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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter

A big "thank you" to
Paul and Vicki from the
University community.



Dean of Students Moving On

Paul Kraft Dean of Students, captain of the UAS Flukes softball team, and all around good guy has decided to resign. He plans to finish the spring semester, and then turn his focus solely on finishing his Doctoral degree. Paul announced his decision at a recent Chancellor's Cabinet meeting. He thanked Chancellor Pugh for his willingness to work out a compromise that met both the needs of the University and his desire to finish his thesis. Ultimately, Paul felt stepping down was the best choice for both him and Vicki Kraft, who will be leaving her position as Assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences. The Krafts plan to leave Juneau after Commencement.

UAS Among Poetry Winners

The winners for the Omnibus Poetry Contest were announced on Jan.23 by the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council. English Professor Emily Wall has three poems that will appear on the buses and UAS Student Elizabeth Cuadra has two poems that will be posted. More information about the Omnibus Poetry Contest can be found at: www.juneauartscouncil.org/comart.php

Leadership Students Invite Participants to Join Dialogue

The UAS leadership class, Ethics Essentials for Effective Leadership, will be participating in a dialogue entitled "Our College Community: Strengths and Possibilities" on Tuesday night, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. at the Rec center, room 117. Anyone interested in the topic is welcome to join the dialogue.

Lily Noyes Dies at 90

Lily Noyes passed away as her family read poetry to her at her bedside on Sat., Jan. 28th while under care in Eastpointe, Mich.

Lily's stay in Alaska lasted only for a few years, but she fell in love with her adopted state. "Her love for Alaska has shown up in her published writings, particularly her poetry, and in her generous donations to the University of Alaska," said Chancellor John Pugh. Lily's contributions include an endowed scholarship at UAS and the establishment of a computer lab at UAF. "Her signature gift was \$110,000 to assist in the building of the Noyes Pavilion on the UAS Juneau campus in July of 2002," Pugh said.

"Lily Noyes was an intelligent, delightful woman, who had a strong interest in the education of young Alaskans, particularly those going to college," said Pugh. "Lily will be missed by her friends at the University of Alaska and, indeed, by all Alaskans."

Memorial donations may be made to either of the following:

John R. Noyes Scholarship, UAS,
Office of Development, 796-6566

Oneida Community Mansion House, (315) 363-0745



David Quammen to Speak at UAS

Celebrated science and nature writer David Quammen will present “Charles Darwin in Private: The Secret Notebooks, the Big Idea,” on Fri., Feb. 10th in the Egan Library.

Educated at Oxford and Yale Universities, Quammen has received the Lannan Literary Award for nonfiction, an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the John Burroughs Medal for nature writing. Quammen is also a three-time recipient of the National Magazine Award for his science essays in *Outside* magazine and his recent feature article “Was Darwin Wrong?” in *National Geographic*.

Quammen will discuss the crucial, yet obscure period in Charles Darwin’s young life, immediately following the Beagle voyage, during which he developed his theory of evolution. Quammen will draw on facts and thoughts from his forthcoming book, “The Reluctant Mr. Darwin,” which will hit bookshelves in July 2006.

Alaska Amphibian Conference

The Alaska Amphibian Conference will be held on Fri. and Sat., Feb. 10th and 11th in the Egan Lecture Hall. This conference will feature information exchange and networking opportunities for professionals working with and managing Alaska’s wild amphibians. Agency personnel, students, scientists and naturalists are invited to share information on Alaska’s unique herpetofauna.

The two-day workshop will provide an opportunity to present findings, discuss plans, meet new colleagues with similar interests and ultimately help to shed light on the little-known amphibian herpetofauna of Alaska.

Among the featured speakers is Zoologist Stephen Corn from the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute in Missoula, Montana. Corn will discuss current and future threats to amphibian populations. Dr. Michael Adams, a research ecologist with the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center in Corvallis, Ore., will talk about monitoring the occupancy of ponds by frogs in relation to stressors. Dr. Cynthia Carey will discuss worldwide declines in amphibians in relation to climate change. Carey is a professor in the department of Integrative Physiology at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Sanjay Pyare, Assistant Professor of GIS / Landscape Ecology, is part of the Alaska Amphibian Conference Planning Group on behalf of UAS.

