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UAS holiday

The UAS campuses will be closed and no classes will be held on May 29 to celebrate Memorial Day.

Juneau Staff forum Tuesday

"UAS: The Next Decade" is the topic for a meeting with Juneau staff and Chancellor John Pugh from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 23 in HB 113. All staff should attend. This is part of a series of stakeholder meetings to better define the goals and mission of UAS. Meetings have already been held on the Sitka and Ketchikan campuses and with Juneau faculty.

Questions to be considered at the Juneau staff meeting include: How to maintain and enhance the quality of programs, how to improve student success, how to meet Alaska employment needs, how to contribute to the state's economy, and how to organize to meet campus goals.

For more information visit uas.alaska.edu/planning/



Shelly Crowe was one of eight in Juneau to receive her LPN certificate.

Nurse's graduation held

Ceremonies were held in Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan last weekend for 24 students who completed their Licensed Practical Nurses certificate. Although not accredited to offer the LPN certificate, UAS offered prerequisites to students in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan and established a partnership with Weber State University in Utah who provided the LPN classes over the Internet. Many of those who earned their certificates plan to continue next year to study to become registered nurses. There is significant shortage of nurses in Alaska.

Chancellor John Pugh said the cooperative program with Weber State helped UAS to begin to put into place the infrastructure to offer more nursing programs in Southeast.



A record audience attended Recognition Night at Egan Library.

UAS scholarships given

More than 200 JDHS students and their families attended the final Student Recognition Night on the Juneau campus. Throughout the year, high school students are recognized for special achievements. The final winners are announced at the May ceremony on campus. Rep. Bill Hudson was the speaker. Greg Wagner awarded \$750 UAS scholarships to Lee-Ann Nyman and Kirsten Rowlett.

Editorial praise

The Ketchikan Daily News praised UA and the Ketchikan campus in an editorial in their May 6 issue. "There is reason to be enthused about the state's - in particular Ketchikan's - economy because of the University of Alaska," the editorial began. The editorial praised increased legislative funding requested by President Mark Hamilton, bond money for construction and repair, the Alaska Scholars Program, the work done by interim Ketchikan campus leaders Priscilla Schulte and Dorothy Brandt, and the recent appointment of Karen Polley as director.

Enrollment Management plan developed



Greg Wagner described the work done on enrollment management to academic advisors.

The Noel Levitz consultant helping develop an enrollment and retention plan made his eighth, two-day visit to the Juneau campus this week. Roger Swanson met with Chancellor Pugh and Vice Chancellor Griffin in addition to the project team, student advisors, graduate faculty, student telecounselors, and new student orientation staff. "We've always had the mission," Director of Admissions Greg Wagner said of the enrollment management plan. "Now we have the process."

The enrollment management plan includes increasing the number of students initially contacted, developing a specific schedule for follow-up contacts, a communications plan, special efforts for Alaska Scholars and WUE students, etc. "Roger has helped us focus our efforts for a year," Dean of Students Bruce Gifford said. "The success will be in September when new students are in the classroom."



Jonathan Anderson speaks at the Institute's opening session.

Communications Institute held

Local, state and federal government leaders learned communications skills at the Leadership Communications Institute this week on the Juneau campus. Jonathan Anderson is conference coordinator. Faculty/staff making presentations included Elizabeth Schelle, Sue Koester, Lawrence Lee Oldaker, and Mike Ciri.

"Everything government does involves communications," according to Anderson. "That is where most of the bottlenecks and problems come from."

Institute classes included cross-cultural communications, interpersonal communications, small and large group communications, running effective meetings, electronic communications, media and more.



Margaret Skurka and Carol Liberty on the dinner cruise.

HIM Sitka meeting

The 31st annual meeting of the Alaska Health Information Management Association was held in Sitka April 27/28. Carol Liberty was program co-chair for the event that attracted HIM professionals from around the state. Margaret Skurka, president of the American HIM Association was keynote speaker. Participants took part in a dinner cruise and a campus reception hosted by UAS HIM students and graduates.

