Anderson 224.

Study Abroad: Programs will be described from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the “International Departure Lounge” in the Lake Room.

Global Connections: A presentation on Senegal, including a free lunch, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Mourant lounge.

Film: “Viva, Mandela!” about South Africa history, 6 p.m. in the SAC, April 19.

Social: Gerri Haynes, president of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, speaks about “The Public Health Effects of War and Sanctions” and shows the film, “Paying the Price,” about the effects of sanctions on the children of Iraq at 7 p.m., April 26, HB 113.

Graduation: caps, gowns and announcements are still available for graduating students at the bookstore.

Financial Aid: The Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education audited the UAS financial aid office on the newly implemented electronic funds transfer and found perfect compliance with no errors.

Plants: The UAF/4-H annual plant sale takes place May 11 at 9 a.m. in the Carrs parking lot.

PITAS: Teacher mentors visited last week to become more acquainted with the university.

Bowling: Students and staff bowl at 2:30 p.m. on April 27 to raise money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Drug-Free: A seminar on substance abuse and maintaining a drug-free workplace, April 24 from 2-5 p.m. in BRC 154 hosted by Magellan Behavioral Health.

Investments: An investment advisor from Fidelity will be on campus April 24 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Novatney 102. For individual appointments call 1-800-642-7131.

MAT travels

Most elementary and secondary MAT students have spent two weeks in Alaska rural schools as part of the Rural Practicum. The UAS students were placed with master teachers, taught in classrooms, and learned about the schools and area. Some returned saying they would now consider applying for jobs in rural Alaska. One student said, “I couldn’t have asked for a better setup. Did you know (my master teacher) was national teacher of the year!”

Staff Council

Nominations are open for UAS Staff Council officers including members-at-large for Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau. Contact Robert Sewell, 465-6359 or Lola Savatgy 465-6226.

Faculty/staff

Dr. Eran Hood from University of Colorado Boulder has been hired as an assistant professor of hydrology for Environmental Science and begins this fall.

Ginny Eckert, Juneau biology, presented a paper on marine population fluctuations at the Kachemak Bay Science Conference in Homer, April 12-14.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, article “Manifest Destiny & the Trans-Mississippi South: Natural Laws and the Extension of Slavery Into Mexico,” published in the Journal of Popular Culture.

Jonathan Anderson, Juneau public administration, presented “Northern Communities and the State: Is Resistance ‘Futile?’” at the Western Social Science Association in Albuquerque.

Jan Straley, Sitka biology, attended a coordinating meeting of killer whale researchers in Seward, and April 24 gives a presentation about whales with her husband, writer John Straley, to a group of governor’s wives visiting Alaska, hosted by Susan Knowles, aboard the M/V Kennicott.

Carol Liberty, Sitka HIM, attends the Alaska HIM conference in Anchorage April 24-26.

Shelley Theno, Juneau psychology, attended the Lewis Terman Psychology Teaching Conference on April 10th, and the Western Psychological Association regional conference in Irvine, California April 11-14.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, Juneau education emeritus, was elected chair of the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

Ray Watkins, adjunct, has been appointed coordinator for the NW Coast Arts carving classes.

Rita Bowen, Juneau student services, resigned after ten years to accept a position with the state Department of Health and Social Services.

April anniversaries

David Conway, 6 years; Barbara Deatherage, 1 year; John Coleman, 6 years; Paul Empson, 8 years; Rogelio Estrada, 1 year; Wendy Gierard, 1 year; Adelina Guerrero, 2 years; Nancy Gifford, 3 years; Heather Jones, 1 year; Tom McKenna, 3 years; Glenda Rice, 1 year; James Vernon, 1 year; Jeanny Wharton, 8 years.



Ceramics students conducted a sale of their work Wednesday in the Lake Room. Items included bowls, cups, plates, plant holders and more. (Photo by Kim Porter)

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, April 18

- Study abroad information, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Lake Room
- Juneau public testimony on UA budget, 7 – 9 p.m. Terry Miller Bldg

Friday, April 19

- Dean candidate Dana Thomas on campus
- Biology seminar, brown bear diet, noon. Anderson
- Senegal, Global Connections program, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Student Lounge
- Marine biology careers, 1:45 p.m. Anderson Bldg, 224
- Film, “Viva, Mandela!” 6 p.m., SAC

Saturday, April 20

- Earth Day, including UAS auto display, 10 – 3 p.m. Visitor Center
- Spring Fling formal, 9 p.m., Baranof

Tuesday, April 23

- Dean candidate Gary Smith on campus

Wednesday, April 24

- Fidelity appointments, Novatney 102

Friday, April 26

- Biology seminar, by California Dept. of Fish and Game, noon, Anderson Bldg
- Global Connection semester-end party, noon-2 p.m. Mourant student lounge
- Year-end BBQ, 3 – 6 p.m., campus courtyard
- Comedy night, 6 p.m., SAC
- Film/talk “The Public Health Effects of War and Sanctions,” 7 p.m., HB 113
- Ballroom class graduation dance, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge

Saturday, April 27

- All-housing yard sale, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday May 5

- Commencement, 2 p.m. Centennial Hall

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