



Soundings



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ARCTIC learning

The Alaska Reform in the Classroom through Technology Integration Collaboration immersion program is concluding its final session of a five-year, \$8.5 million grant. This year's session was held at the Frontier Suites in Juneau. The ARCTIC



Learning about technology

program is coordinated by Marla Browne of the Professional Education Center at UAS and in association with the Department of Education and Early Development and Alaskan school districts to train teachers to use technology in the classroom.

"It's all about learning how to use technology as a tool in the classroom," said Browne. Teams comprised of public school principals, teachers and technical staff are chosen from throughout the state to attend the four-week training. The grant pays for the team housing and training while in Juneau and for substitute teachers during their absence.

Whale of a good time

Jan Straley of UAS Sitka opened the Science for Alaska Lecture Series in Juneau with a standing-room-only presentation, "Gentle Giants, Alaska's Humpback Whales." Approximately 535 people turned out at Centennial Hall and Straley didn't end her lecture until every question was answered.



Jan Straley at Centennial Hall

UAS Woman of Distinction



Tish Griffin Satre sharing a smile and a treat with Sahra Clark

The AWARE Shelter will honor Tish Griffin Satre as one of four Women of Distinction at a dinner on March 15 at Centennial Hall. "The Women of Distinction Dinner is a way for us to affirm the extraordinary effort and enduring commitment wonderful women of our community have given to us," said one of the event organizers.

Another UAS connection, Margaret Pugh, will also be honored as a Woman of Distinction for her public service and as a criminal justice administrator.

High Honors

Steve Henrikson, an adjunct professor and Curator of the Alaska State Museum, received the 2002 Award of Excellence by Museums Alaska, a statewide professional organization of museums and cultural centers. In February and March, he will be presenting public lectures on Tlingit armor in Sitka and Ketchikan, and is a featured speaker at a conference on Alaska Native Basketry, sponsored by the Totem Heritage Center in Ketchikan.

Dr. Lester P. Monts to visit UAS

Dr. Lester P. Monts is Vice Provost at University of Michigan and Ethnomusicologist. He wrote the score for Steven Spielberg's "Amistad." Monts is regarded as one of the world's leading scholars on music and culture in the Guinea coast region of West Africa.



Dr. Lester P. Monts

In honor of Black History Month Dr. Monts will be speaking in the Lake Room Friday, Feb. 14th, from noon to 2 pm. Dr. Monts will talk on music, culture and affirmative action.

Ketchikan News

UAS Ketchikan VideoVersity kicked off its Spring 2003 series with "Aliens" on Saturday, February 1. Over 40 people attended the event. UAS Student Government sold gourmet cookies and Raven's Brew coffee as a fundraiser. The next installment of "Hollywood's Take on the Hero" is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, with "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," starring John Wayne and Jimmy Stewart. Special intermission fare includes breads and biscotti along with more Raven's Brew coffee. VideoVersity is a free community film series sponsored by UAS Ketchikan.

UAS Ketchikan Phi Theta Kappa chapter is holding inductions on Friday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the UAS Ketchikan Campus Library. Spring 2003 inductees include Brooke Ratzat, Tracy Heath, Kim Netling, Katherine, Davidson, Angie Collins, Dollee Enright and Joseph Branco.

UAS Ketchikan is holding the First Annual Focus on Living Women's Wellness Conference March 7-8, 2003, on the main campus. This educational conference offers an opening session Friday evening and workshops all day Saturday including health issues, cooking, finances, exercise, artistic fun, journaling and a labyrinth walk.

Sitka News

During February, UAS Sitka Campus is having a "Love Your Pet" Valentine's Day photo contest. Entries will be displayed in the atrium at UAS. A \$5 donation per photo will go to the UAS Scholarship Fund. UAS photography students will judge photos based on creativity, composition and overall appeal. The winner will receive a gift certificate from Russell's.

Congratulations Due for Center of Teacher Ed.

UAS Center for Teacher Education is scheduling a visit from the NCATE accreditation team for the fall of 2004. The CTE submitted the Intent to Seek NCATE Accreditation form in October of 2002. The next step as a precandidate is to meet the preconditions.

