



Soundings

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The Parents Club hosted a visit by Santa for kids.



Learning Center review

Provost Robbie Stell has initiated a review to evaluate the resources necessary to continue the critical services now provided by UAS Learning Centers. The predominant services are placement tests for English and mathematics, tutoring, national and course testing services. "In recognition of the need to periodically review what, how, and why academic support services are delivered, a focused review is needed, which will include faculty and staff participation," Stell said.



Studying at the Learning Center

During the review the Juneau Learning Center will report to the Provost, effective January 1st. Stell has appointed Vice Provost Vickie Orazem to serve as the chair of the current Faculty/Staff Advisory Board, and to lead the review team consisting of the Deans, Campus Directors and the current faculty and staff advisory board. The team will make its recommendations prior to the end of the spring semester.

Faculty interests in the learning Center will be discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting at 3 p.m. Dec. 13 at a location to be announced.

Mini Convocation

Faculty is invited to a two-day mini convocation Jan. 9 and 10 in Egan Library. The Jan. 9 meeting, designed for new and adjunct faculty is from 1 – 5 p.m. and will consider retention, using Web for Faculty for advising, and a presentation on sexual harassment. The Jan. 10 session, designed for all faculty including adjuncts, will consider Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning. The keynote address, Putting Pedagogy First, will be provided Dr. Lynne Schrum, Distinguished Professor of Instructional Technology.

During sessions, faculty will design systems and materials for distance delivery. Faculty will "show" or model their courses. The session, focusing on instructional design, facilitation techniques and building community, and will close with a demonstration on the newest technologies available in distance learning.

Holiday closure

The UAS holiday closure is Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. Employees return to work Jan. 2. Dec. 23-25 are holidays, Dec. 26-30 are annual leave or leave without pay, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 are holidays.



Leave info

Beginning in Jan. 2003, a leave cash-in option is being offered on a trial basis for all non-union employees who accrue annual leave. Under this program, eligible employees can cash-in up to 40 hrs of annual leave as long as their remaining balance is 40 hrs or more. Contact the personnel office for the appropriate form. Under university regulations, all employees with more than 240 hrs of annual leave will forfeit the excess if not taken before Feb. 7, 2003.

Mourant Café closure



Renovations will close the Mourant Café Dec. 13 – Jan. 6. The Lake Room will be closed through Jan. 20. The café will be re-carpeted and re-painted. New chairs will be added and a new deli installed in the present Spike's location. Spike's coffee services will move to the new classroom on the second floor of the atrium.

Students visit Peru

For the fifth year, UAS students taking Spanish classes will spend their holiday in a Spanish speaking country. "This is a rare opportunity for students," coordinator Rick Bellagh said. "This is a good immersion program." In addition Bellagh, who teaches Spanish, anthropology faculty member Dan Monteith will accompany the students. Students will visit Lima, Lake Titicaca, Cusco, which was the center of the Inca Empire, and hike to Machupicchu, an archeological ruin.

Ketchikan campus

Celebration: A Finals Feast with hot pizza was held Dec. 11 to celebrate the end of another semester.

Phi Theta Kappa: New officers are Hope Enright, president and Krystal Bouldin, vice president.

Volunteers: Student Government participated in the Ketchikan Hospice Tree at the Plaza Mall this holiday season by setting up the tree, making ornaments, and volunteering and will help take down the tree.

Library: Open from 1 – 5 pm., Dec. 16-21 and closed Dec. 23 - 3. The library reopens from 1 – 5 p.m. Jan. 6.

Employee: Michael Doyle has been hired in a new Information Technical Services position.

Sitka campus

Art: The student art show reception drew a steady stream of local residents. In addition to fall semester art from UAS and Mt. Edgecumbe



Enjoying cookies and art at student art show in Sitka

High School students, the show included live blues music and decadent desserts.

Author: Novelist John Straley, winner of the 1997 Spotted Owl Award for Best Northwest Mystery, teaches an Intro to Creative Writing class for Sitka and distance students spring semester in the Wednesday class from 6 – 8 p.m.

Fatality: Freda Diesing, long-time instructor for the Sitka Campus NW Coast Art Program, was killed in an auto accident Dec. 4 when the car she was driving hit black ice on the route from Terrace to Prince Rupert. Freda was of the Haida Eagle clan and belonged to the house of Wehhae in Masset. She resided in Terrace.