In addition to the public talks and presentations, posters will be on display and a public education workshop will be held at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. For further information, visit www.stikine.org/akherps2006.htm

There is no registration fee for this conference, however, there is a limited amount of seating. Please email the Conference Registrar if you are planning to attend so a spot can be saved for you: rsvp2006@stikine.org.

Invitation to Judge Native Oratory Contest

The 2006 Native Oratory Contest will be held on March 4th and 5th. UAS values your involvement and input and invites faculty and staff to participate as judges for this cultural enriching event. If you would like to serve as a judge, your entire commitment would include the following days and times:

Sat., March 4th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sun., March 5th from 1 - 4 p.m.

Judges, as well as performers, along with their invited guests are welcome to attend the Native Oratory Banquet, recognizing and celebrating the top performers in each of the performance categories: Oratory/Persuasive Speech, Dramatic Declamation, Story Telling and Alaska Native Language.

If you would like to judge, please contact Kolene James at 796-6454 by Feb. 17th. There will be an orientation session held for judges on the morning of Sat., March 4th. Gunalcheesh for your time and consideration to participate with this event.

United Way Campaign Coming to a Close

The Southeast United Way campaign is wrapping up, so any employee considering a donation should dig out the form, fill it out and return it to Dean of Students Paul Kraft. Additional forms can be requested by calling Paul at 796-6461. A hearty thank you goes out to those that have contributed. The need still exceeds the goal so please consider giving.

Winterfest on the Horizon

Ready for the Polar Bear Plunge? This annual chilling event will be held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 11th at the Auke Bay Harbor. The theme this year is “Tropical Paradise” and judging for best costume starts just before the Plunge. As always the Glacier Valley Fire and Rescue squad will be on hand. There will be a BBQ following the event at the Rec Center. The first 50 plungers will get a commemorative t-shirt. UAS students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in this annual polar challenge.

Global Connections Fund Raiser: Feb. 14th, Valentine’s Day

Stop by the Lake room between 11:30 and 2:30 to buy your sweetie a sweet. Homemade baked goods and flowers will be available as well as 50-50 raffle tickets. Raffle drawing will be held at 2:35 p.m.

Annual Banff Film Festival

Student Government is sponsoring the Banff Film Festival at Centennial Hall on Feb. 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. Different films will show each night from the best of the International film tour. The cost is \$12 per night or \$20 for a two day pass, \$8 for students or \$15 for both days. Tickets are only available at the door. Concessions will be available by Student Government in the lobby. Don't miss this extraordinary festival of mountain sports and culture.

Dinner and a Movie with a French Twist

An international meal will be served at the Schaible House on Sunday night, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m., with a movie to follow. French professor Virginie Duverger will host the event as a fund raiser. The dinner and movie is a pay-as-you-can event. Everyone is welcome.

French movie nights will also be held in the Egan lecture hall at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 27. The movies are fundraisers and pay-as-you-can events. If you have questions, please contact Virginie at 796-6051 or virginie.duverger@uas.alaska.edu.

Learning Center and Testing Center Schedule for Spring Semester

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays

Sundays: 4-8 p.m.

Public Service Announcement from IT Services

In recent weeks, offices in high traffic areas have been left open with laptops in plain view. As much we would like to believe Southeast Alaska is crime free, equipment has disappeared under suspicious circumstances at UAS. Please be aware of the potential for theft and take precautions when leaving a room with valuable equipment.

Staff and Faculty

Everyone at UAS welcomes new mother **Anna-Mariah Kelly** back to work after a three-month maternity leave. We missed you!



Tony Martin, Jim Halderman, and Craig Van Batenburg to author upcoming textbook on hybrid and alternative fuels technology.

