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Women's History Month



Rosie the Riveter.

Eight different presentations are scheduled during March to honor Women's History Month. The lunch series schedule follows:

March 1, 12:00-1:30, Lake Room. "Women Writers: Re-shaping Literary History" with Alexis Easley and her British Women Writers class.

March 3, 12:00-1:00, Lake Room. "International Perspectives on Women's Issues," roundtable discussion with Global Connections.

March 8, 12:00-1:30, Lake Room. "On Her Their Lives Depend": The Reformation of Gender Roles in the Great War of 1914," presentation and discussion with Robin Walz.

March 10, 12:00-1:00, Lake Room. "A Comparative Analysis of Women's Movements in the United States and Europe." Presentation and discussion with Tity deVries, visiting Fulbright Scholar from the Netherlands.

March 22, 12:00-1:30, Lake Room. "Gendered Media" with Sue Koester and her Gendered Interpersonal Communication class.

March 24, 12:00-1:00, Lake Room. "Mary Parker Follett: Feminist, Postmodernist and Management Consultant, a Century Ahead of Her Time" with Jonathan Anderson.

March 29, 12:00-1:30, Library 105. "Women Artists in Alaska" with Anchorage artist Wanda Seamster.

March 31, 12:00-1:00, Lake Room. "Roles of Women in Alaskan Native Cultures," with Rosita Worl, Rep. Mary Kapsner, Lydia George, and Pattie Adkisson.

For additional information, contact Alexis Easley 465-6415 or jfame@uas.alaska.edu.



A fur seal spent an afternoon near the Anderson Building. Photo by Sherry Tamone.

Unusual sight

Faculty and students in the Anderson Building saw a juvenile Northern fur seal on the nearby beach. The seal spent the afternoon resting on the beach below the NOAA laboratory. Northern fur seals breed in the Bering Sea in summer and disperse widely to feed in winter. It is unusual to see them in the inside waters of Southeast Alaska.

Ketchikan student featured

Justin Carro, Ketchikan student president, was pictured with other student leaders in a Feb. 23 Anchorage Daily News story about legislative trading cards distributed by the Coalition of Student Leaders. The students were in Juneau and met with legislators seeking support for university funding. Regent Elsa Demeksa of Juneau told the Daily News, "It's a lighthearted way of getting the students' message out. If this doesn't touch the Legislature, we don't know what will."

Sitka campus cruise

Three Sitka campus groups sponsored the annual Allen Marine Cruise on Feb. 6th. Students, faculty and staff from UAS and Sheldon Jackson and community members took part. Faculty members Jan Straley and Marnie Chapman taught a class about identifying sea birds and marine mammals. Participants saw whales, eagles, and stellar sea lions.

UAS teachers hired

Of the statewide teacher hires in 1999, 44 were UAS alumni according to the "1999 Statewide Educator Supply and Demand Report" for the state. Director of Alaska Teacher Placement MaryEllen LaBerge said, "Significantly, 20 (of the hires) were first year UAS graduates."



Polar Bear Plunge Saturday

One of the featured Winterfest events takes place Saturday at noon at the Auke Bay boat ramp. Last year the Polar Bear Plunge attracted dozens of students and some staff members. A Plunge BBQ and climbing wall demonstration will be held at the Student Activity Center at 1 p.m.

Winter volleyball was one of the Winterfest activities this week. Others included the fire and ice bonfire, outdoor bowling, skiing, and glacier flights.

Ketchikan Humanities Conference

More than 100 registered for the third annual Ketchikan Humanities Conference held Feb. 18-20 to consider Beat poetry. Sixteen students and six faculty, mostly from Juneau, joined Ketchikan students and faculty to celebrate the achievements of icons of the 1950s counterculture.

"In terms of conference quality, this was our best effort yet," according to Rod Landis who with adjunct faculty Clare Patton and Taylor McKenna, designed and carried out the project. Events included staged Beat poems, panels, lectures, workshops, the first public appearance of an unpublished Ferlenghetti poem and a Poetry Slam of readings.

Recruiting and retention expands

Another of the monthly consulting visits by Noel-Levitz to improve UAS recruiting and retention was held this week on the Juneau campus. Roger Swanson has helped staff develop a timetable and new techniques. They include increasing the number of contacts to potential students, mailings of the new viewbook and Alaska search brochure, phone calls, a new student data base, and more. Our staff and student workers have been working very hard to implement these recruitment strategies and the pay off is that we are ahead in applications for next fall," Dean of Students Bruce Gifford said. "We have a long way to go before we can celebrate, but initial indications are positive."

