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Celebration of Alaska's Civil Rights Leader



Woocheen club members and the Native & Rural Student Center staff organized a celebration of Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, honoring Alaska's civil rights leader on February 16th in the Lake room at UAS. The celebration included a luncheon provided by NRSC/PITAS, a dramatic interpretation of Elizabeth Peratrovich's speech of 1945, an essay by Tony Stevens, and a special performance by the UAS Tlingit Culture dancers.

Students from the Woocheen club gave a dramatic reading of the 1945 speech by Elizabeth & Roy Peratrovich, ANB/ANS leaders who convinced territorial lawmakers to pass the Anti-Discrimination Act in Alaska. The speech was performed by UAS students Martin Peters, Mary Folletti, Mary Kennedy, Rose Natkong, Chris Smith, Darrellene Karlson, William Andrews and Mary Shales.

Tony Stevens interpreted his "Bureau of Caucasian Affairs" essay, a parody written about the intricacies of the bureaucratic system Native Americans have had to become accustomed to during the past 100 years.

Kolene James read a historical paper about Elizabeth Peratrovich, explaining the history behind her involvement in the Alaska Native Sisterhood and her husband Roy's involvement in the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and how they affected Alaska's history through their testimony and actions on behalf of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

The UAS Tlingit Culture Dancers, led by Hans Chester,

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performed several songs, including the Clan Song, during which audience participation is crucial. Jessica Chester, Mary Folletti, Rose Natkong, Chelsea Chalmers, Tony Stevens, Lyle James, Yarrow Vaara and Janice Jackson danced in honor of Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

Six New Degree Programs for UAS

The Regents approved six new UAS degree programs. Passed were certificates in community wellness advocacy, pre-nursing qualifications, and health information management privacy. An associate of applied science in health sciences was also added in addition to bachelor of science degrees in mathematics and marine biology.

New Learning Center Manager and Open House, Feb. 27th

Joe Millsap is the new Learning Center Manager. Joe hails from Springfield, Mo., and has more than ten years of experience in academic support services. His last position was head of the Academic Achievement Center at Ozarks Technical Community College.



Joe's wife Pam and son Baxter, 10, have joined him and are looking forward to getting acquainted in the community.

An open house is scheduled for February 27th at the Learning Center from 2-4 p.m. to welcome Joe Millsap and to thank Julia Charlton for her work as interim manager. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Faculty and Staff

Chancellor John Pugh participated in a panel presentation at the annual joint meeting of the Institute of Education Sciences and the Regional Educational Laboratories. The topic of the presentation was "Challenges for Effective Knowledge Utilization."

Eric M. Niewoehner participated in a forum on law enforcement and computer security through SANS, a national organization that focuses on issues of security and privacy. They compiled a Frequently Asked Question list, to which he contributed his research.

Brendan Kelly will give a talk entitled, “*The Ecology of Ringed Seals in the Vicinity of Northstar*,” to the Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage and “Timing and re-interpretation of ringed seal surveys” to the Coastal Marine Institute in Fairbanks. www.akforum.com/agenda.html

February Anniversaries

Mary Bowen, 8 years; Alex Cipriano, 6 years; Julia Charlton, 2 years; Diana Collins, 3 years; Barbara Gillespie, 3 years; Angelina Healey, 1 year; Jill Hanson, 1 year; Gail Klein, 8 years; Judi Parrott, 10 years; Joseph Sears, 4 years; Alice Tersteeg, 28 years; Clive Thomas, 23 years; Nancy Woods, 8 years.

Home Computing for the New Millennium

The UAS Alumni Association invites you to a Free Continuing Education Seminar with Tim Powers. The seminar will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 27, in the Egan Lecture Hall 112. Protect your home computer from physical dangers, viruses and hackers, and learn about Internet connections and networking options. A Q&A will follow. Desserts and coffee will be provided by the UAS Alumni Association. Please RSVP at alumni@uas.alaska.edu or 465-2848.

UAS Art Faculty Show

Opening: March 5, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Juneau-Douglas Museum. It will be up for the month of March, and includes artwork of Juneau and Sitka full-time and adjunct faculty Dianne Anderson, Jamie Autrey, Lisa Blacher, Janice Criswell, Jim Heaton, Steve Henrikson, Fumi Matsumoto, Tony Pope, Alice Tersteeg, Jane Terzis, Paul Voelckers, Ray Watkins and David Woodie.

Fine Arts Series Kick-off

World-renown jazz pianist Barney McClure has played with some of the jazz world's greatest musicians. He will kick off the UAS *free* Performing Arts Series this Friday, Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. in the Egan Library. McClure is the author of “*There Is No Such Thing As A Mistake*,” a how-to book on improvisational jazz and a popular tool among teachers and students. He currently makes his home in Fairbanks where he performs, teaches privately and directs the UAF Jazz Department.

Ketchikan

Congratulations to **Victor and Natalia Zinger**, who both successfully completed separate doctoral programs at St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia. Victor is the Assistant Professor of Mathematics at UAS Ketchikan. Natalia works for UAS Ketchikan in an adjunct faculty capacity teaching Russian language and culture classes, as well as assisting with Spanish classes.

“*The Idiot Box*,” written by UAS Ketchikan student **Diane Hack**, is scheduled to be published in the April 2004 issue of the non-profit, monthly parenting journal, *Welcome Home*. Last spring, on a whim, Diane submitted this essay, which she had completed in her English 110 class. They recently informed her that they plan on publishing the essay in conjunction with their “*TV turn-off week*” issue. *Welcome Home* will be running the essay as a viewpoint article, opposite another article written by a parent who decided to keep the TV, but with restrictions.

UAS Ketchikan will soon be training individuals in the use of Geographic Information System software. UAS Ketchikan will begin training and teaching mapping and GIS utilizing the ArcGIS software produced by ESRI. Through a three-year grant funded by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Title III National Forest Receipts for the implementation of forest related education opportunities under the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Title III, UAS Ketchikan has

purchased 12 work stations with ESRI ArcGIS software. The goal of the grant is to expand natural resource educational opportunities in Ketchikan. Use of GIS systems is widespread in industry and government and has proven to be an effective tool in resource monitoring, planning and use. GIS allows recreation, timber, wildlife, fisheries, soils, hydrology and silviculture managers to consider the impact of alternative policies in a more complete and efficient manner, saving time and resources. The software is often mandatory training in many natural resources degree programs, as well as a variety of other career fields.

Women's History Month Kick-off

Student production of “*The Vagina Monologues*,”

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26 – 28, SAC, 8 p.m.

Gretel Ehrlich, Essayist and Nature Writer, Friday, March 5, *Craft talk*:

Lake Room, Noon – 1 p.m.

Reading / Public Lecture:

Egan Lecture Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.

UAS Summer Job Fair

Wednesday, February 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lake Room. 25 area employers will be on campus to recruit students for summer jobs.

Questions? Contact Lynn Uhl at Career Services, 465-6368.

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