

Dean Schmitt Awarded for Leadership



Karen Schmitt has been selected as the 2004 American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Award for Leadership. The AACTE Awards Committee's decision was made public on Fri, Nov. 5th. The faculty and staff of the UAS Career Education were enthusiastic that Karen was recognized for her leadership and are happy with the Committee's choice. Karen was selected for her efforts to improve the profession; her vision in providing leadership to the profession; her effort and dedicated energy towards improvement of career and technical education; and for her longevity of service and accomplishments that have been sustained over time.

"This is a well deserved award. Karen has brought not only organizational leadership to Career Education at UAS but a passion for the programs throughout the region. Thanks to Karen and all the Career Education faculty and staff for your efforts," said Chancellor John Pugh after learning about the honor.

The award will be presented to Dean Schmitt at the Alaska Association for Career & Technical Education on November 19th in Anchorage at the Marriott Hotel Downtown. The Business Luncheon begins at 11:45 am in the Fairbanks Room and it is then that award presentations will be made.

Bower receives \$1,000 scholarship

Jonathan Bower was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and invited, as guests of AAEP, to attend the Alaska Forum on the Environment conference Feb. 7-11, 2005 Jonathan will be awarded the scholarship at a presentation in Anchorage at the Egan Convention Center on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Holiday Card Contest Winner



Yulia Ponomareva won the Chancellor's Holiday Card contest. Yulia won for her relief print "Silent Night." She wins \$150, copies of the card and lunch with the Chancellor. Marie Kirkman and Edward Raub received honorable mention for their entries. All three finalists were students of Alice Tersteeg.

United Academics Faculty Flex Spending Opportunities

Members of the United Academics faculty union will have a special open enrollment this month if they want to set up a flexible spending account (FSA). A FSA can be used for medical or day care expenses. Accounts set up this month will be for a maximum of \$2,500 and will run from January 1 through June 30, 2005. This special six-month period is part of the overall transition from a calendar year to fiscal year for benefit purposes. All other employee groups have already been converted. There will be another open enrollment period in April to make changes for the July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 benefit year. This special open enrollment period is for United Academics only and only for flexible spending accounts. Union members should have received information about this from the Statewide Office of Human Resources. For questions or forms contact UAS Personnel Services at 465-6473.



Halloween at the Zoo

Congratulations to Records and Registration on its first place finish in the departmental Halloween decorating contest.

Shaping the Future: Aspiration, Glory Hole Donation

The 20th Annual UAS Glory Hole donation time is just around the corner. Donation boxes will be set up starting Dec. 1. Food, money, clothing and toys are gladly accepted. People wanting to volunteer to sort, fold, pack and deliver donations to the Glory Hole, starting December 15, 16 and morning of December 17, should contact Karen Cummins at 465-6409.

Assessment, Action

The Provost Office is sponsoring national teleconference by the Policy Center on the First Year of College and the National Resource Center on the First Year Experience and Students in Transition. The teleconference is on December 2, from 9 am - 12 noon in Egan 211. Faculty and staff are invited to attend this important professional development event. The teleconference will report the findings of a major project, Foundations of Excellence in the first College Year. The teleconference will present a new assessment technique that will aid institutions in measuring their achievements and designing action plans for improving the first year. In doing so, it has the potential to revolutionize higher education's approach to the first year. Please contact Vicki Orazem, 6421 or vicki.orazem@uas.alaska.edu for more information.

M.Ed. Reading program awarded test materials

The Woodcock-Munoz Foundation awarded test materials valued at over \$5,000 to the Center for Teacher Education and to Shirley Kaltenbach, Coordinator of the M.Ed. Reading program earlier this fall.



Dr. Fredrick Schrank

On Saturday morning, Nov. 6, Dr. Fredrick Schrank, Executive Director of the Woodcock-Munoz Foundation made a 3-hr. presentation to the Ed.D Reading program's Instruction and Assessment II class. Dr. Schrank focused on the administration of the Woodcock-Johnson Diagnostic Reading Battery, a norm-referenced test for assessing reading progress for children and adults. Dr. Schrank is one of three authors of this battery along with Richard W. Woodcock, EdD and Nancy Mather, Ph.D.

These students are working to become reading specialists in K-12 schools. Proficiency with this test provides candidates with important tools for assessing student abilities to tailor instruction more closely to student needs. The training session was held in Juneau and broadcast live to Cordova, Haines, Wasilla, Kenai and Kodiak. Jim Gage and the Media Services staff provided technical support for the broadcast.

Faculty and Staff

There is a Staff Council meeting Thurs, Nov. 18th from 3 to 4 pm. **Michael Ciri** is presenting on IT in the region. Location and agenda will be provided by members-at-large.

Beth Mathews will attend a meeting in Anchorage of the Alaska Scientific Review Group, which is a group of scientists who review proposed marine mammal stock assessment reports prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Matt Heavner presented the work he did with **Michael Glista**, a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduate program summer student and UAS student **Edwin Knuth**. The poster presentation was entitled "Acoustic Monitoring of Bats in Southeast Alaska: Development of the Wireless Sensor Array and Analysis of Prior Recordings" and was given at the 34th Annual North American Symposium on Bat Research in Salt Lake City Oct 27-30, 2004.

