

Halloween Activities



Halloween is always a whacky and fun time at UAS, and this year has been no exception! The student activities office won the “best group” category for their maternity ward theme, while the chancellor’s office won the “best dressed department” category with their disco dancing Studio 54 attire. Student Heather Beaudette won the “best individual” category for dressing up as Willy Wonka’s Veruka Salt. Her costume was designed and created by Ivan Hazelton.

Wooch.een Members Appointed to Native Education Committee and Human Rights Commission

The Wooch.een members who were recently appointed to the Working Native Education Committee and Human Rights Commission for the City of Juneau are students Ernie Blake, Barbara Johnson and staff member Kolene James. Students Ken Natkong and Diana Ramstad have been appointed to the Working Native Education Committee.

“It is great that our students are being recognized as the important members of the community that they are,” said Chancellor John Pugh. “Congratulations to the Wooch.een members and their advisor, Kolene James.”

Flag Football Champs



The staff and faculty team won the flag football championship game last Saturday. The champs are pictured from L to R, back row: Sandy Empson, Kevin Myers, Brian Blitz, John Bilderbeck, Vickie Kraft, front row: Paul Kraft, Mike Boyer, Dave Noon, Not Pictured: Cody Bennett, Dale Bucich, Paul Empson

Weekly Conversation Program Bridges Technology and Communication

Through her weekly *Conversations* program, Provost Robbie Stell has been providing live opportunities for UAS administrators and faculty to communicate on various topics. Stell is using technology generally used for distance classes to provide and an opportunity for professional development.

UAS Online users can connect with *Conversations*’ weekly speakers via the live messenger. Now in its 8th week, the program



has hosted informational speakers on topics ranging from human research subjects and performance based budgeting to the TRIO and EPSoR programs. Chancellor John Pugh hosted the Oct. 6 discussion about the proposed trail around Auke Lake, but then broke off to discuss and answer questions about the UAS master plan.

“The idea of a conversation is not to limit it to a certain topic,” Stell commented. She sees the weekly programs becoming more popular and hopes people will take advantage of this link to communicate between the three campuses.

Stell noted that she would like to hear from more people about doing interesting and relevant things to inform staff and faculty. “I am trying to find good topics every week and I’m very open and responsive to requests for information,” she said.

In addition to informing people about certain issues and topics, Stell hopes her program will get others to think about the medium and have an influence on getting messages out to a broader audience. Stell referred to examples of using web casting for staff development or to help aid academic advisors in informing students about catalog changes.

“We need to go beyond using our technology for instructional purposes only. Academic and student support services should look at this tool for communication.”

Conversations is listed as a course on UAS Online: <https://uascentral.uas.alaska.edu/online>. The weekly program is held every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. All sessions are archived to be viewed at any time.

TRIO Reception with the Chancellor

Chancellor John Pugh will hold a reception for students involved in the TRIO program on Nov. 14 from 5-6:30 pm at the Rec Center. The reception will be an opportunity for the Chancellor to welcome students to the TRIO program and to introduce them to community resource representatives who are providing additional support.

The TRIO program is still accepting applications. More information about the program and an application is available on the TRIO web site: www.uas.alaska.edu/viceprovost/triogrants/homepage.htm. Please contact Jacqueline Tagaban at 796-6325 or jacqueline.tagaban@uas.alaska.edu for further information.

Adam Tendler, 21st Century Music from the Americas

Solo pianist Adam Tendler will expose the unknown sides of Ives, Griffes, Copland and Ginastera in a performance and discussion on Nov. 5 and 6 at 7 pm at UAS Egan Lecture Hall.

Tendler grew up in a musical family that simultaneously immersed itself in the traditions of classical music while experiencing an overhaul of popular and local rural culture. Beginning classical performance training at the age of seven, Tendler immediately began to compose and perform music that often inadvertently fused the two cultures.

Tendler is a recent graduate of the Indiana University School of Music, has taught music and theory in his home state of Vermont at the Monteverdi Music School in Montpelier and has won a number

of awards and competitions in solo piano performance. In 2004, Tendler began negotiations to serve as co-author and revisionist for a second edition of John Warthen Struble’s “The History of American Classical Music” with a forward by composer Philip Glass. Tendler has recently finished a first draft of his Psalm Cantata: Eight Meditations on a theme by Mendelssohn through Psalm 119 for chorus, chamber choir, vocal soloists, string orchestra, guitar, and piano.

Schweitzer of EPSCoR Visits Campus

Peter Schweitzer, incoming Director of the UA EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research), visited campus Tuesday morning. He met with UAS faculty and the VP for Research for a working lunch to discuss proposals for phase III of the Alaska EPSCoR program.

EPSCoR is a university-based federal-state partnership which aims to enhance science and technology infrastructure in education, the private sector, and in related government programs. EPSCoR operates on the principle that aiding researchers and institutions in securing federal research and development funding will develop a state’s research infrastructure and advance economic growth. The core of every state-centered EPSCoR program is a partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Student Services Welcomes New Recruiters



Karen Kelly and Jennifer Wardell have recently joined the UAS family as admission representatives. The two will be working very closely to coordinate campus events and attend high school and community college fairs for recruiting purposes.

