

University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Madden remains as dean of faculty

The search committee reviewing candidates for the dean of faculty position did not make a recommendation from the pool of applicants. As a result, Mary Lou Madden has agreed to remain as dean of faculty for another year. The search committee is now reviewing the position description and looking at recommendations to the Faculty Council on how to proceed.

"We are very pleased Mary Lou is staying for another year," Chancellor John Pugh said. "She has contributed a great deal to the university, and her skills are critical during this dynamic period in the university's history."

Writing/Lit. Conference

"A Community of Speakers, Writers & Thinkers Focus on Family through Literature and the Writing Process," is the theme for a conference organized by the Humanities and Communications faculties. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in Egan Library, April 7 with a dramatization by Theatre in the Rough. On April 8, starting at 9:30 a.m. in Egan, a panel will discuss the influence of family on their writing. Panel members include Jim Hale, Helena Fagan, Susie Fowler, David Hunsaker, and Andy Hope. At 10:45 a.m. faculty and panel members will lead discussions on. For information contact Sue Koester, 465-6422.

Alumni spring banquet April 7

The UAS Alumni Spring Banquet April 7 begins at 6 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel. It will be followed by a halibut and chicken buffet and auction. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the Chancellor's Office or the Bookstore. Proceeds support alumni programs and scholarships.

Ketchikan Humanities Conference

The Poetry of the Beats was the theme of the third Ketchikan Humanities Conference held Feb. 18-20. More than 120 registered including Juneau students and faculty. Events included a performance of Beat poems, panels, lectures, and workshops on the Ketchikan campus. Conference highlights included the first public appearance of an unpublished Ferlenghetti poem and a Poetry Slam featuring spoken-word poetry. "In terms of conference quality, this was our best effort yet," according to Rod Landis

Renaissance Faire Saturday

Gallant knights, music, food, a market place, entertainment and more are scheduled for the annual Renaissance Faire March 25 from 1-7 p.m. at the Student Activity Center. Guest artist Cindy Pearson performs at 5 p.m. Free to SAC members. \$5 general admission.



Spring break in Whitehorse

Two vans and 18 Juneau campus housing students spent most of spring break in Whitehorse. "It was close and relatively inexpensive," according to Tom Lawson a community advisor who coordinated the trip.

Under mostly sunny skies, students toured city attractions, hiked, and were surprised at the ethnic diversity of local shops and restaurants. "The favorable exchange rate allowed affordable dining," Watson said. Students paid about \$150 for the ferry and lodging and then paid for their own meals. Watson said some homework was even done on the ferry to and from Skagway.

Sitka faculty praised

Natalia Whitman earned her degree in Russia and has been in Sitka since 1998. She has been taking UA classes to qualify for medical school. Among the classes were 12 credits from Marnie Chapman on the Sitka campus. "It was so useful," Whitman says of Chapman's distance delivered anatomy and physiology class and on-campus microbiology class. "She teaches in an excellent way." Whitman will begin medical school in the Dominican Republic in September.



Tanya Carlson was one of a group of students discussing Gendered Media at the Women's History series.

Women's history series

Jonathan Anderson presents "Mary Parker Follett: Feminist, Postmodernist and Management Consultant: a Century Ahead of her Time," at noon in the Lake Room on March 24. Anchorage artist Wanda Seamster presents "Women Artists in Alaska," at noon in Egan 105 on March 29. The final topic in the series is "Roles of Women in Alaskan Native Cultures," at noon, March 31 in the Lake Room.



Julia Klein's medal from nationals.

Student second in nationals

Synchronized swimmer Julia Klein, a UAS freshman from Juneau, placed second in the "C" figures at the 2000 U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Championships last weekend in Ohio. Klein represented UAS as a team of one and finished 15th out of the 19 teams entered. Klein also won an Academic Excellence Award for her UAS grade point average. She plans to continue competitive synchronized swimming next year and hopes to find a duet partner.

Student presents paper

Yarrow Vaara, a former Ketchikan and current Juneau student, presented "Studying my Ancestors: An Alaska Native Perspective on Prehistoric Archeology," at an international conference in Boulder March 12.

Vaara worked for three years on a Prince of Wales Island cave excavation containing the 9,200-year remains of the oldest human found in Alaska or Canada.

General notes:

Trash folders: The contents of the trash folder on your mail account will be automatically purged by the server after 6 p.m. on March 28. Questions? Contact the Helpdesk at 465-6400.

