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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter



Fourth Annual Native Oratory Competition

Wooch.Een invites you to the fourth annual Native Oratory Competition held this weekend on campus. The two-day event is free and open to the public. The four categories that will be featured are oratory, storytelling, persuasive speech, and Alaska Native language. The event kicks off Saturday, March 4th at 11 a.m. and again on Sunday, March 5th at 1 p.m. in the Egan building, rooms 108, 109, 114, and 115.

This is an annual academic event hosted by Wooch.Een starring UA students registered for three or more credits this semester. Students have an opportunity to win cash for first, second, and third place in each category. The first place winners will go on to compete at a similar statewide event hosted by UAA. For more information, please contact Kolene James 796-6454, or kolene.james@uas.alaska.edu.

UAS Winter Games at Eaglecrest

This year's Winter Games event will be held on Saturday, March 4th at Eaglecrest ski area. Registration is \$5 and events are as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Nordic Race
10 a.m.	Slalom Race
11 a.m.	Tubing Contest
Noon	Special Barbeque Lunch
1 p.m.	Slope style Race

2 p.m.	Team Relay with live music
3 p.m.	Snow Art Judging
3:30 p.m.	Downhill Dummy Contest
4:30 p.m.	Awards

There will be live music by the Swingers, give-aways and door prizes. See you on the mountain!

UAS to Host Liz Coner, This Striking Ornament of Nature

Dr. Liz Coner will present, "This Striking Ornament of Nature: The Native Belle in the Colonial Scene," on Wednesday, March 8th at 7 p.m. in the UAS Egan Lecture Hall. Dr. Coner is the UAS featured lecturer for the International Day of Women. Her lecture will elaborate on the research she began with her book, *The Spectacular Modern Woman: Feminine Visibility in the 1920s*, to frame it in colonial context.

Her presentation explores the Western fascination with Aboriginal women as objects of desire and the mass media's attempt to make them conform to modern ideals of feminine beauty.

Liz Coner earned her PhD in Women's Studies and won the Convocation Prize for Highest Achievement in the School of Humanities at La Trobe University in 1991. She has published

widely as a commentator and a community activist, and was editor of Metro and Australian Screen Education magazines in Australia.

Outdoor Studies Students Hold Gear Swap to Raise Funds



Ati Nasiah, Melanie Reed and Kai Ottesen were among the Outdoor Studies students working on Wednesday to make their fundraising gear swap a success. The students have been collecting gear from the greater Juneau community for the past month and will receive 10% of each sale toward the expenses of their end-of-season trip in May.

To graduate, it is required of each student in the program to organize and complete an expedition, and this semester the students will be mountaineering on Mount Bona in the Wrangell Saint Elias range. "Everything people buy here drops the individual cost for the trip," ODS Director Kevin Krein said at the event. This first-time fundraising event had a big turn-out.

Chancellor's Forum: Alaska Native Higher Education

Chancellor John Pugh will be hosting a forum on the topic of Alaska Native Higher Education. The forum will be an opportunity for discussion and collaboration between the University, Native community, and public schools in the areas of college preparation and student success. The event will be held on Friday, April 7th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the UAS Student Rec Center, room 116.

Satre Wins Good Samaritan Award

UAS Director of Student Services Tish Satre will receive the Good Samaritan Award at the American Red Cross of Alaska annual Real Heroes Breakfast event on April 6th.

Satre's accomplishments and contributions include acting as vice president of Cancer Connection, a non-profit organization designed to assist individuals living with cancer and their families. She is also the co-founder of the Women's Cancer Survivor Retreat and Coordinator of National Cancer Survivors Day. Satre has been involved in numerous fundraising campaigns for the Cancer Connection, recently raising over \$16,000 in November 2005.



She volunteers as a speaker for the Women's Health Forum through the Cancer Connection and donates her time as a "buddy" through the Let's Talk Buddy Program. Satre also volunteers her time as the president-elect of Glacier Valley Rotary, representative to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, a member of the Arctic Winter Games Board Committee and a volunteer with the Glacier Swim Club.