Faculty contract approved

The Board of Regents unanimously approved the collective bargaining agreement with United Academics - AAUP/AFT Feb. 18, after 93% of union members voting ratified the three-year deal. The new contract, still subject to legislative approval, goes into effect Jan. 1 and provides 2.6% across the board raises, clarifies employee contributions to the cost of health benefits and streamlines the faculty evaluation process.

IRS returns

Students will find a link to the IRS and information about filing electronic tax returns on the UAS website at the "For Students" page.

E-book available

Faculty development coordinator Richard Hacker has a Rocket brand e-book for loan to any faculty member who would like to try a product that allows books and other publications to be stored (and carried) in an electronic form. Contact Hacker at 465-6347 or richard.hacker@uas.alaska.edu.

Juneau campus

Global Connections: Laurel McCullough discusses her exchange in Angers, France Friday, Feb. 25 in the Mourant Lounge. The club has organized a French dinner and movie Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Schaible House. Sign up in Novatney 204.

Graduation Fair: Orders will be taken for caps, gowns and graduation announcements Thursday, Feb. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. in the cafe. In addition graduation applications will be taken, summer job information will be presented and UAS alumni will be available. Faculty should order their gowns as soon as possible in the Bookstore.

Raffle: Winterfest \$5 spring break raffle tickets are at the Activities Center. The prize is an Alaska Airlines domestic ticket.

Housing Scholars: A dinner for housing students receiving a 3.0 or higher last semester will be served at 7 p.m. in the Lake Room March 3 by campus administrators.

Dance: A cabin fever swing dance with lessons begins at 9 p.m. at SAC. March 4.

Mystery: Murder Mystery dinners take place March 10. Faculty or staff wanting to volunteer their homes should contact Student Activities 6528 who will also provide the game.

Housing: An internship workshop will be held at 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in the lodge. Sign up in the lodge for the housing student spring break get-away to Whitehorse.

Game Shows: Different game shows are scheduled for March 6-10 in the Mourant Cafe around noon. They include Jeopardy, Faculty Feud, Hollywood Squares, Dating Game and more. Faculty and staff willing to host contact Lola Savatgy at 6335.

Upcoming: The Renaissance Faire, March 25 and Hypnotist Mentalist Christopher Carter, March 31 both at the SAC.

Faculty/staff news

John Bowman, Juneau construction, is the President-elect for the National Society of Professional Engineers in Alaska.

Bruce Wright, Juneau visiting biology, presented a shark paper at the International Pelagic Shark Workshop in Monterey, CA.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, spoke about rock 'n roll in the Fifties at the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony Feb. 11.

Timi Hough, Juneau housing, will attend the annual Northwest Association of College and University Housing officers in Blaine, WA Feb. 25. She is the Alaska representative on the board.

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, attended a workshop on Impacts of Changes in Sea Ice and Other Environmental Parameters in the Arctic Feb. 15-17 in Girdwood sponsored by the U. S. Marine Mammal Commission.

National award winner

Jane Terzis, Juneau adjunct art, has received a national award for a logo design. The design, for Chap's Creek Welsh Terriers in Saratoga, CA will be featured in the 2000 American Corporate Identity annual. This is the third time that Terzis' work has been included in book. In 1987 she was recognized for her Made In Alaska logo and in 1998 for her own Artboy company logo.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 24

- Graduation Fair, noon-4 p.m., Mourant Cafe.
- Winter movies, 7 p.m., Housing

Friday, Feb. 25

- TLTR, 10:30 a.m., Egan 211.
- Avalanche presentation, 11:30 a.m., Lake Rm.
- Global Connections, student exchange to France, noon, Mourant Lounge.
- Glacier flight, 1-3 p.m.
- Eaglecrest ski night, 4-9 p.m.
- Ultimate Frisbee, 9:15 p.m., DZH school.

Saturday, Feb. 26

- Polar Bear Plunge, noon, Auke Lake dock.
- Plunge BBQ, 1 p.m., SAC.
- Climbing wall orientation, 1 p.m., SAC.
- Australian film, Gay/Straight Alliance, 9 p.m. SAC.

Sunday, Feb. 27

- Global Connections French dinner/movie, 6 p.m., Schaible House.

Wednesday, March 1

- Women's History brown bag lunch, "Writers," noon, Lake Room.

Friday, March 3

- Women's History brown bag lunch, "International Perspectives," noon, Lake Room.
- Housing scholars dinner, 7 p.m., Lake Rm.

Saturday, March 4

- Cabin fever swing dance, 9 p.m., SAC.

Scholarships for grad students

Four \$2,500 scholarships are available in fall 2000 to those pursuing an advanced degree in political science, public administration, public policy or a related field. Applications, available in Financial Aid, are due June 20.



Kele Goodwin a freshman from Juneau uses the newly opened climbing wall at the SAC. Orientation sessions are now taking place.

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