Among the nine preconditions that must be met is the development of a conceptual framework establishing the shared vision for the units' efforts in preparing educators. Another precondition is an assessment system for regularly monitoring and evaluating operations, the quality of its offerings, the performance of candidates, and the effectiveness of its graduates. A data collection system must also be developed to show that the candidate proficiencies are aligned with the expectations in professional, state, and institutional standards. The CTE response to the nine preconditions was assembled as a 250-page document which was sent to the NCATE headquarters along with the program reports.

Many steps have been taken by the CTE over the past year to begin preparation for accreditation. A Professional Community Advisory Board was formed. The faculty has held two working retreats. A two-day summer colloquium was held in August 2002 that included faculty of the CTE, Arts and Science faculty, public school teachers, and administrators. CTE representatives have also been collaborating with UAA and UAF in the development of a database that will be used to collect necessary assessment data. After gaining full candidate status, the unit will work on preparation for the visit of the examining team in fall 2004.

College Connection

The UAS College Connection is a dual enrollment program created for school district students who seek the challenge of college instruction. Performance has doubled in two and a half years. Educational impact has remained high, stable and exemplary. Overall, 89% of attempted credits have been earned. For classes "taken-for-grade", fully 76% have yielded "A's" or "B's". Based on 595 courses thus far, the failure rate is less than 1.7%. The program is helping to advance a seamless public education system.

Working Girl

Working is going into its second-to-last weekend at Perseverance Theater. The play is setting attendance records, in no small part due to the performance of UAS's Beth Weigel. Beth is getting rave reviews for her portrayal of the project manager and for her singing as the housewife. The musical is adapted from the Studs Terkel book of the same name.



Beth Weigel on stage

Staff and Faculty News

Brendan Kelley has been elected as an officer of the Arctic Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Cathy Connor and Sherry Tamone will be presenting a talk on Research in the Department of Natural Sciences at UAS in Anchorage Feb 6, 2003 at the UA Academy.

Dave Klein has resigned as SAC manager and has accepted the Web Coordinator position. The Web Coordinator position has been moved into the Office of Information as of Feb. 1. The move is intended to help facilitate the internal and external communication at UAS.

Alice Tersteeg will be having an art show at Annie Kaill's, 244 Front St. opening Friday, Feb. 7th at 4:30 pm. The show will feature a variety of new watercolors. This will be part of the "First Friday" gallery event at all the downtown galleries.

Alexis Easley hosted Lynn Schooler, critically acclaimed author of *Blue Bear*, at her Memoir Writing class on January 23.

Internship at EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency's Development, Community and Environment Division (DCED) is currently seeking interns for Summer 2003 in the area of "Smart Growth and the Environment." These three-month internships will allow qualified graduate students in urban and region planning or public policy to work on smart growth issues at the Environmental Protection Agency, a leader in this area. For more information please contact Juanita Smith at 202-566-2862 or Smith.Juanita@epa.gov.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

February 7

- UAS Recreation Center Planning Meeting, 2:00 pm, Lake Room
- Comedian - Mad Chad, 8:00 pm, SAC

February 8

- Winterfest Polar Bear Plunge, Auke Bay Harbor, 3 pm, Barbeque follows for participants at 4 pm at SAC

February 9

- Winterfest candle making, snow flake making, cocoa and cookies, Housing Lodge, 2 pm

February 10

- Winterfest Bonfire, Hendrickson Parking Lot, 5 pm
- Science for Alaska Lecture, "Secrets of the Aurora Borealis", Centennial Hall, 7:30 pm

February 11

- Winterfest Turkey Bowl, Mourant Courtyard, 1:30 pm

February 12

- Winterfest Snowboarding Presentation, SAC, 9 pm

February 13

- Winterfest Glacier Walk & Talk, Glacier Visitor's Center, 9:30 am

February 14

- Ice Cream Social, Mourant Cafe, 2 pm
- Black History Month Speaker, Dr. Lester Monts, Lake Rm, 12 pm
- Valentine's Day Dance, SAC, 9 pm

February 15

- Winterfest Banff Mtn. Film Festival, Centennial Hall, 7 pm

February 16

- Winterfest Ice Skating at Treadwell Arena, 7:30 pm
- Science for Alaska Lecture, "Volcanoes from Space", Centennial Hall, 7:30 pm

February 21

- Spring Pool Tournament I, SAC, 6 pm

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