NSF, Research Experiences for Undergraduates in Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology

The Biology Program at UAS offers research experience to undergraduate students interested in the physiology, ecology, and behavior of organisms in Alaska's marine and coastal environments. The UAS Juneau Campus provides opportunities for hands-on research experiences with marine algae, invertebrates, birds, and mammals. In addition to the Juneau area, field research projects take place in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, the Tongass National Forest, the Gulf of Alaska, and the Arctic Ocean.

Student involvement in research projects will last 10 weeks. The program begins on June 5th with the exception of one project which will start on May 8th. During the first week, students and mentors participate in a research methods and safety workshop/retreat followed by weekly seminars.

Student participants will conduct research under the guidance of UAS Biology faculty and collaborating research scientists. The program is supported with funds from the National Science Foundation and the University of Alaska Southeast. Each participant will receive a stipend \$400 per week and housing while in Juneau. Up to \$250 in travel costs to Juneau and travel and subsistence costs within Alaska will also be provided. Living arrangements during the REU program will involve sharing a room and may involve sharing an apartment with male and female students.



Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and enrolled as undergraduate students at accredited institutions. Graduating seniors are not eligible. The program seeks academically strong students interested in marine biological research. Minority applicants are especially encouraged. Review of applications will begin on March 22nd.

For more information, please visit: www.uas.alaska.edu/biology/student_research.html or contact Elizabeth Mathews at reu@uas.alaska.edu

Employee Assistance Program

Don't forget the Employee Assistance Program is only a phone call away, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For counseling services for employees and their families call Magellan Behavioral Health at (800) 478-2812. You and your eligible dependents can receive up to six visits to a counselor per incident or issue free of charge.

Investment Workshops Scheduled

Lincoln Life representative Chris Keyes will be on the Juneau campus to give investment workshops and give individual investment advice for employees concerning their pension, optional retirement plan, or tax-deferred annuity investments. The workshops will be March 21st at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Egan 221. He will be available for appointments on the morning of March 22nd in the same location.

Leadership Students Invite Participants to Join Dialogue

The UAS leadership class, Ethics Essentials for Effective Leadership, will be participating in a dialogue titled "Ethical Relativism vs. Absolutism" on Tuesday night, March 7th. Anyone interested in the topic is welcome to join the dialogue. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. at the Rec center, room 117.

Rec Center Happenings

Volleyball and basketball registration has been extended until Monday, March 6th. The seasons will begin after Spring Break. The cost is \$5 per player. If interested, sign up individually or as a team.

Softball Season Around the Corner

There is snow on the ground but softball season is just around the corner. All faculty and staff are invited to join the UAS Flukes summer softball league. Please notify Paul Kraft, acting, interim, short-time coach with your intentions to participate. There is a \$40 fee per player. Propensity for fun and enthusiasm required, skills optional!

Bowl for Kids' Sake

ITS is throwing down the gauntlet and challenging all UAS departments to a little fundraising competition. Help raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters at their annual Bowl for Kids' Sake event. Put together a team of 4-5 people with a goal of raising a minimum of \$125 in pledges per bowler. The bowling contest is just icing on the cake.

Sitka Bowl: 4/8/06

Ketchikan Bowl: 4/9/06

Juneau Bowl: 4/15/06

Staff Council Update

The 'Make Students Count Award' nominee deadline is March 15th, and needs to be accompanied by three support letters. The purpose of this award is to recognize staff members that have provided outstanding service to students anywhere in the UA system. Past award recipients received plane tickets, cash and a trip to Fairbanks to meet with the Board of Regents. The nomination form can be found at: www.uas.alaska.edu/staffcouncil/2006_MSCA.pdf

The next staff council meeting will be March 30 at 3 p.m.

Students, Faculty and Staff News

Education faculty **Shirley Kaltenbach** and **Marsha Gladhart's** paper "Using Technology Tools To Reduce The Cognitive Load In Developing ePortfolios," has been selected to receive an Society for Technology and Teacher Education 2006 Outstanding Paper Award. Shirley and Marsha will be recognized during the opening session of the conference and their paper will be designated as an Outstanding Paper in the Education & Information Technology Library at www.editlib.org/

Two photographs by **John Hodges**, adjunct instructor of English composition, can be viewed at www.americanshortfiction.org

Sitka

World of Work Conference Targets Sitka High School Students

UAS, UAF and UAA were among those participating in the first World of Work Conference held at Harrigan Centennial Hall in Sitka on March 1st and 2nd. Booths were set up throughout the auditorium featuring a wide variety of potential careers. Students from Sitka and Mt. Edgecumbe High Schools came in groups to meet with representatives and discuss details and requirements of various jobs. In the evenings, roundtable discussions with question and answer periods were scheduled for specific careers such as Health Sciences and Environmental Technology.

