

February FAFSA Frenzy



*UA VP of Finance
Jim Lynch talks
about College
Planning*

February FAFSA Frenzy, a series of financial aid workshops and activities held across the UA System, is a combined effort by the UA financial aid offices to let students know about the aid options for which they may qualify and encourage them to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the end of February. It is staged as a lighthearted campaign incorporating a pirate theme, treasure hunts and fun theme-related prizes, such as Jimmy Buffet CDs. College Goal Sunday, sponsored by CASHE, was a volunteer event held Feb. 13 at a number of locations across Alaska, which was targeted toward low-income families and potential first-generation college students. The College Goal Sunday hosted in the Juneau Douglas High School Commons was attended by about 75 students and their parents. UAS will host its final FFF events in the Lake Room on Feb. 25; Introducing AlaskaAdvantage Grant from noon-1 p.m., and a Financial Aid Workshop from 1-2 p.m.

Regents Approve New Certificate Programs

UAS Career Education has made several additions to its curriculum for AY05-06. On Feb. 17th the Board of Regents approved a new Certificate in Pre-Radiologic Technology Qualifications, and a new Certificate in Drafting Technology. Each of these articulate within their respective AAS degrees. Other improvements include a new USCG Documented Marine Oiler Program, now the fourth emphasis-option within the AAS in Power Technology degree. Also, a new Minor in Construction within the A&S Bachelors program has been added.

National recognition for special education endorsement program

Dr. Thomas Duke, Assistant Professor of Education and Coordinator of the Special Education Program at UAS, has earned national recognition for the new special education undergraduate endorsement program. Dr. Duke submitted a program report for peer review to national reviewers in the Council for Exceptional

Children (CEC). Over 30 students are enrolled in this program that first began in fall, 2003. Four students have already completed the program, and another seven will complete at the end of spring, 2005. Dr. Thomas Duke works with Assistant Professor in Education, Dr. Martine Jago, to deliver the special education endorsement, as well as with Juneau School District leaders in special education.

UAS IT Services Announces New Weblog System

In response to student and faculty requests, IT Services has added Weblog features to the e-portfolio system in UAS Online. Any portfolio page can now have its own weblog! A weblog (or "blog") allows you to post entries on your page that other people can read and respond to. The system will automatically display the most recent entries and move older entries to a weblog archive. Visitors to your weblog can "subscribe" to receive weblog updates via email.

To activate a weblog, simply click the "manage page" link in your portfolio, check the "display a weblog on this page" box, and click "Save."

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Weblogs, E-Portfolios, or UAS Online in general, please email the UAS IT Help Desk at helpdesk@uas.alaska.edu.

TIAA-CREF Rep to Visit Campus

Rod Coyan, a financial consultant from TIAA-CREF, will be available on the Juneau campus for individual appointments March 2 & 3 in Egan 226. It's an opportunity to help you get the most out of your pension, ORP, or TDA retirement investments. Topics will include developing investment strategies, selecting options, understanding choices, and finding the right allocation mix. You can make an appointment on the TIAA-CREF Web site, by email at jfreid@TIAA-CREF.org, or by calling toll-free at (877) 209-3142.

Winter X Games

UAS Winter X Games will be held March 5 and 6 at Eaglecrest and includes contests, family activities, live music, and sporting events all weekend. Check out the "Downhill dummie competition," make some snow art and get a team together for the relay! This year's theme is "Under the Sea." See Activities for more information. There is a \$5 registration fee per event. The weekend of events is sponsored by UAS Student Government and Eaglecrest.

Getting Ready For Summer

The annual Summer Job Fair will be held in the Lake Room on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature over 20 area employers. Please share this event date with students. Questions about the fair may be directed to Lynn Uhl, Career Services, 465-6368.

Bookstore Seeks Faculty Authors

The UAS Bookstore is looking for Faculty Authors! Have you published a book? Are you UAS faculty in Juneau, Sitka or Ketchikan? The UAS Bookstore will be including a "Faculty Authors" section on their webpage. If you would like to be included, please email a photo of yourself, a bio, the title of your book and a synopsis of the book. If you have a personal webpage, feel free to include that as well. If you have an article or paper published online somewhere, we would be happy to include your photo, bio, synopsis and link to the paper. If you have any questions, please call or email Tia Anderson at (907) 465-6401 or tia.anderson@uas.alaska.edu.

AAEP scholarship goes to UAS Student



Student Jon Bower went to Anchorage Feb. 6, 7, and 8 to the Alaska Forum on the Environment, to receive his AAEP scholarship. He was one of three students to receive the award and the only undergrad out of the three that received the scholarship.

Graduation Looming

March 1 is the graduation application deadline for the May 8th UAS commencement at Centennial Hall. Graduation announcements and cap and gown orders are due at the UAS Bookstore April 1.

Ketchikan

Awarded Welding Grant

The UAS Ketchikan Campus has been awarded a State Training and Employment Program (STEP) grant to fund welding students. Qualified applicants will be enrolled in the 600-hour American Welding Society Entry Level Welder class. Successful completion can lead to an elevated level in apprenticeship programs with the Piledrivers and Divers Union. The grant will pay for tuition, fees, tools, and books for the eight people enrolled through the grant program. This 15-week, 12-credit course will run full-time from Feb. 28 to June 17.