Kelly is from Fairbanks, where she worked as a biologist at UAF. Wardell is originally from Kenai, but most recently lived in Hood River, Ore. where she worked for the Health Department. Her husband is currently enrolled in the fisheries program at UAS.

Bald Eagle Reception

Chancellor John Pugh and the UAS Development Office will host a reception from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the Evening at Egan Lecture, “Bald Eagles of the Pacific Northwest” on Nov. 4. Faculty and staff members are invited to join donors and friends of the University in the Glacier View Room for hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine hosted by the Development office.

On hand for the reception will be guest lecturer David Hancock, noted author and naturalist from British Columbia, as well as a live bald eagle. Guests will be able to meet Hancock and discuss his 50-year career studying bald eagles and their habitats in Alaska, British Columbia and Washington.

Because the number of guests for the reception is limited, please call the Development Office at 796-6566 or email rsvp@uas.alaska.edu if you want to attend.

Annual Midwest Fest

Craving a home cooked meal? There may just be a tatter tot, corn casserole awaiting you at the annual Midwest Fest on Saturday Nov. 19 at 6 pm. Paul and Vickie Kraft will be hosting this event for our Midwest students. Staff and faculty are asked to bring an appropriate pot-luck dish to share. A sign up sheet for all interested in attending is available outside the Academic Exchange office, and be sure to ask for directions to the Kraft home when you stop by. questions, call 796-6455.

Sitka



UAS Sitka campus Director Jeff Johnston was among several community leaders who met with Senator Lisa Murkowski during her recent visit. He outlined current University issues and explained the vision we hold for the Sitka campus.

Ketchikan

The Alpha Rho Beta UAS Ketchikan Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its Fall 2005 induction ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 23. Sherity Lynn Kelly, Shiree Irene Mae Seeds, Jane Ann Blasingame, Anastasia Camille Connolly, Valerie Jean Cooper, Amber Nicole Ferrell, Amanda Kay Kiely and Mark Steven Rider were sworn in to the chapter by current officers Sarah Strickling, Marie Zellmer and Kathy Spurgeon in a small ceremony on campus.



Faculty and Staff

Alice Tersteeg will be hosting an exhibit opening on Friday, Nov. 4 at 4:30 pm at Annie Kaill's art gallery on Front Street. She would like to extend an invitation for all staff and faculty to attend. Her exhibit, "Paper Pleasures: Handmade Paper, Prints & Paintings" will run through the month of November.

Emily Wall's poem, "God Gardening," which has been previously published in the journal *The Cresset* has just been accepted again, this time by the journal *Radix*.

Tish Griffin Satre of Student Services has been selected by Rotary District 5010 to lead a Group Study Exchange to the Russian Far East this spring. Her group of four young professionals will experience a one month vocational and cultural exchange with representatives from Petersburg, Juneau, Fairbanks, and the Yukon Territory. Satre will represent university student services. The trip is scheduled from May 15 through June 15, 2006.

Assistant Professor of English **Nina Chordas** delivered a paper, "French Jesuits among the Huron: Martyrdom and Discipline as Utopian Signs," at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (Oct. 20-23).

Assistant Professor of Construction Technology **Marquam George** will be attending the annual meetings of both the Cold Climate Housing Research Center and Alaska State Home Builders Association this coming weekend in Fairbanks. For the State Home Builders Convention, he will make two presentations, "Moisture Management" and "Crawlspace or Crudspace?"

Assistant Professor of Physics **Matt Heavner** and **Liz Mallott**, NSF funded UAS REU student, summer 2005, presented results of their research on bats in Southeast Alaska at the North American Symposium on Bat Research in Sacramento, Calif., last week. Liz presented a poster on "Foraging patterns of bats in Southeast Alaska," and Matt gave an oral presentation, "The Development of Long-duration Acoustic Bat Detectors for Southeast Alaska."

October Anniversaries

Timothy Anderson, 3 years; Dave Behrends, 1 year; Arnel Bolanos, 10 years; John Carnegie, 10 years; Tom Dienst, 13 years; Karen Donovan, 1 year; John Fraley, 2 years; Donna Hebbeler, 1 year; Mark Hildebrand, 12 years; Mark Hopson, 5 years; Laura Hosey, 1 year; Barbara Hyde, 23 years; David Lendrum, 4 years; Maria Moya, 2 years; Arlo Midgett, 5 years; Stan Ostrowski, 3 years; Brenda Pagano, 3 years; Russ Pagenkopf, 9 years; Elizabeth Robbins, 7 years; Ray Roberts, 2 years; Karl Sears, 5 years, Donald Sims, 3 years.

New hires

Chad Burnett, student services professional, Housing.
Karen Kelly, student services professional, Admissions.
Jennifer Wardell, student services professional, Admissions.
Charles Drummond, purchasing technician, Business Services.

ITS Factoid

Most recently reported in Soundings, the ITS Helpdesk experienced their busiest semester during the fall of 2004. The first day of instruction, Sept. 7, they received 222 calls and 210 calls the following day. This year on the first day of instruction, Sept. 1, the Helpdesk received 76 calls and the following day they received 35 calls. The decrease in calls compared to last year is the result of more people calling the Helpdesk *before* the start of the semester, and because there were no major system changes.