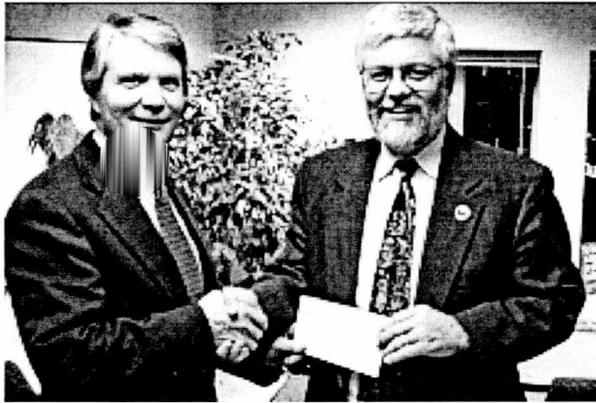


University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Win Gruening presented a check from KeyBank to John Pugh.

KeyBank supports UAS

An unrestricted donation of \$25,000 has been made by KeyBank to UAS. Chancellor John Pugh said the money gives UAS the flexibility to provide support where and when it is needed most. In a letter of thanks to KeyBank President Michael Burns, Pugh said, "By investing in the University of Alaska Southeast, you are truly investing in the economic stability and future of our state."

Risk/legal briefing

University Cooperative agreements, memorandums of understanding, and contract issues will be the subject of a training session at the Bill Ray Center Feb. 22 from 8 - 11:50 a.m. Mark Neumayr senior associate general counsel, and Julie Peterson, risk manager, will present the training that is open all. Participants should bring example of current or old contracts, MOAs, and MOUs for discussion.

Internships open

Students interested in applying for the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation internships will find more information at: www.apfc.org Opportunities are open for summer. Students from all academic backgrounds are invited to apply. Call Karen Waldrup 465-6368.

Distance Education meeting

A two-day meeting on distance education and technology for faculty and staff will be held Feb. 14-15. Topics include history, teaching/learning, Ed Tech endorsement, UAS Online, UAF/UAA courseware review, Banner Web planning, SCT and Blackboard demonstration, UA distance education, and roundtables. Events begin with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast in the Lake Room on Feb. 14. Monday morning meetings are in Library 105. Call 465-6472.

Ketchikan hosts conference

The Ketchikan Humanities Forum takes place Feb. 18-20 to consider the poetry of the Beats. Nine Juneau faculty are attending along with students. Faculty will be contributors to the panel considering Beat Poetry as a cultural value for mid-twentieth century America.

Sitka/Ketchikan retirement

Merry Abeel, retirement counselor for Fidelity Investments, will present an investing seminar in Sitka on Feb. 28 and hold appointments in the afternoon. She is scheduled for a Ketchikan seminar and appointments on Feb. 29.



Alexis Easley.

Easley hired

Alexis Easley has been hired as an assistant professor of English in Juneau beginning fall semester. She is currently an adjunct and taught on the Ketchikan campus for two years in the late '80s. Easley was born in Anchorage and earned her BA and MA from UAF and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Oregon in 1998. Easley's specialty is Victorian literature. She has been published in several magazines and has had articles in two books. "Writing and reading literature is about finding meaning in the world around us," she says.



Yarrow Vaara

Student involved in national TV show

Yarrow Vaara worked as a student intern for three summers at an archeological site that will be included in a NOVA documentary, "Mysteries of the First Americans" to be shown on PBS Feb. 15 at 9 p.m. Human remains found at the site have been dated to 9,300 years old.

"This site has gotten international attention for the important contributions to new theories about the first people of America," Vaara said. Vaara, a BLA student in Juneau, who has also studied on the Ketchikan campus, is preparing an independent study over spring break at the Denver Museum of Natural History and will present a paper on "A Native Perspective of Archaeology" at the University of Colorado, Arctic Studies Symposium.

Academic intervention

Student Services requests faculty to alert them to students who may need help or who have not shown up for classes. Early intervention can help students. Contact Rita Bowen, 6434 in Juneau or Student Services in Ketchikan and Sitka.

Sitka campus

Annual Meeting: Alaska Health Information Management Association will hold its annual meeting in Sitka April 27-28. National president Margaret Skulk will present the keynote address. A dinner cruise is scheduled, and Sitka HIM students are planning a reception.

Home Show: The campus hosts the second annual Sitka Building Industries Association Home Show Feb. 12/13. About 25 vendors will attend. Workshop topics include healthy homes, banking, reality, low income home building, and preventing moisture scares.

Randy Nutting, Sitka administration, was named to the All-Tournament team in the Sitka's American Legion/Alaska Airlines basketball tournament held in January. He also coaches the Sitka High School junior varsity.

Students: Distance students, Connie Trotter from Craig and Mildred Twitchell from Bethel won a 3-credit tuition scholarship. Their names were selected from those returning an application with instructor/course evaluations last fall.

Faculty/staff news

Steve Tada, Juneau Facilities Planning, and **Robin Walz,** Juneau history, will perform in the Juneau Symphony Feb. 12, at JDHS auditorium. Mackenzie Slater, violin student of **Linda Rosenthal,** Juneau music, is featured in the Youth Concerto Concert.

Bruce Wright, Juneau visiting biology, was co-author of Status of the Gulf of Alaska, for Seas at the Millennium, a three book series reviewing environmental conditions of the seas of the world.

