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## Bringing it to the People



*The student crew behind the scenes of the MPA Friday Brown Bag.*

The Master of Public Administration Friday Brown bag program is MPA Director Jonathan Anderson's attempt to bring the full college experience to distance students. "Two-thirds of the MPA enrollment is distance students," said Anderson. "In most graduate schools there are numerous occasions for informal discussions with guest speakers. One of the things that distance education is criticized for is not having those elements in it for those who are not on campus. In part, the show was started to meet those concerns."

The show is narrowcast on GCI cable and over the Internet, live on Fridays at noon. The audience is able to participate through an instant-messaging system, but not yet over the phone. The 45-minute telecast features interviews with public managers, politicians and University officials. UA President Mark Hamilton was a recent guest and over the next few weeks Lt. Gov. Loren Lemman and Rep. Beth Kerttula are scheduled to appear.

Anderson said he tries to keep the conversation relevant to the students and interesting to the general public. "I'd like to find those things that are interesting to the students and add to their academic experience."

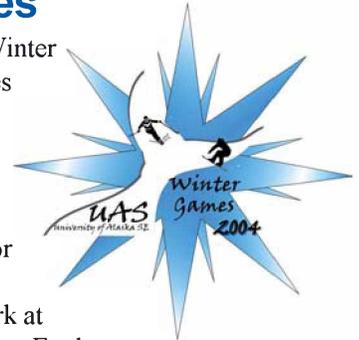
"I'm excited about the nature of what we do with the live classroom," said Anderson. "It's free — not controlled — we're just putting it out there. If you want credit you have to pay, but you can see this anywhere in the world that has Internet access."

GCI subscribers in Juneau can watch UATV on Channel 18, Ch. 4 or 11 in Sitka and Ch. 11 in Ketchikan. For the full listing of UATV programming visit <http://uatv.alaska.edu/>.

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## UAS Winter Games

Open registration for the UAS Winter Games begins today. The games take place March 20 & 21 at Eaglecrest. There are Nordic and Alpine events for teams and individuals, skiers and boarders. Registration is \$10 for Students \$20 for the general public. Register with Sahra Clark at x6528, Toby Clark at x1219 or at Eaglecrest on the weekends.



## Humanities Conference

The UAS Humanities Conference has joined with the Juneau World Affairs Council for this year's "A Community of Thinkers, Speakers, and Writers Focus on Tolerance & Diversity & Pacific Rim Forum." The event begins March 31<sup>st</sup> with Ray McGovern, retired CIA Senior Intelligence Officer, who will talk about US Intelligence and Iraq at the Dimond Courthouse. For the complete list of speakers and events go to: [www.jwac.org](http://www.jwac.org) or [www.uas.alaska.edu/students/EVENTS/MONTHLY/](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/students/EVENTS/MONTHLY/).

## Kluane Race Time!

Interested in putting together a University team for the Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay on June 19? Contact Jennifer Brown at [jfjdb@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jfjdb@uas.alaska.edu).

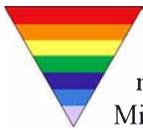
## Alumni News

The UASAA Spring Dinner Auction will be held on Friday, April 2, at the Baranof Treadwell Room. Tickets are \$25 at the UASAA Office, 465-2848 or [alumni@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:alumni@uas.alaska.edu).

A Princess Caribbean cruise for two and two Alaska Airlines travel vouchers will be available for online bidding this year! For more information, please visit the UASAA Web site at [www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni).

The UAS Alumni Association hosted a continuing education seminar, "Home Computing for the New Millennium." CIOS Professor Tim Powers donated his time and expertise to the crowd of 35, updating them on current home computing issues and answered questions. Any suggestions for future continuing education topics can be forwarded to [alumni@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:alumni@uas.alaska.edu).

## New Gay-Straight-Bi Club Planning Meeting



G.L.A.C.I.E.R Planning meeting and brown bag luncheon will be held in the Mourant conference room on March 22, 2004, from 11 – 1 p.m. This is a new gay-straight-bi and transgender club at UAS. Contacts: Tom 523-1121 or Michele at 465-1298.

## Health Sciences Reception



“The UAS Health Sciences Program will be hosting a reception on Thursday, March 11, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the BRC, room 153. They will be celebrating the opening of new nursing facilities, the UAA-UAS Nursing partnership, new Health Sciences programs, and new faculty and students in this year’s UAA-UAS nursing cohort. They will also be honoring the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association.”

## Ketchikan

Ketchikan Student Council is holding a garage sale on Sat., March 27, at the Robertson Building. The council is accepting donated items to sell. Proceeds go toward fun student activities.

Russell Kearney, formally of Tech Services, is now working full time on the UAS Ketchikan Web site. Russ is trained in all major Web design software. He will continue to work with Rain Forest Web Design.

UAS Ketchikan Welding instructor Steve Brandow is collecting scrap aluminum for the UAS Alumni Association Ketchikan Chapter Scholarship Fund. Everything from pop cans to aluminum skiffs can be accepted. Call Steve at 228-4534 to make arrangement for drop off or pick up.

The UAS Alumni Association Ketchikan Chapter is hosting a Spring Sea Social & Silent Auction on Friday, April 16, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the UAS Ketchikan Technical Center (600 Stedman). The event will include nautical nibblings, no-host bar, entertainment by the Sea Shanties, door prizes and a silent auction, which will include a wide variety of nautical (and not so nautical) items. Tickets are \$25 and available after March 15.

Mark Rudnicki, Ph.D., UAS Ketchikan Assistant Professor of Forest Resources Technology, will present “Crown Shyness In The Forest” on Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the SE AK Discovery Center as part of the Friday Night Insight series. Mark will explain how trees survive most winds and how crown shyness develops.

## Faculty and Staff

Ned Conway, a student in the UAS Research Experience in Marine Biology for Undergraduates program, will present a poster entitled, “Predicting Lair Abandonment by Ringed Seals Based on Physical Properties of the Snowpack,” at the 34th Annual Arctic Workshop to be held 11-13 March in Boulder, Colorado. Ned’s



Assistant Professor Eran Hood observes the different snow layers with students during a recent snow hydrology class.

co-authors are Drs. Brendan Kelly (Dean of Arts and Sciences) and Eran Hood (Assistant Professor of Environmental Science). Funding from the National Science Foundation to UAS allowed Ned to participate in Dr. Kelly’s study of ringed seals inhabiting the sea ice of the Beaufort Sea and for his participation in the Arctic Workshop, an international gathering of scientists. Dr. Kelly is presenting a paper, “Walrus, seals, and climate change,” at the same meeting.

Emily Wall’s poem “Georgia” has been accepted for publication in the journal, *Taproots*.

Ginny Eckert attended the 2004 Ocean Research Conference, sponsored by the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, held in Honolulu, Hawaii from Feb. 15-20. She presented a paper entitled, “Dungeness crab larval and settler abundance in an Alaskan marine reserve,” about her ongoing research in Glacier Bay.

## Employee Anniversaries

Linda Blefgen, 1 year; Michael Ciri, 18 years; Tobin Clark, 1 year; Rebecca Fitzpatrick, 3 years; Ivan Hazelton, 11 years; Andy Holt, 3 years; Randall Nutting, 7 years; Marsha Squires, 1 year.

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