



Soundings

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MAT Elementary Participate in Team Building at SAGA

Orientation for the MAT Elementary candidates began July 1 with two days of campus sessions followed by a full day of team-building exercises at the Southern Alaska Guidance Association. The day at SAGA helped candidates to develop a sense of community and build trust in one another. The need for a strong learning community is paramount for the success of any MAT cohort. The exercises also provide ideas for cooperative activities the candidates can apply in their practicum.



Five MAT Elementary students attempt to cross the low wire. R to L: Krissy Bean, Marcus Dumaop, Erin White, Diana Brann and Kim Frangos.

The greatest challenge of the day came during an activity that required candidates to cross a series of cables, while holding onto at least one other person. The exercise is designed to teach the need to rely on others. That lesson is pertinent to elementary MAT students in accepting the advice of mentor teachers, intern advisors and other school support staff such as counselors and special educators. At the end of the day, a prevalent theme echoed by candidates was that they had built a sense of trust in their colleagues and that they were ready for the journey ahead.

Make Students Count Award



Jodi Hickenlooper won the Make Students Count Award for UAS at the end of spring semester. Students, faculty and staff from UAS nominated Jodi. She's been an advisor in the Student Resource Center since August 2001. She was presented the award at the Board of Regents meeting on June 9 in Fairbanks.

Help Open the Pavilion

UAS staff & faculty are invited to the dedication ceremony for the newly constructed John & Lily Noyes Outdoor Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 25, at the Pavilion. David Hunsaker's new play, "The Three-Way River," will premiere directly afterward at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

William Stenberg hired as Director of Admissions

The University of Alaska Southeast has hired William Stenberg, former Sheldon Jackson College vice president of student services, to fill its director of admissions position. Stenberg held his position at Sheldon Jackson in Sitka from 1982 to 1991, and said he is excited to have returned to Southeast.



Director of Admissions William "Bill" Stenberg.

"I love Alaska," said Stenberg, "but, the main reason I wanted to come to UAS was that I could sense the personality of the school from my visit. Everyone seems to have a great working relationship and Chancellor Pugh has a great vision for the University."

"The director of admissions is a critical position for the future growth of the university," said Chancellor John Pugh. "It's great that we were able to attract someone with over 20 years of experience in admissions and registration, plus nine years of Alaska experience with Sheldon Jackson College."

Stenberg resigned as director of admissions at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, to accept the position at UAS. Stenberg believes he can improve the efficiency of the admissions process to keep pace with the rate of growth that UAS has experienced over the past eight semesters.

"I am very excited about Bill joining an already talented enrollment management team," said Dean of Students Paul Kraft, who oversees the position. "His experience, enthusiasm and positive energy just what this university needs at a critical and exciting time in our history."

Stenberg's admissions experience began in 1980 at Western Montana College in Dillon, Montana, as an associate director. In 1982 he became director of admissions at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, and in 1988 was promoted to vice president for student services. He left Sheldon Jackson to become a sales representative for a woodworking machinery manufacturer in Rockford, Illinois, and worked for Prudential Insurance Company before accepting the dean of admissions and financial aid position at Warner Pacific College in Portland Oregon in 1994.

Wally Gleeson 20-year service award

Facilities Services Director Keith Gerken presented Wally Gleeson, custodial supervisor, with a 20-year service award on May 29. Wally has worked for the University since August 1, 1979, starting as a building custodian. Wally is always ready to respond to any circumstance and takes great pride in his work, his crew and the appearance of the UAS facilities.



Keith Gerken presents Wally Gleeson with his 20-year plaque.

June Anniversaries

Kristi Allen, 2 years; Sara Caldwell, 1 year; Thane Brown, 5 years; Jeri Cary, 7 years; Jan Crichton-Anderson, 25 years; Julia Guthrie, 10 years; Richard Jackson, 3 years; Janice Jackson, 1 year; Brendan Kelly, 21 years; Amanda Knerr, 1 year; Paul Kraft, 2 years; Shirley Kaltenbach, 3 years; John Pugh, 16 years; Matt Olsen, 2 years; Alicia Risteau, 1 year; Steve Tada, 7 years; Lynn Uhl, 1 year.

Flukes Playoff - Bound!

Well okay, every team makes the playoffs ... but we're not the final seed in the tournament! The Flukes finished the season at .500, with a 7 - 7 record. The first tournament game is Wednesday, July 23, at 5:50 pm at Sandy Beach, field #4.



Flukes team picture – collector's edition. Photo by Karen Cummings.

New Hires

Bill Stenberg has been hired as the director of admissions. He has held similar positions in Oregon and at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka.

Joel Webb has been hired as the new residence hall coordinator. He will begin on August 1.

Faculty and Staff

Brian Blitz went to the Mathematical Association of America Pacific Northwest section meeting from June 18th to 21st. He organized a panel session titled, "What should Calculus students know?"

UAS Holiday Campus Closure

The 2003 UAS holiday campus closure will begin on Saturday, December 20, 2003 and go through Friday, January 2, 2004. Employees will return to work on Monday, Jan 5. The closure schedule will be as follows:

Dec 22 - 23, Annual leave or leave without pay
Dec 24 - 26, Holiday
Dec 29 - 31, Annual leave or leave without pay
Jan 1-2, Holiday

Job descriptions needed by Aug 15

As part of the statewide Job Family Classification project, new job descriptions will need to be written for all non-union regular exempt and non-exempt positions not already assigned to a job family. The deadline is August 15.

On the UAS campus, the information technology, finance, research, and engineering groups have been completed. All other non-union regular employees will need to complete a position description form and submit it electronically to the personnel office, along with an original hard copy with signatures (employee and supervisor).

The new PD form replaces the JEF (job evaluation form) that was used in the past. The form is available in an enterable format on the UAS Personnel Services website:
www.uas.alaska.edu/personnel

If you have questions about the new form, the classification process or need a copy of your old JEF as a reference, contact Kirk McAllister (6473) in the personnel office.

Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan entered two floats this year in the Ketchikan 4th of July Parade. The Welding Float received Judges' Choice Award. Facilities Manager Mike Funk was again in charge of the float designs and execution.

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