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The Key to Success



Ray Watkins and wife Helen share a laugh at his 25-year award presentation.

Ray Watkins has worked at UAS for over 25 years and recently he had to be tricked into being honored for his service to the University. “It’s not just the time,” Keith Gerken said about why Ray was being honored. “It’s who he is and what he does. He never says no and he’s always willing to try. He’s such a nice guy,” Gerken said sincerely and then joked that there’s not a lot of people you can say that about and mean it.

Chancellor Pugh called Ray “a tremendous asset to the campus and a very giving person, in sharing his knowledge and talent of carving.” Chancellor Pugh presented Ray with a plaque in honor of his dedication and service to UAS.

Ray said the key to his longevity is that he’s been able to do so many things while here at UAS, including teaching carving. His wife Helen shared a story of how many lives Ray has touched when a woman she sat next to on a plane was extolling the virtues of “Professor Watkins.” Ray’s daughter was also there to see her father be honored.

Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan Student Government sponsored an Ice Cream Scream Wednesday, October 29 in celebration of midterms and Halloween. Complete with creepy music and scary screaming, the Ice Cream Scream was a howl. UAS Ketchikan Student Government also offered information on students’ rights during a strike.

Karen Polley has added “grandma” to her resume. Her first grandchild, Matthew Alan Ryals was born on Wednesday, October 22. He weighed in at 5lbs, 8oz, was 18 inches long and is the spitting image of his father, Karen’s son Gary.

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Giving Big

The annual UAS Alumni Association Beer & Wine Tasting event to raise money for scholarships was once again successful. The sold-out event featured libations from corporate sponsors Specialty Imports, Alaskan Brewing Co., K & L Distributors, Odom Company and Alaska Distributors.

Revenue from admission tickets totaled \$4,530, and raffle ticket sales brought in a gross amount of \$2,095. Judith Anglin of Ketchikan won the raffle of two domestic ticket vouchers from Alaska Airlines.

Featured outside the event was the 2001 Jeep donated by DaimlerChrysler to the UAS Automotive Technology program. UAS would like to thank DaimlerChrysler, Mendenhall Auto Center and Mike Hatch Sales for their work in procuring the donation.

The UAS Alumni Association would like to thank the generous vendors who featured products at the Tasting, as well as those from the community who came to show their support for the Association.



Mike Hatch owner of Mike Hatch Jeep and Steve Allwine owner of Mendenhall Auto give the keys of the donated 2001 jeep to Chancellor John Pugh.

MIDWEST FEST

It’s the second annual Midwest Fest. It will be held at Paul and Vickie Kraft’s at 9009 Long Run Dr. It’s a Midwest style potluck on Sunday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm. Students, staff and faculty are invited! Directions: Turn N. On Riverside Dr. from Glacier Hwy, past Rotary Park, and turn right on Long Run Dr.

UAS at AFN

Mary Shales, Pitass Scholar, is pictured here at the Alaska Federation of Native convention in Anchorage recently, where she helped represent UAS at the AFN Job Fair on October 22.

Janice Jackson, Coordinator of the Native & Rural Student Center and Rhonda Hickok, Pitass Director, represented UAS at the Job Fair along with UAS students Mary Shales, Michelle Martin, Marsha Hotch, Kecia Medinae and William Andrews. Rosita Worl of the Sealaska Corporation, and Michelle Martin of UAS organized leadership projects and workshops for the PITAS/UAS Scholars to participate in during their stay in Anchorage, including the AFN Board meetings, parliamentary procedures workshop with Patrick Anderson, and the Elders and Youth conferences. All travel was sponsored by the PITAS - Preparing Indigenous Teachers for Alaska Schools program.



Miss Tlingit & Haida 2003



Miss Tlingit & Haida Gwen Peterson

Gwen Peterson, UAS Freshman and Pitass Scholar, attended the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in Anchorage recently to represent Tlingit & Haida Central Council in her position as Miss Tlingit & Haida 2003. Photo by Janice Jackson

Faculty and Staff

Brendan Kelly, Dean of Arts and Sciences, will attend the first Open Science Meeting for the Study of Environmental Arctic Change (www.arcus.org/search/search.html), October 27-30, 2003 in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Kelly will present a paper: Ringed Seals and Changing Snow Cover on Arctic Sea Ice.

David Noon traveled to Hartford Conn. on Oct. 16 and presented "The Triumph of Death: Nuclear Landscapes and the Fate of

the Cold War Public Sphere in Don DeLillo's *Underworld*" at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association.

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"Mining on the Periphery: The Borianna Mine" by UAS Ketchikan Assistant Professor of History will appear in the upcoming MINING HISTORY JOURNAL. The issue is dedicated to the noted mining historian Clark C. Spence, who taught at University of Illinois. Spence has researched and written on Alaska mining history, most recently THE NORTHERN GOLD FLEET: TWENTIETH-CENTURY GOLD DREDGING IN ALASKA [1996]. Mike was one of many Illinois graduates whom attended his seminars.

Rhonda Hickok, PITAS Program Director, participated on a "Best Practices and Promising Practices in Native Education" panel at AFN (Alaska Federation of Natives) and then followed up in a breakout session on higher education. Her focus was the PITAS program and education programs available at UAS.

Seon Chun made a presentation at the annual meeting of Association for Constructivist Teaching, Portsmouth, VA. The title was "Implementing Making-Mobiles as a Physical-Knowledge Activity." It is based on my dissertation but I revised it for classroom teachers' use.

Wendy Sullivan successfully completed the national credentialing exam and earned the credential of Registered Health Information Technologist. Wendy, a December 2001 graduate of the UAS HIM program, is employed as a Coder at South Peninsula Hospital, Homer. She and her husband are being transferred to Guam in November.

Linda Buckley will teach a class in Thai massage in the spring semester.

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