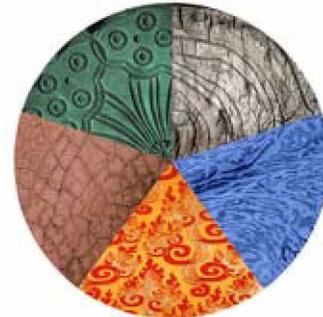


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University of Alaska Southeast Faculty & Staff Newsletter



PACIFIC RIM FORUM
2006

Pacific Rim Forum Events:

March 30, 31 – April 1, 2006
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Beyond Petroleum: The View from Hubbert's Peak

Ken Deffeyes is an expert on the world's energy supplies and on Saturday, March 25, in the Egan Library at 7 p.m. He will provide analysis of our current energy requirements and solutions to our dependence on crude oil.

Geophysicist M. King Hubbert predicted in 1956 that U.S. oil production would reach its highest level in the early 1970s. Though roundly criticized by oil experts and economists,

Hubbert's prediction came true in 1970.

In this presentation, Deffeyes illustrates how he applied Hubbert's methods to find the peak production of world oil supplies and he explains why he believes we have reached the peak. Deffeyes argues that while long-term solutions exist, such as conservation and alternative energies, they probably cannot--and he believes will not--be enacted in time to evade a short-term catastrophe.

Kenneth S. Deffeyes is Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He grew up in the Oklahoma oilfields. His father was a pioneer petroleum engineer at the Shell Oil research laboratory in Houston and was a colleague of M. King Hubbert. He joined the Princeton faculty in 1967 and continued to participate in the petroleum industry as a consultant and as an expert witness.

Bed Sheets Makes Juneau Premiere at Pac Rim Forum

Bed Sheets is a play crafted by two UAS commissioned poets Evon Zerbetz and Erin Hollowell and adapted for the stage by Taylor McKenna. Bed Sheets premiered last year at the UAS Ketchikan Humanities Forum: Ketchikan Unzipped. This year, the script was revised for a performance at the 2006 Pacific Rim Forum Interdisciplinary Conference on Energy and the Environment. The performance is April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Egan Lecture Hall.

The script for Bed Sheets, and a collection of broadsides titled: The Poetry of Bed Sheets, is being studied this spring in classes at all three UAS campuses. The play is comprised of a series

of scenes that explore the changing identity of a former Alaska fishing and logging town as it faces the challenges of increased tourism, the effects of globalization, and the limitations inherent in small town life.

Much of the play focuses on intimacy issues, sexual orientation, and spousal abuse. "Bed Sheets explores the relationship between the citizens, consumers, entrepreneurs and their town through the intimate relationships of couples," said Director Taylor McKenna. "Sometimes it is nurturing, sometimes it is abusive, and sometimes it's simply self-serving."

The play explores adult themes and is recommended for mature audiences. The performance is free and open to the public.

Hair Talk Back Planned, First Night of the Forum

Perseverance Theatre presents the world premiere of a revised version of the original tribal-rock musical Hair, book and lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado, music by Galt MacDermott and musical direction by Sally Smith. There is a UAS talk back with Director PJ Paparelli, cast, and crew after the March 30th performance as part of the Pacific Rim Forum.

The Perseverance production marks the first major revision of Hair since it moved from off-Broadway at the Public Theatre to Broadway's Biltmore Theatre in 1968. The play is deeply embedded in the social consciousness of the '60s. The revision highlights the universal human issues found within the characters' moral dilemma of going to war or resisting it. "The experimental spirit has stayed with James Rado throughout the years," said Paparelli. "What is most exciting is that Jim and I think of theater as everything that is fresh and new and connected to the social and political consciousness that is in America. It is about bouncing the present off the past and seeing what we have learned."

For tickets or more information, call Perseverance Theatre at 463-TIXS.

Visit the Visitors!

High School exchange students visiting from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Indonesia will be displaying information about their countries in the Lake Rm. Monday, March 20th, from 10 -2. Come by and learn a bit more about our world!

Jody Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund

On August 31, 2005, Jody Watson, a beloved student and employee of UAS, was lost in a fatal traffic accident. Jody was an active member of the community; she was a member of student government, she helped with Alumni Association events, she volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and worked in the UAS library in Ketchikan and the Cashier's office in Juneau.

Those who knew her will remember her outgoing, charismatic and enthusiastic personality and helped create a scholarship fund to honor her memory. Information regarding the fund is provided at www.uas.alaska.edu/watson/



Creating Alaska



The UAS celebration of the 50th anniversary of Alaska's Constitution is planned for April 21st beginning at 1 p.m. in the Egan wing of the Juneau campus. The day's events include a panel discussion with the framers of the Alaska Constitution, and a panel with participants from the Conference of Young Alaskans. A public reception and dedication of the Governor William A. Egan portrait will be held in the afternoon and there will be an exhibition of the Creating Alaska museum installation. There will also be a showing of the Alaska One documentary, The 49th Star; Creating Alaska.

UAS Alumni & Friends Association Annual Spring Dinner & Auction

The UAS Alumni & Friends Association will hold its annual Spring Dinner & Auction on Friday, April 7; in the Treadwell Room at the Baranof Hotel beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner. This is the Alumni Association's largest event of the year. It raises money for student scholarships and other alumni sponsored events.