Juneau campus

Donations: The UAS Glory Hole Donation Drive continues through Dec. 18. Collection boxes are placed around campus. "Donations have been on the light side," according to coordinator Karen Cummins. An additional collection box has been placed in the Housing Lodge. The CANstruction contest takes place 1:30 p.m., Dec. 13, café

New Student Orientation: Takes place Jan. 10. Those wanting information included in the new student pack should send it by Jan. 3 to: jodi.barnes@uas.alaska.edu by January 3rd.

Bookstore: The tenth annual **12 Days Before Christmas Sale** continues until Dec. 20 and features daily specials and free gift-wrapping. The Bookstore open house takes place Dec. 12 from 3 – 5 p.m. The used book buy back continues through Dec. 16.

Lost: Egan Library staff is seeking a blue, low platform cart that has been missing for a month. Call Jeri 6405.

Dinner: Global Connections holds a Santa Lucia Dinner Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth House near housing as a good-bye to exchange students who are leaving at the end of the semester. RSVP at 6455.

Exchanges: The deadline for spring term exchange internships is Dec. 16. Call 465-6455.

UA Foundation

ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc and BP Exploration have presented the UA Foundation with checks totaling \$3.8 million. These contributions bring to \$10.4 million the amount contributed by the two companies to the foundation over the last three years under terms of a charter agreement with the state.

Student joins Olympic Training Center

Jeff Donaldson, a UAS junior from Juneau, has been hired as a resident mechanic at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. He'll be working with all the racers for USA Cycling's racing teams at the Olympic Training Center. "Officially, I'm a mechanic," Donaldson said. "I stay up all night fixing broken things." The bikes he works on may cost as much as \$15,000.



Donaldson hones his bike repair skills

Donaldson, a 1994 JDHS graduate, will leave school to accept his new job. "It's so rare to be offered a job like this," Donaldson said. But he also vowed that he would complete his college degree.

He speaks highly of campus faculty. "Juneau has a lot of really talented teachers," he said and particularly praised the math faculty.

Exchange students

Spring semester exchange students will attend UAS from Massachusetts, California, New York, Hawaii, Austria, and The Netherlands. UAS students will take part in exchanges in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Hawaii, Australia, France, England, Ghana, and Sweden.

Faculty/staff

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, attended an interagency crab meeting in Anchorage Dec. 11-13 and gave an oral presentation on the molting physiology of snow crab. Graduate students, Jacqueline Mitchell and Jamie Thomson also attended.

Seon Chun, Juneau early childhood, attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children 2002 Teacher Education Workshop on Standards and Program Review and the annual conference in New York, Nov. 19-23.

Steve Tada, FP&C, and **Robin Walz**, Juneau History, play in Concerti for Christmas, Dec. 21 and 22 at Northern Light United Church.

Jeff Haskell, Juneau Help Desk, new hire grew up in Ketchikan, joined the Army after high school and has traveled extensively around the country.

Employee anniversaries

Russ Carson, 8 years; Terry Dean, 20 years; Nancy DeCherney, 2 years; Sara Hagen, 16 years; Joe Nell, 6 years; Luther Riley, 12 years; Robert Ridgeway, 7 years; Fred Sloan, 4 years; Lisa Ward, 17 years.

New hires

Julie Benson, Ketchikan administrative assistant in the fisheries program
Kristin Lyle, Education administrative clerk
Colleen McBrien, Professional Education Center educational technician
Eric Niewoehner, assistant professor of CIOS
Mark Thompson, coordinator for the Early Childhood Education
Kevin Myers, Public Information Officer

Scholarships

UAS and UA Foundation scholarship applications are available from http://www.uas.alaska.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.html. Both applications have a Feb. 14 deadline.



JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 12

- Bookstore open house, 3 – 5 p.m.
- Chancellor's Holiday Party, 3 – 5 p.m., Lake Room

Friday, Dec. 13

- CANstruction contest, 1:30 p.m., Café
- Faculty Senate, 3 p.m., location TBA
- Global Connections dinner, 6:30 p.m., RSVP 6455.
- Dance class dance, 6 p.m., Elks

Thursday, Dec. 19

- Grades available via Web

Monday, Dec. 23

- Holiday break begins. All buildings closed, except housing.

Thursday, Jan. 2

- Campus opens

Monday Jan. 13

- First day of instruction

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