Sitkans Learn Ways to Improve Overall Wellness

The second Wellness Presentation at UAS Sitka Campus featured Lisa Sadleir-Hart and Doug Osborne from SEARHC. The 17 participants were encouraged to look at advantages to adopting a comprehensive wellness program both in their personal lives and at work. Sitka Campus is committed to improving the wellness of

students and employees to take them to a higher level of health, well-being and productivity.



Participants are learning simple exercises to relieve tension from sitting too long at their desks.

Community Education and Professional Development Efforts in Southeast

Jill Hanson (pictured below at left) and Sue Barlow (right) from UAS Sitka Campus Community Education and Professional Development recently traveled to Juneau to explore short term continuing education training needs in the area. Sitka has been designated as the Continuing Education Campus for the Southeast region. The COED staff will be in Juneau monthly to meet with UAS faculty and staff, other training entities, agencies in the healthcare and labor/trade fields, tribal organizations, visitor industry operators, and state departments and commissions.

The initial effort will focus on assessing the continuing education needs in Juneau and identifying established trainings by others. With a baseline of information, UAS Sitka COED will then move forward with scheduling requested trainings and expanding the promotion of continuing education courses throughout the Juneau area. Initial target areas will be healthcare, labor/ trade certification/recertification, Alaska Naturalist certification, and supervisory/leadership training.

UAS Sitka COED staff will be back in Juneau on March 8th and 9th. They would appreciate hearing about continuing education training needs that anyone is interested in or may know about. Please call: (800) 478-6653, ext 7733, or (907) 747-7733, or e-mail: jill.hanson@uas.alaska.edu



Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan Recognized as Compassionate Employer

UAS Ketchikan has been recognized as a Compassionate Employer from The Compassionate Friends 2006 recognition program. Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit self help organization with nearly 600 local chapters, providing friendship, understanding and hope to families following the death of a child of any age from any cause.

Compassionate Friends honors employers that have shown exceptional caring and compassion to an employee who has experienced the death of a child, sibling or grandchild. This year, 65 organizations are being recognized nationally. The recognition is for going above and beyond what is customary in the workplace. UAS Ketchikan was nominated by Karen Pitcher.

National Women's History Month Events

UAS Ketchikan is celebrating National Women's History Month with a film and conversation series. The public is invited to the Campus Library at noon for a brown bag lunch on Friday, March 10th. Dr. Priscilla Schulte will introduce the locally produced film, "Esther Shea: The Bear Stands Up." Conversation will follow the 30-minute film and will focus on the National Women's History Month 2006 theme, Women: Builders of Community and Dreams. The Library will provide desserts.

The second film in the series, "Hearts and Hands: The Influence of Women and Quilts on American Society" will be shown on Friday, March 24th at noon, also in the Campus Library.

Alumni & Friends Fundraiser a Success

Thank you to all who participated in the UAS Ketchikan Alumni & Friends Association Valentine's Day Wine & Chocolate Fundraiser. The event raised over \$2,500 for students and a student center for the Paul Building. Winners of the raffle prizes included Judge Henry Keene, Patti DeAngelis and Eric Riley. Special thanks go to Alaska Distributors Inc and the U.S. Coast Guard Base Ketchikan Crow's Nest.

March Anniversaries

Linda Blefgen, 3 years; Michael Ciri, 20 years; Levie Cumlat, 1 year; Ivan Hazelton, 13 years; Andy Holt, 5 years; Lavina Jack, 1 year; Randall Nutting, 9 years; Marsha Squires, 3 years.

New hires

Cheryl Loudermilk, peer counselor, Housing.
Amber Averette, fiscal technician, Business Services.
Sandra Romano, assistant manager, Recreation Center.
Gaby Pfaff, fiscal technician, Business Services.