Tony Martin, the department head and primary instructor for the UAS Automotive Technology program, attended Honda factory training at their corporate center in Troy, Ohio, in December. He received specialized hybrid training at Sinclair Community College in the evenings. Martin also had a chance to collaborate with his co-authors (pictured) **Jim Halderman** (Sinclair Community College) and **Craig Van Batenburg** (hybrid trainer and owner of Automotive Career Development Center, Worcester, MA). Prentice-Hall has signed a contract with Martin, Halderman and Van Batenburg for a first edition textbook on hybrid and alternative fuels technology, which is being written this spring and is due on the market sometime in 2006.

President's Professor of Education Technology **Jason Ohler's** "The World of Digital Storytelling" was published in Educational Leadership, December 2005/January 2006 issue.

Mary-Claire Tarlow, Shirley Kaltenbach, Katy Spangler, Thomas Duke, Dave Marvel and Jeff Lofthus of the UAS Education Department attended the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Conference in San Diego, Jan. 29 to Feb. 1.

Congratulations to the Professional Education Center's **Kathy Fagerstrom** who has received her official Early Childhood Education Endorsement from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

Assistant Professor of **Math Joe Liddle** gave Sitka campus faculty and staff members a preview of his presentation for the Marine Science in Alaska 2006 Symposium. The title of his talk was "Estimating Sperm Whale Abundance with Bayesian Mark-Recapture." Joe has been working with **Jan Straley**, who is the primary researcher on the project. The Symposium was held in Anchorage at the end of January.

Lisa Woodley, a 2005 Health Information Management graduate successfully completed the national credentialing exam. She is currently employed as Program Director for health services education at Capstone Career College in Tacoma, Wash. overseeing the coding/billing and the medical transcription programs. Woodley is President-Elect for the Greater Puget Sound Chapter of the American Association for Medical Transcription, and has written articles for professional journals. She has applied to graduate school for fall 2006.

Ketchikan News

Valentine's Day in Ketchikan: An Evening of Wine & Chocolate

Top off your Valentine's Day with friends and co-workers and support UAS Ketchikan Student Council and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at this delicious event. An Evening of Wine & Chocolate will feature wine tasting and chocolate treats from local professional and amateur chefs. Hosted by the UAS Alumni & Friends, the event promises to delight the senses.

An Evening of Wine & Chocolate will take place on Tues., Feb. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the USCG Base Crow's Nest. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21 or older), and are available at the UAS Ketchikan main campus or by calling 228-4518.

UAS Ketchikan staff members are also selling raffle tickets. The grand prize is one round trip ticket from Alaska Airlines, first prize is a Wine Basket donated by Alaska Distributors Co., and second prize is a Harry & David Ultimate Chocolate Tower.

Ewest Completes Six Sigma Quality Management Discipline

Ketchikan Campus Assistant Professor of Business Tim Ewest successfully completed the Six Sigma quality management discipline qualifying him for the designation of Six Sigma Black Belt from Villanova University.

Businesses around the world have also adopted the Six Sigma discipline to focus and measure quality improvement methodology structured in a way that reduces product or service failure rates to near perfection. It uses a disciplined, data-driven approach to work to eliminate defects across every business area, including management, service delivery, design, production and customer satisfaction and emphasizes producing better, faster, and lower cost product and services than the competition.

Ketchikan Welcomes New Math Faculty Member

UAS Ketchikan is pleased to welcome Tarik Lagnaoui to the faculty for the spring semester in the mathematics department. Lagnaoui will be teaching three of the four math courses currently offered at the campus.

Lagnaoui, originally from France, recently completed his Masters of Science in Mathematics at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. He completed his undergraduate degree at the UAS Juneau campus after living and working in the U.S. for a number of years.

Money for a Safe Cause

UAS Ketchikan's Phi Theta Kappa chapter raised money to support Women In Safe Homes. Through donations, they were able to contribute a variety of fresh fruit to the shelter for the holiday season.