Judy Andree's advanced composition students participated in an e-mail writing exchange with high school students in Golovin. The papers were compiled into an anthology at the end of fall semester.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, professor emeritus, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Alaska Professional Teaching Practices Commission by Gov. Knowles.

Robin Walz, Juneau history, co-edited "The Fantomas Website" that has been rated by the Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica on-line "...as one of the most valuable and reliable on the Internet."

Bob Storer, the newly appointed director of the Alaska Permanent Fund received his bachelor degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in management from UAS in 1987.

Staff award open

Nominations are due Feb. 25 for The Make Students Count awards that recognize staff who have provided outstanding service to students. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.alaska.edu/staff> All UA full-time classified and administrative, professional and technical staff employed eligible to apply or be nominated.

Juneau campus events

Banff Films: Short films featuring mountain climbing, kayaking, snowboarding and more, 7 p.m., Centennial Hall, Feb. 12.

Disco Dance: DJ music and refreshments for this Valentine's dance Feb. 11 at SAC. Free to members, \$5 for guests.

Alumni: Board meets 5:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Gold Belt Hotel lounge. Call 465-6416.

Condom Week: Shelley Theno presents information for all students, 8 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Winterfest: Activities include the bonfire, 7 p.m. in the Hendrickson parking lot Feb. 21; ski night 6 p.m. Eaglecrest, Feb. 25; and the Polar Bear Plunge, noon at the Auke Bay dock, Feb. 26.

Ambassadors: New student ambassadors are Levi Ott, Mindy Montag, Renee Culp, and Sinæ-Mertins. Requests for ambassadors should be made one week in advance to Timi Hough at 6389.

Learning center: Extended hours on Monday- Thursday are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Proctors are available for tests. The GRE will be offered March 4. Call Roya 6348.

Cuba trip: Rick Bellagh and students will discuss their Cuba trip at the Juneau World Affairs Council meeting 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, Dimond Courthouse.

French dinner: Global connections has a dinner and movie planned Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at the Schaible House. Make reservations with Elizabeth Schelle, 6455.

Egan Library: Semester loans of Egan library material are available for all faculty upon request at the circulation desk.

Convocation: Notes from the mini-convocation roundtables on "Best Practices and Worst Fears in Teaching" and "Student Assessment" are available at: www.uas.alaska.edu/faculty/roundtable/index.html

Cap and Gown: Faculty needing caps and gowns for commencement should contact Linda Snyder at the Bookstore immediate, 6474.

TLTR: Proposals for technology fee special projects are being accepted from students, faculty and staff. For more information and a submission form see: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/tltr/propguidelines.html>

Peratrovich Day: Woon.Een helps with activities honoring the Alaska civil rights leader including a parade at 11:30 a.m. at the Sealaska Plaza and 6:30 p.m. reception at the T&H Center.

Video: President Hamilton's address to the joint legislative budget committees is available for checkout at the Egan Library circulation desk.

Printmakers: UAS printmakers will exhibit at the UAA Printmaker's Club March show. Students will send 18 serigraphs, etchings and relief prints.

Graduation Fair: Graduation applications, cap and gown orders, resumes, etc. noon-4 p.m., Cafe, Feb. 24.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 11

- Global Connections, noon, Mourant Student Lounge.
- French film, 7 p.m., HP 113
- Valentines Disco Dance, 9 p.m., SAC.

Saturday, Feb. 12

- Banff Film Festival, 7 p.m. Centennial Hall
- Latin Rhythms dance, 10 p.m. Penthouse for over 21.

Monday, Feb. 14

- Distance education presentations all day
- Ice cream social, 2 p.m., cafe.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

- Distance Education presentations all day.
- Cardio Kick, 8:30 p.m., for SAC members.
- Alumni Board of Directors, 5:30 p.m., Gold Belt Hotel lounge.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

- Elizabeth Peratrovich Day events.
- Student Cuba trip, World Affairs Council, 5:30 p.m., Dimond Courthouse.
- National Condom Week program 8 p.m. Housing Lodge.

Thursday, Feb. 17

- Board of Regents, Baranof Hotel
- Resume Writing presentation, 7 p.m. Housing Lodge.
- Cardio Kick, 8:30 p.m., for SAC members.

Friday, Feb. 18

- Board of Regents, Baranof Hotel.
- Curriculum Committee, 9 a.m., Novatney 102.
- UA Student Coalition, 6 p.m., Mourant

Saturday, Feb. 19

- USUAS Legislative conference
- Winefield concert, 8 p.m., SAC

Sunday, Feb. 20

- UAS/JAHC Movie: Marcello Mastroianni: I Remember, 7 p.m., JDHS.

Monday, Feb. 21

- Fire and Ice bonfire, 7 p.m., Hendrickson parking lot.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

- briefing on MOAs, MOUs, 8 a.m. BRC.
- New Climbers Wall Orientation, 5-7 p.m., SAC
- Experienced Climbers Wall Orientation, 7 p.m., SAC

Thursday, Feb. 24

- Graduation fair, noon - 4 p.m., Cafe.
- New Climbers Wall Orientation, 5-7 p.m., SAC
- Experienced Climbers Wall Orientation, 7 p.m., SAC

Friday, Feb. 25

- Curriculum Committee, 9 a.m., Novatney 102.
- Ski Night, 6 p.m. Eaglecrest Lodge

Saturday, Feb. 6

- Polar Bear Plunge, Noon, Auke Bay dock.
- Plunge BBQ and Climbing Wall demo, 1 p.m., SAC

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