UAS student **Edwin Knuth**, **Matt Heavner** and **Rob Fatland** of Vexcel Corp presented a poster at the Glacier Bay Science Symposium that took place in Juneau Oct 26-29, 2004. This presentation was titled "Southeast Alaska Monitoring Network for Scientific and Telecommunications Research--SEAMONSTER: Application of distributed sensor arrays to Southeast Alaska Science."

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, emeritus professor of education, was reelected to serve as chair of the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

Mike Dunning published a review/opinion piece about Seattle mystery writer G.M. Ford's most recent novel, RED TIDE, in the Ketchikan Daily News. The plot involves terrorists, the norovirus and Seattle-based cruise ships on the Inside Passage.

Jeffrey Lofthus, education, and **Elise Tomlinson**, library, attended the 15th Annual International Conference of the National Association of Multicultural Educators in Kansas City October 28-31 and were joined by Jeffrey's daughters Hannah and Eve. Jeffrey gave a presentation on PITAS (Preparing Indigenous Teachers for Alaska's Schools) and the Cultural Infusion Project. Elise discussed her participation in the Cultural Infusion Project and Elise and Eve discussed their experiences at the Subsistence Food and Culture Camp in Kake, Alaska. Hannah discussed her role as student coordinator of the University of Missouri Kansas City Academy, a program designed for the recruitment and support of inner-city Kansas City minority students into higher education. A proposal for additional funding for the Cultural Infusion Project has been submitted to the UA Foundation President's Special Project Fund. For information on the Cultural Infusion Project contact Jeffrey at 465-6404.

November Anniversaries

Fran Barnes, 23 years; Cody Bennett, 4 years; Traci Brunette, 2 years; Patricia DeAngelis, 4 years; Michael Funk, 4 years; Hugh Gray, 2 years; Jeff Haskell, 2 years; Abby Kosmos, 2 years; Adam Marino, 1 year; Colleen McBrien, 2 years; Tom McBrien, 2 years; Dawn Montgomery, 7 years; Karen Pitcher, 4 years; Jana Ring, 4 years; Karen Schmitt, 3 years; Charles Ross, 3 years; Erlito Samonte, 6 years; Deborah Sonnenburg, 8 years; Christina Yarbrough, 1 year.

New Hires

Dave Behrends has been hired as a grill cook in Food Service.

Cindy Dizard has been hired as an administrative assistant in Natural Sciences.

Carolyn Grant has been hired as an admissions clerk in Admissions.

Laura Hosey has been hired as an administrative assistant in Arts and Sciences.

Rebecca Taylor has been hired as an academic advisor/recruiter in Admissions.

Deema Ferguson has been hired as an administrative clerk in Admissions.

Patrick Moore has been hired as director of Institutional Research.

Kathy Kinsey has been hired as a coordinator in the Health Science program in Sitka.

Cheryl Sampson has been hired as an administrative assistant in the Health Science program in Sitka.

Donna Hebbeler has been hired as a term assistant professor of Health Sciences in Sitka.

Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan is celebrating National GIS Day with an event on Thursday, November 18. The Family GIS Expedition will showcase UAS Ketchikan's new Geographic Information Systems Lab. The event is geared for all ages and provides hands-on activities with demonstrations on GIS software use in today's world. The family event is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

In addition, UAS Ketchikan has invited K-12 School Teachers to bring students to the GIS Lab during the month of November to explore geography through the use of GIS software. To date the GIS Lab expects to introduce GIS software to over 100 school age children in the upcoming month.

UAS-Ketchikan Nurtures the Talent of Local Writers: Established as the result of a Director's grant, the UAS Ketchikan Humanities Forum will present in late April '05 an evening of edgy theater and intellectual discourse centered on local issues. The play that anchors the forum will be based on commissioned writing of Ketchikan artists Evon Zerbetz and Erin Hollowell.

Sitka

Faculty and Staff

David Felland, **Tim Schroeder**, and **Denise Blankenship** made a visit to Wrangell and Petersburg October 12-15 at the request of advisory council member **Marlene Clarke**. They met with city officials, students, and high school personnel. The visit was successful and included plans for working with the high schools on dual enrollment college web classes.

New Hires

Elizabeth Mosher has been hired as the new UAA Nursing Faculty to be headquartered on the Sitka Campus. Bitsy will begin in mid-November.

Sitka Student Government Halloween Party



*L to R:
Tasha Keiser, Rep.; Rebecca Coleman, Sec.; Bobbi Jo Conners, VP/
Treas.; Willow Griffin, Pres.; Ashia Lane, Rep. Not shown: Logan
McClain and Brit DeMoral, Reps.*



*Winner of the Best Decorated Office was the Instructional Design
Center. Second Place went to the Information Counter/Instructional
Services.*



*Chancellor John Pugh haunts the
Halloween night on the Auke Bay
campus.*