Ketchikan Nursing Students Graduate

UAS Ketchikan and UAA School of Nursing celebrated the graduation of the first seven nursing students to complete the program in Ketchikan on Fri., Dec. 16. Bridgett Stearns was awarded the Outstanding Student Award for maintaining the highest grade point average of all the distance nursing students in the program, more than 40 students. Other nursing students to graduate in Ketchikan include (pictured) Lory Stulken, Theresa Howard, Diana Porter, Mary Ellen Purschwitz, Jennifer Taylor and Dawn Teune. Another 10 students began the program on Tuesday, Jan. 17. The program runs every two years.

Curriculum Committee Deadline

The deadline for course and program proposals for the Curriculum Committee is March 20.

February FAFSA Frenzy 2006



Win an iPod Shuffle!

All FAFSA applications submitted to Department of Education by February 28, 2006 that indicate a University of Alaska campus code will be entered to win an iPod Shuffle!

Friday, February 3 | noon Financial Aid Workshop

Glacier View Room, Egan Room 221/222

Participants will learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for both the current 05-06 school year and the upcoming 06-07 school year, and will learn about scholarship opportunities for 06-07. Student Government is sponsoring this workshop and providing pizza.

Friday, February 3 | 7 PM Frenzy Kick-off: Pirates of the Caribbean Movie and Free Pizza

Student Recreation Center

Sponsored by the Financial Aid Office

Friday, February 10 | 10 AM – 2 PM Scholarship Fair

Lake Room, Mourant Building

Scholarship providers and Native Corporations will be available to answer questions about specific scholarships and information on how to apply. In addition, financial aid staff from UAS will provide information on other scholarship opportunities.

Friday, February 10 | 10 AM – 10:45 AM Financial Aid Video Conference

Egan Room 115

This statewide video conference is intended for all staff and faculty who work with students, and will cover the general messages about financial aid that staff and faculty can convey to students when they ask those hard questions about paying for college

Friday, February 10 | noon Financial Aid Workshop

Novatney Conference Room, Lower Level Novatney Building

Participants will learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for both the current 05-06 school year and the upcoming 06-07 school year, and will learn about scholarship opportunities for 06-07.

Sunday, February 12 | 2 PM – 4 PM College Goal Sunday

Juneau Douglas High School Commons

Students (and parents) should bring their tax documents and be ready to complete their 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. A presenter from NELA in Seattle will walk participants through the FAFSA line-by-line. Financial Aid Experts from UAS and ACPE will be on hand to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, February 13 | noon Sensible Living: Careers, Credit and Cash

Lake Room, Mourant Building

Pizza provided by NELA.

It can be scary to make the transition from life in college to the "real world". Students will get tips and suggestions on how to make these transitions, as well as tips on how to find an apartment, car, house and job, and understanding credit and managing debt. Gerry VanBooven from NELA will be the presenter.

Monday, February 13 | 2 PM Credit Reports

Lake Room, Mourant Building

Participants will learn how to build strong credit records. Topics cover the importance of credit reports and how to read one, how repaying debt on time helps build good credit, how to develop a good credit rating, and ways to improve what shows up on a credit report. Gerry VanBooven from NELA will be the presenter.

Monday, February 13 | 7 PM Financial Life 101

Student Housing Lodge

Students will learn to avoid the perils of credit card debt and too many student loans. Topics include credit cards, stretching dollars and developing a financial plan for the future. Gerry VanBooven from NELA will be the presenter.

Friday, February 17 | all day FRENZY Day

Wear your tropical clothes and support the Frenzy!!

Friday, February 17 | noon Financial Aid Workshop

Novatney Conference Room, Lower Level Novatney Building

Participants will learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for both the current 05-06 school year and the upcoming 06-07 school year, and will learn about scholarship opportunities for 06-07.

Friday, February 24 | noon Financial Aid Workshop

Novatney Conference Room, Lower Level Novatney Building

Participants will learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for both the current 05-06 school year and the upcoming 06-07 school year, and will learn about scholarship opportunities for 06-07.

For more information, visit www.uas.alaska.edu/financial_aid
or call the Financial Aid office at 796-6255
FAFSA Due Date: February 28, 2006



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