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Pavilion praise



Chancellor John Pugh helps Lily and Eric Noyes unveil a bronze plaque that bears the likeness of Lily and late-husband John.

The Noyes Pavilion opened on Friday night and over 260 people were treated to “Three-Way River,” David Hunsaker’s latest play. The standing-room-only crowd showed its approval with a standing ovation that lasted long enough to bring the performers to the stage for three curtain calls.

The play followed the dedication of the Pavilion, during which Lily Noyes and son Eric thanked UAS, donors and all those who helped to bring the Pavilion from concept to completion. Chancellor Pugh helped Lily Noyes unveil the bronze plaque on which was a relief of Lily and her late-husband John.

The original play is a “Rashomon-like” telling of the Beauty and the Beast tale, which we learn during the play is folklore that permeates almost every culture. The variations used in “Three-Way River” are Russian, Tlingit and Appalachian, which Hunsaker chose because of their cultural influences on Juneau. The stories are interwoven using the same actors, wearing the same costumes, to tell all three versions – Hunsaker brings each version to the same plot point before switching to the next. Some transitions are as subtle as a dialect change and other are as obvious as a dragon, bear or horse charging on stage.

Ishmael Hope plays a sort-of Tlingit Stage Manager from “Our Town” who leads us through the play’s transitions with funny, and sometimes foreshadowing, commentary that helps keep the play on its tracks. Ekaterina Oleksa’s hysterical portrayal of the Russian Witch, Baba Yaga, and the battle between the Dragon and the Russian Hero upon his faithful steed, Excelsior, were rivals for crowd favorites. “It was funnier than I thought it would be,” commented Chancellor John Pugh. “I would encourage everyone to see the play; it has something for everyone. It is a great way to open the Noyes Pavilion – I was very, very pleased.”

The open-air pavilion passed its first big test on Saturday when the rain poured down on the 150 people who attended that night’s performance. “Everyone stayed dry,” said one attendee. “It looked like only the back of the stage got a little wet.”

The remaining performances are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm.

MAT receives national recognition

Congratulations to Dr. Marjorie Fields whose MAT program in Early Childhood Education is now “nationally recognized.” This is a great accomplishment for faculty and a step forward for UAS programs.

Dr. Fields submitted a program report on the MAT in Early Childhood Education in February. Representatives of the National Association Education of Young Children reviewed the report that Dr. Fields prepared. Kathy Wineman assisted in the program report, which is a part of the NCATE preconditions process. “Kudos to Marjorie, Kathy, Seon, Kay, and all involved in the now nationally recognized distance MAT in Early Childhood Education,” said Dean Marilyn Taylor.

“John Butler and Dave Marvel prepared a program report on the secondary science program that also received ‘national recognition’ after first review through the National Science Teachers Association,” said Dean Marilyn Taylor. “They have also earned our congratulations.”

And the Aegis goes to...

UAS Media Services has won a 2003 Aegis Award for a 22-minute video produced for the Center for Teacher Education. The Aegis Award is the video industry’s premier competition for peer recognition for outstanding video productions and non-network commercials.

“Caring, Cooperation and Community” was honored in the Training / Education category for its outstanding production quality by a distinguished panel of industry professionals from around the country. Other 2003 finalists and winners include the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of Miami, NASA Television and WGBH.



The goal of the project was to illustrate best practices in constructivist early childhood education. This video, which was funded by an education grant, provides distance students in the UAS Early Childhood Education program with the opportunity to observe specific student behaviors and educational strategies.

Featuring footage shot in Juneau and Angoon classrooms, the video was written and produced by Dr. Marjorie Fields and Dr. Betsy Zahn with assistance by Dr. Seon Chun. Gloria Merry, Hugh Gray and Jeff Jemison from UAS Media Services shot all footage, and Patricia Hull provided narration. Hugh Gray edited the final production.

Going-away party

Veronica Shaffer is leaving UAS to manage Southeast Furniture Warehouse. The School of Business, CIOS, and Public Administration are holding a Goodbye Bash in the Novatney Conference Room on Wednesday, July 30, from 3 - 4 pm.

In replacing Veronica, Michele Moslak will be returning to the position she vacated three-years ago.

Freshman year experience

Edward Zlotkowski will be visiting the Juneau campus and will be conducting workshops following convocation, Monday, August 25th, and Tuesday, August 26th. Dr. Zlotkowski will be working with the Humanities 120 instructors and the SRC with regard to the Freshman Year Experience. Dr. Zlotkowski is working with the Hallmarks of Excellence in the First Year with John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot of the Policy Center for the First Year Experience out of Brevard, N.C. He will also be discussing integration of service learning into the curriculum. Dr Zlotkowski is also visiting UAA and UAF in his tour of Alaska. Contact Vicki Orazem for more information.

Relay for life

Tish Griffin was one of the keynote speakers at the Juneau Relay for Life rally that raised over \$36,000 for the organization. Relay for Life is a non-profit organization that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society.



Photo Courtesy of the Juneau Empire

Runners wanted

The UAS Klondike team is looking for runners to field a second team. If interested, please contact Mona Yarnall at x6381.

Sitka

Sitka Campus held a noon potluck July 23 to celebrate July birthdays and to bid farewell to Marilyn Knapp, who has accepted a job as Curator of History for the Anchorage Municipal Museum; Kim Crews, who is moving to Juneau and will work for the school district's RALLY program; and Abby Hamilton, whose AmeriCorps position ends this month.

Ketchikan

Rick McDonald from North Carolina has been hired for the CIOS Assistant Professor position. Rick will arrive in Ketchikan on August 11 and will be teaching mainly CISCO Networking along with other courses relating to computer networking and systems.

Brenda Hurley will celebrate her 10-year anniversary in August.

Native carver Israel Shotridge will be completing the Sun Raven replica totem pole at the UAS Ketchikan Technical Center from July 28 – August 21. The public is invited to visit the carver from 10:00-4:00pm Monday - Friday.

New hires

Linda Smith has been hired as an administrative secretary in the Education Department. Jeanette Majewski has been hired as an administrative secretary in the Education Department. Jennifer Pendergraft has been hired as an administrative secretary in the Education Department (MAT program). Kim Greinier has been hired as an administrative assistant in the Social Sciences Department. Michele Moslak has transferred into the administrative clerk position in Business and CIOS. Srbo Lalic has been hired as the health and safety officer in Facilities Services. Shontay Delalue has been hired as an academic advisor/duel enrollment coordinator.

July employee anniversaries

Susan Barlow, 7 years; Julio Bevegni, 9 years; Ulysses Bohulano, 4 years; Christina Bradley, 21 years; Barbara Burnett, 20 years; Roxy Felkl, 7 years; Delores Graver, 1 year; Carol Griffin, 22 years; Cindy Harrington, 1 year; Carol Hedlin, 19 years; Rhonda Hickok, 2 years; Michael Hoyle, 2 years; Anna-Mariah Kelly, 1 year; Lori Klein, 6 years; Rod Landis, 8 years; Elizabeth Mathews, 6 years; Judith Regan, 19 years; Lynn Shepherd, 3 years; Valerie Stearns, 11 years; David Walker, 3 years; Debra Walker, 1 year; Lori Weed, 1 year.

Don't miss the remaining performances of David Hunsaker's play, "Three-Way River" at the pavilion:

- ◆ Thursday, July 31st at 8 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, August 1st at 8 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, August 2nd at 8 p.m.

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