There will be a silent auction and a live auction featuring Lloyd Johnson and Steve Allwine as auctioneers. Items to be auctioned include a seven-day Princess Cruise for two to Mexico or the Caribbean; two Alaska Airlines Travel Vouchers to any domestic West Coast destination and much, much more. Reception with cash bar and silent auction begins at 6, dinner is at 7 and the live auction begins at 8. Visit the website at www.uas.alaska.edu/alumni for complete auction details. For reservations, tickets or more information contact Keni Campbell, Alumni Manager, at 796-6569.

Staff Council Meeting

The next staff council meeting will be held March 30th at 3 p.m. in the Novatney conference room.

Wellness Corner

Now that you've completed the Wellness Survey and identified areas for improving your health, check this spot for opportunities in your neighborhood!

Juneau campus students, faculty and staff are invited to attend a three-part series on Fitness & Nutrition for three consecutive Monday nights with fitness instructor Fran Polumsky. March 20th features basic nutrition, cardio and resistance training, and body composition. March 27th topics are food and exercise journaling with a professional trainer; making the most of weight workouts; and learning how to strengthen your core. April 3rd features review of food and exercise journals; enjoying the benefits of cross training; and creating your own personalized fitness plan. Sessions are held at the Rec Center, room 115, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and are free.

Softball Season 'rounding the Corner

We may be experiencing the coldest temperatures of the year, but softball season is just around the corner: Really! 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 - skill is optional!

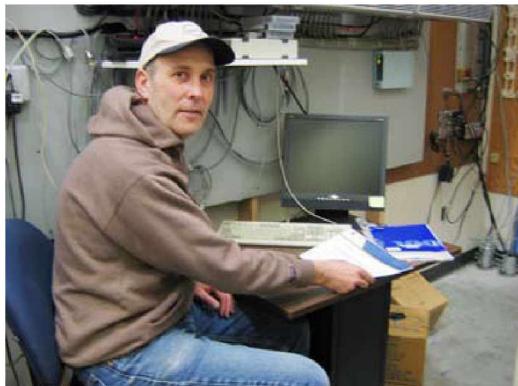
Staff and Faculty News

Dr. Mark Speece of the UAS School of Business received an Outstanding Paper Award from the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2006. His paper, "Countering negative country-of-origin with low prices: a conjoint study in Vietnam" was published in Journal of Product & Brand Management.

Emily Wall was invited to read her poetry on March 16th at the Governor's Mansion for a Juneau Arts & Humanities Council reception.

Sitka

Fresh From Phone Training



Dave Barlow of Facilities Services recently returned from LaPalma, Calif., where he attended a four-day training for Nortel Networks phone systems. Dave can now troubleshoot station moves, adds, and changes for Sitka campus.

Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan Receives Award for Compassion

The University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus has been honored by The Compassionate Friends as a recipient of the Compassionate Employer Recognition award.

The Compassionate Friends is the world's largest self-help bereavement organization, providing friendship, understanding and hope to families that have experienced the death of a child. For 2006, 65 employers across the country and Puerto Rico are receiving Compassionate Employer Recognition for going above and beyond the normal policies of most companies in helping an employee after the death of a child.

UAS Ketchikan employee Karen Pitcher nominated the campus after the unexpected death of her son, Seming "Sam" Pitcher. Her nomination stated that "My co-workers immediately offered support. I was made to feel that I could take as much time off from my job (as an administrative clerk) as I needed. In addition to cards and food, co-workers made significant financial donations which went partially to offset burial expenses and also to help establish The Sam Pitcher Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. UAS Chancellor John Pugh authorized that the Ketchikan Campus be closed the afternoon of the funeral so that employees could attend. I feel the University couldn't have been more supportive and has continued to be sympathetic and supportive to me in these years following the death of my son."

"When you work in a small organization you become like family," said Interim Campus Director Cathy LeCompte. She added, "We are really honored that Compassionate Friends recognized us for something we would do for any one of our co-workers. It just seemed natural and the only thing to do."

Criteria for Compassionate Employer Recognition include, but are not limited to:

- Policies that reflect a compassionate attitude toward bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents.
- Additional time off beyond the familiar three days.

- Flexibility in work assignments and evaluation of job performance.
- Providing support services and/or time off to obtain counseling or seek a support group
- Other acts of compassion.

This is the sixth year for recognition of employers by The Compassionate Friends. Recipients receiving the recognition have steadily increased from three the first year to 65 this year.

"When parents experience the death of a child, they begin a lifelong journey through grief recovery that follows them to their workplaces, their churches, and their communities," said TCF Board President Rick Yotti. "The support and sensitivity of employers plays an important role in the positive resolution of grief, so it is gratifying to see so many employers recognized as shining examples of compassionate understanding."

The Compassionate Friends is an international support organization with nearly 600 chapters in the United States serving all 50 states including Alaska. There are TCF organizations in an estimated 29 countries around the world. For contact information on the nearest chapter, call The Compassionate Friends national organization toll-free at 877-969-0010 or visit the TCF national website at www.compassionatefriends.org.

Join us for a special evening featuring three of the University of Alaska's finest authors reading selections from their own works. Celebrate the debut of the 2006 edition of *Tidal Echoes*, a published collection of artwork and writing from the students, faculty, and staff of UAS.

poetry reading

VISITING POET

Linda McCarriston

author of *Eva-Mary*, winner of the 1991 Terrence Day Prize

POET

Emily Wall

author of *Freshly Rooted*

WRITER

Ernestine Hayes

author of *Blonde Indian*



University of Alaska Southeast | Egan Lecture Hall
Friday, April 7, 7:00 PM | Reception at Spike's Café 6 - 7 PM

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