CIOS Grant

The Craig Community Association and UAS Ketchikan will offer basic computer training to 12 individuals who qualify under the Workforce Development Act Dislocated Worker Program starting in March. The classes, provided through a grant from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, will teach students basic computer skills to allow them to find jobs in data entry and other computer-based positions. Classes begin March 28. In addition to the 13-week training, UAS Ketchikan and CCA is offering Computers for Absolute Beginners Boot Camp. Shirley Farmer has been hired by UAS to teach the 13-week series. She has been teaching on Prince of

Wales Island since 1982 and is currently the technology coordinator for the Hydaburg City Schools. Classes in basic computer training will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, with an open lab on Saturdays. For more information about both the WIA-Basic Computer Training and the Computers for Absolute Beginners Boot Camp, please contact the Craig Community Association at 826-3996.

March 2005 Women's Conference Focuses On Success Focus on Living: Women's Paths To Success will be held March 4-5, 2005 at the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Technical Center. Women of all ages, from all walks of life will find workshops that benefit their personal goals and offer an opportunity to meet and interact with other women interested in similar topics. Registration for this conference is open now and costs \$75. Scholarships are available. Registration is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information, contact UAS Ketchikan at 228-4514. The conference is made possible through the support of Ketchikan Indian Community.

Sitka

Happy Birthday, Tim!



The Grim Reaper sneaks up on Tim Schroeder, Student Services Coordinator, at Sitka Campus during the celebration of his 40th birthday recently. The refreshments included three choices of decadently delicious cakes, punch and Office Toys like Shooting STICKY MEN! We all know that even at 40, Tim is big on toys!

Faculty and Staff

Seon Chun presented, "Implementing a science and art integrated activity into a 3-8 multiage classroom in a rural village in Alaska - Applying Reggio Emilia Approach," at the Anchorage AEYC conference with **Noele Weemes**, Kokhanok School. The project was conducted and funded by the 2004 Chancellor's Special Project Fund.

Vicki Orazem, **Judy Andree**, and student **Jessica Lorenz** attended the Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience, where they presented a session titled "A Culturally Responsive First-Year Seminar."

Marquam George will be presenting, Mechanical Systems for New Construction at the Affordable Comfort NW conference in Portland, Ore. on Feb. 24. UAS is a partner in the conference. During March, **Marquam George** will be offering free outreach education

on energy efficient and durable buildings funded under a grant from Cooperative Extension; in Wrangell on March 5, Ketchikan on March 12, and Yakutat on March 19.

Barbara Hegel and **Barbara Burnett** will be attending the annual SCT Summit conference from March 5 - 10.

Eve Dillingham will be performing in the Juneau Jazz & Classics benefit 'Swingin' in the Rain cabaret sponsored by UAS.

February Anniversaries

Alex Cipriano, 7 years; Julia Charlton, 3 years; Diana Collins, 4 years; Jill Hanson, 2 years; Gail Klein 9 years; Joseph Millsap, 1 year; Judi Parrott, 11 years; Joseph Sears, 5 years; Alice Tersteeg, 29 years; Clive Thomas, 24 years; Nancy Woods, 9 years.

New Hire

John French has been hired as an information analyst in the Chancellor's office.

Important Dates for Commencement

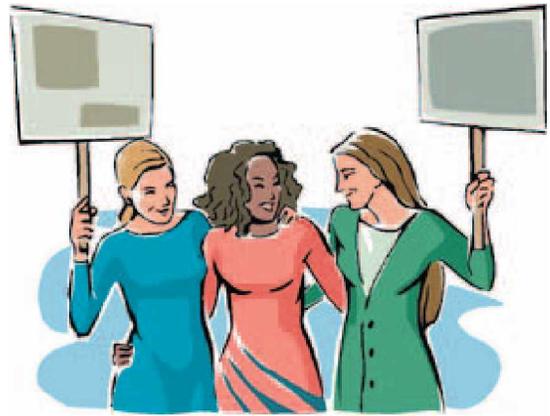
May 8, 2005; Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive at 2:00 p.m.

March 1, 2005; Graduation application deadline for spring

April 1, 2005; Graduation announcement orders due at bookstore



President Hamilton takes a shot at the gold in this week's Turkey Bowling student activities event.



Women's History Month Schedule

Friday, March 4

- Jean Richey Lecture: "Constructing Identity out of Chaos: A Choice for Recovery from Alcohol Addiction and/or Abuse." Lake Room, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Women's 24% Discount at the UAS Cafeteria. This discount is meant to raise awareness about gender-based pay inequities in the United States. A woman working full-time currently receives only 76 cents to every dollar received by a man.

Wednesday, March 9

- Women's Tea for faculty, staff, and students with a Literary Performance by Shontay DeLalue King, Lake Room 4:00-5:00

Thursday, March 10

- Linda Hogan Craft Talk, 1:30-2:30, Lake Room
- Linda Hogan Reading, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Lake Room

Friday, March 11

- Women's Legislative Panel, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Lake Room
- A Celebration of Women's Music: Juneau Pride Chorus & Tlingit Gospel Singers, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Student Activities Center

Thursday, March 21

- Pizza & Film: Iron Jawed Angels, 7:15-9:15 p.m., Student Activities Center