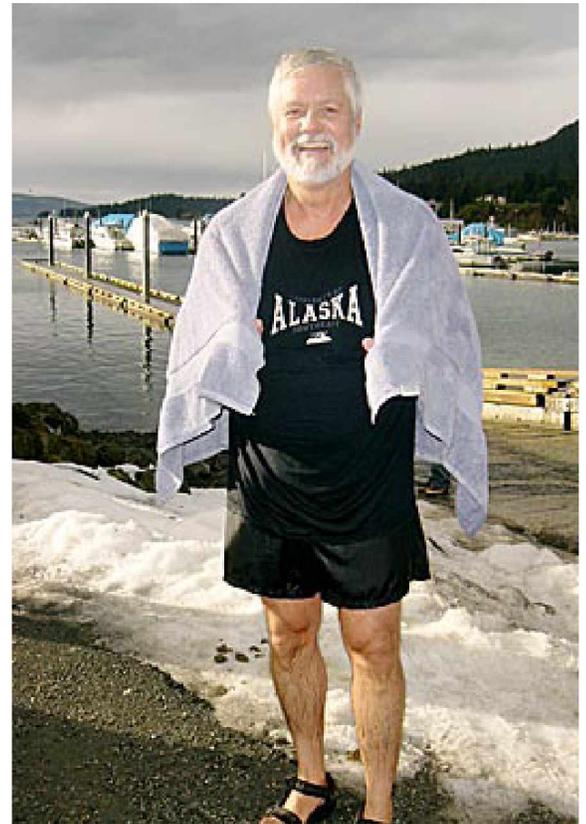


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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter



Winterfest Kicks Off With a Splash

More than 70 UAS students, faculty and staff jumped from the Auke Bay dock into the frigid 38-degree water last Saturday for the Polar Bear Plunge. This popular event that brought out many spectators is held annually as part of Winterfest, a week of winter fun for students. Other public events include an ice cream social, outdoor “turkey bowling,” and the Banff film festival.

The Banff Festival of Mountain Films is tonight at Centennial Hall. Admission cost is \$12 for the general public and \$8 for UAS students. This is the second night of the two day festival and the last chance to catch the “best of the festival tour.” Student Government sponsors this event as their major spring fundraiser.

Films tonight include: “The Retrospective Red Bull Rampage,” a Canadian film about free ride biking; “The Magic Mountain,” a Canadian film about hiking in the Himalayas; “Return2Sender, Parallelojams,” a US film about mountain climbing addictions; “Khumbu Mighty Mite,” a US film about children skiing in Nepal; “Charles, Edouard ou le temps suspendu,” a film about two brothers living isolated on a mountain farm; “Solilochairliftquist,” a US film about life of a ski bum.

Summer Job Fair

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to attend the summer job fair this Wednesday, Feb. 22nd in the Lake room from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to meet with a wide range of prospective employers from the Juneau area and beyond. These employers will share information and accept applications for full-time, part-time and summer employment opportunities available to UAS students.

For more information, please contact Steve Laing at 796-6368 or jnsm11@uas.alaska.edu

ITS Factoid

From the beginning of fall semester 2005 through Jan. 31st, ITS has received an average of 230 work requests per month.

Surviving a Tsunami: Is Alaska Ready for the Next Big Wave?

Alaska has the greatest tsunami potential of any state in the nation. A tsunami may be generated after an earthquake occurs, traveling within minutes to coastal communities. Currently, work is underway to estimate potential flooding areas along the Alaska coast in case of a local or distant tsunami. This work is called tsunami inundation mapping. Once these maps are complete, communities can produce evacuation routes and plan other measures to save lives and property should a tsunami strike.

Geophysical Institute Research Analyst Elena Suleimani will discuss her work on tsunamis and inundation mapping in a free public lecture on Monday, Feb. 20. "Surviving a Tsunami: Is Alaska Ready for the Next Big Wave?" will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall. All ages are welcome.

This is the third lecture in the 2006 Science for Alaska Lecture Series, an annual event coordinated and sponsored by the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

UAS Graduate Awarded Purple Heart



UAS alumnus Mark Duran was recently awarded the Purple Heart while stationed in Afghanistan as a military police officer in the Army.

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 will cost \$15 for students and \$20 for non-students. Please RSVP if you plan to attend: 796-6051.

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.

Virginie is also looking for donations for a future garage sale in March. The date of the garage sale is still to be determined, but she would like to start gathering items. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off to Virginie's office at Hendrickson 203.

Sitka

Computer Savvy Training

Randy Nutting is presenting a series of training sessions, primarily in the use of Adobe Acrobat, to bring Sitka campus faculty and staff up to speed in using electronic documents.



Community, Staff and Faculty News

The ethics and leadership class is participating in an open dialogue on the question, "How Can We Nurture a Morality of Caring?" All are welcome to join the dialogue on Tues., Feb. 21st at 7 p.m. in room 116 of the Rec center.

Local elder **Agnes Bellinger** has passed away. She was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award from UAS in 1995. The award was conferred by Board of Regents. Our condolences go out to her family.

Carol Liberty, HIM Associate Professor at UAS Sitka, and faculty member Leslie Gordon are currently enrolled in ED 593, Designing and Teaching an Online Course. They are in the process of moving from primarily audio to web-based delivery of the HIM program. The HIM program is anticipating 10 graduates this academic year. The students are from various regions of Alaska and California.

Brendan Kelly spoke in Fairbanks last Tuesday as part of the Science for Alaska Series.

Margaret Rea has joined the Arts and Sciences department as Assistant to the Dean. "We are happy to have her on board, and encourage everyone to stop by and welcome her in her new position," said Brendan Kelly.

Jennifer MacCallum will join the Arts and Sciences department as Administrative Assistant for Natural Sciences. "Jennifer brings strong experience working in academia and the private sector to her position, and we are pleased that she is joining us," said Brendan Kelly.

February Anniversaries

Julia Charlton, 4 years; Alex Cipriano, 8 years; Diana Collins, 5 years; John French, 1 year; Jill Hanson, 3 years; Gail Klein 10 years; Judi Parrott, 12 years; Clare Patton, 1 year; Margaret Rea, 1 year; Joseph Sears, 6 years; Alice Tersteeg, 30 years; Clive Thomas, 25 years; Nancy Woods, 10 years.

New Hires

Keni Campbell, alumni manager, Development Office.

Jennifer McCallum, administrative generalist, Natural Sciences.

Margaret Rea, assistant to the dean, Arts and Sciences.

Elizabeth Williams, academic coordinator, Provost's Office.

Adam Valleskey, administrative generalist, Academic and Instructional Support, Sitka.