Staff Council: The web site is at <http://www2.jun.alaska.edu/staffcouncil>

Nominations: U.S. Professor of the Year nominations due May 12. Contact Scott Foster, 465-6530.

Retirement planning: A TIAA-CREF representative will meet with employees from Juneau April 12 in Novatney 127, Sitka April 13 and Ketchikan April 14. For an appointment, call (877) 209-3142 ex. 2608. A representative of Fidelity Investments will meet with Juneau employees April 14 in Novatney 127. For an appointment call (800) 642-7131.

Faculty/staff news

Randy Stahl, Juneau chemistry, presented a poster at a conference on environmental chemistry at the clay-water interface in Honolulu March 6-10.

Bruce Wright, Juneau visiting biology, will present a paper at "Beyond El Nino" in San Diego March 20-24.

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, served on US Fish and Wildlife panels on ecosystem monitoring in Southeast and estimating population size for Pacific walrus.

Bill Brown, Juneau economics, has published "Market Failure in the New Economy" in the Journal of Economic Issues, March 2000 and "Garnett and Cullenberg on Postmodernism, Value, and Overdetermination" in Journal of Economic Issues, March 2000.

Theresa Windred, Juneau R&R, married Alvin Frederiksen of Denmark last Saturday and will move to Denmark.

International Village Fair

The week of April 3-7 will feature international foods each lunch on the cafe and special presentations. Special events on April 6 in the Lake Room include a language workshop at 10 a.m.; a presentation about Greece at noon; a World Affairs Council reception at 5:30 p.m., and a Study Abroad student panel at 6 p.m.

World Health Day, April 7, events include safe international travel at 9:30 a.m. in the Lake Room; Peace Corps at noon in the Mourant Student Lounge; and the film, "Broken Down Palace," about two American women imprisoned in Thailand at 7 p.m. at a location TBA.

National Student Exchange

Next fall 11 UAS students will study at other American universities and 18 students from other campuses will study at UAS as part of the National Student Exchange. UAS students will study in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Oregon. Students will come to UAS from Arizona, California, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington. NSE students pay their in-state tuition and attend another university for a semester or a year.



Mentalist appears March 31.

Juneau campus

Performance: Hypnotist/mentalist Christopher Carter performs at the SAC March 31 at 8 p.m.

Music: Performers are being solicited by Student Activities for the "Singer/Songwriter" performance April 7.

Spring Fling: Semi-formal dance takes place April 8 at the Baranof. Limit of 150 tickets to this all-age event beginning at 9 p.m.

Library: Egan librarians and staff, plus others from Juneau and Sitka libraries, took OCLC Online System training March 13-17 at UAS.

Bowling: A UAS team of Michele Moslak, Janet Dye, Emily Wescott, and Karen Cummins will bowl April 29 to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Others can form their own teams by calling 586-3350.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, March 24

- "Mary Parker Follett," Women's History Month series, noon, Lake Room

Saturday, March 25

- West Glacier Hike, Housing Lodge 9 a.m.
- Renaissance Faire, 1-7 p.m., Student Activity Center

Sunday, March 26

- Tye dye workshop, 3 p.m., Housing Lodge

Wednesday, March 29

- "Women Artists in Alaska," with Wanda Seamster, noon, Library 105

Thursday, March 30

- Housing craft class, 8 p.m., Lodge.

Friday, March 31

- "Roles of Women in Alaskan Native Cultures," Women's History Month series, noon, Lake Room
- Hypnotist/mentalist, Christopher Carter, 8 p.m. SAC



Saturday, April 1

- Campus clean up, 1 p.m.

April 3-7

- International Village Fair, special lunch foods each day

Thursday, April 6

- Language mini-workshops, 10 a.m. Lake Room.
- Greece discussion, noon, Lake Room.
- World Affairs Council reception, 5:30 p.m., Lake Room.
- Study Abroad student discussion, 6 p.m., Lake Room
- "Broken Down Palace" film, 7 p.m., Lake Room.

Friday, April 7

- Safe international travel, 9:30 a.m. Mourant lounge.
- Peace Corps volunteers, noon, Mourant Student Lounge.
- World Health Day Panel, 2 p.m., Location TBA. Call 465-6455.
- UAS Alumni banquet/auction, 6 p.m., Baranof Hotel.
- Singer/Songwriter concert, 7 p.m., location TBA
- Theatre in the Rough, 7:30 p.m., Egan Library.

Saturday, April 8

- Humanities/Communications Conference 9:30 a.m., Egan Library.
- Spring Fling dance, 9 p.m. Baranof Hotel.

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