Juneau campus news

Alumni: The UAS Alumni Association and Chancellor Pugh host an All-Alumni & Friends Social on Friday, May 19th at the Hanger Ballroom from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. For information, 465-6416.

Ceramic workshop: A five-day ceramic workshop (ART S293P) begins May 30. Sandy Simon and Robert Brady from Berkeley will teach functional and sculptural ceramics with an emphasis on hand building and throwing.

Housing: Two university students will work as summer graduate interns with Juneau Housing Manager Timi Hough. Tiffany Pelletier from Western Illinois and Trisha Schwery from Texas A&M will work on a variety of housing and student affairs projects through early August.

Library hours: Egan library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday through June 4.

Softball: The Flukes, the UAS faculty/staff co-ed softball team, won on May 8 in a game that featured a triple play. On May 15th, the Flukes lost to the Speed Bumps who rallied from behind in the last inning.

Under Southeast Faculty/student news

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, and undergraduate Luke Robinson are participate in a research cruise concerning habitat utilization by golden king crabs in Fredrick Sound May 17 - 20. "We will take a submersible down to great depths to observe these crabs in their natural habitat," according to Tamone.

Juneau faculty receive grant

Don Cecil, Juneau communications, and Alexis Easley, Juneau English, received a \$8,700 grant from the President's Natural Resources Fund to collaborate with UAA and UAF English faculty on developing the first annual UA Statewide Composition Conference. It will be held in Anchorage during the 2000-2001 academic year.

Jazz and Classics



Linda Rosenthal is Jazz and Classic founder and music director.

The world premier of "Glacier Blue" a concerto for violin and big band will be one of the highlights of this year's Juneau Jazz and Classics. A series of concerts and workshops will be presented around Juneau May 19 - 28. Tickets are available at Hearthiside Books.

A free presentation on "How Jazz Works" presented by Bruce Paulson's L.A. Big Band will be presented in Egan Library from 10 a.m. - noon on May 27 and two workshops will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Hendrickson Building: Brass and Brass Ensemble and Accordion Lecture/Demonstration. Linda Rosenthal Juneau music, is the Jazz and Classics founder and music director.

Linda Southwell, Sitka art, was promoted from associate to professor of art effective for the 2000/2001 academic year. Southwell has submitted her resignation to accept a position as professor of studio arts at Soka University of America.

Robert Baker, Ketchikan math, was selected as the 1999/2000 "Teacher of the Year" by the students.

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, gave a presentation to the US Forest Service for naturalists training about the importance of invertebrates in marine ecosystems.

Bruce Wright, Juneau visiting biology, was interviewed by the BBC for their TV program on the Erika oil spill off France and about the long-term injury to wildlife in Prince William Sound associated with the Exxon Valdez.

Bryan Hitchcock, a Juneau environmental science student, was one of three UA students, and the only undergraduate, to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alaska Geological Society.

Helen Emslie, of Whitehorse who earned a Master of Education, Elementary degree from UAS in 1996, recently received the Yukon Territorial Government Excellence in Education Award. She is currently principal of Holy Family School.

BOR

Regents' Policy and University Regulation revisions from the February and April meetings are available at:
<http://www.alaska.edu/bor/>

Student Worker

Juneau Douglas High School (Pheonix) student Danielle Tonkin interned this week with UAS graphic artist Amy Carroll. One of her projects was laying out this issue of Soundings.

Juneau Calendar

Friday, May 19,
Juneau Jazz and Classics begins and runs through May 28.

Alumni socia, 4:30 Hangar.

Monday, May 22
Flukes softball team plays, 7 p.m. Savikko Park #2.

Tuesday, May 23
Staff forum, "UAS: The Next Decade," 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., HB 113.

Saturday, May 27
Jazz and Classics presentation, 10 a.m. Egan Library. Brass workshop, 1 p.m. Hendrickson Bldg. Accordion workshop, 1 p.m. Hendrickson Bldg.

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day holiday.
Flukes softball team plays, 7 p.m. Diamond Park #3.

Tuesday, May 30
Ceramic Workshop begins, Soboleff Bldg.

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