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Bob Green

Bob Green retires

UAS Physical Plant Director Bob Green has announced his retirement effective at the end of April. Green, who will be 65 in April, has worked at UAS for nearly 25 years. "It was a difficult decision," Green said. "There is so much left to do."

Vice Chancellor Carol Griffin said Green's retirement, "marks the departure of a valued employee, an important member of the management team and the loss of a tremendous accumulation of historical knowledge, but most of all the departure of a true friend."

"When I came here there were only six buildings on the three UAS campuses," Green said. "Today there are more than 30." Green was actively involved in the planning for all of the new buildings. He also served as acting vice chancellor for nearly a year. Green said, "I couldn't have done it without the help of a lot of people, particularly those in Physical Plant."

Green plans to remain in Juneau. "I intend to take advantage of the educational opportunities on campus," he said. "I want to learn Spanish." He also plans to remain active in local volunteer work with the Boy Scouts and others. Green and his wife also plan to travel Alaska and the Lower 48 in their motor home.

Recruiting for Green's replacement will begin soon.

\$200,000 NSF grant

Undergraduate field research will expand at UAS because of a \$219,000 National Science Foundation grant just awarded to biology faculty members Brendan Kelly and Beth Mathews.

"Most college students don't have this kind of research opportunity until they are graduate students," Kelly said. The nationally competitive NSF grant was awarded for three years. Eight to ten students from around the country, and current UAS students, will compete each year for the opportunity to come to the Juneau campus to be involved in the program. Special efforts will be made to recruit Native Alaska and other students typically under-represented in the sciences.



Jason Messing was one of a dozen UAS students who visited Cuba

Students visit Cuba

Juneau campus students spent the holiday break visiting Cuba with instructor Rick Bellagh. "The students were adventurous, curious, and very ready to engage in conversation and sharing with the Cuban people that we met," Bellagh said.

The group traveled from Havana to the western part of the island where they toured some rarely visited caves, to Cienfuegos, an industrial city south of Havana, to Trinidad, to Santa Clara (Cuba's third largest city) and to the Bay of Pigs. The group spent the last night of the millennium on the beach with a big bonfire.

Students sometimes stayed in local homes. Bellagh said the hosts told him the students were "well mannered, interesting and excellent ambassadors of Alaska." Students will make a presentation about the trip Feb. 3 at noon in the Lake Room.



UA President Mark Hamilton talks to student David Jackson

Hamilton speaks on Juneau campus

Juneau Chamber of Commerce members, local educators, alumni, faculty, staff and students attended a reception on the Juneau campus for UA President Mark Hamilton Jan. 20. He said other oil producing states increased their support of higher education by 42 percent in the last ten years while Alaska has only increased support 2 percent. "The only way to economic diversification," he said, "is through education." Hamilton is seeking a \$16.9 million increase in legislative funding this session. "I need your help," he told the audience. "This has got to happen for the state."

Student jobs

A series of presentations are scheduled for the Housing Lodge in February to help students find summer jobs. Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. the topic is "Finding Summer Employment, Tricks of the Trade." On Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., "Resume Writing Made Easy." A summer job fair with employers present will be held at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Feb. 5. Contact Karen Waldrip, 465-2963.

Juneau campus events

Global Connections: Pat Fitzgerald presents "Walking across Wales," with slides, music, and stories, Friday, Jan. 28, at noon in the Mourant Student Lounge.

French film: Global Connections sponsors a film at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in HB 113. A French dinner and movie is scheduled for the Schaible House on Feb. 27.

Composer-In-Residence: Evan Solot will visit/lecture in a dozen different classes ranging from English to History to Music classes between Feb. 7-11. The visit is coordinated by Linda Rosenthal. Pat Fitzgerald has opened his class to anyone when Solot speaks at noon Feb. 9 in HA 102.

Masks: Students in the freshman seminar class, "A Sense of Place Alaska and Beyond" visited the closing of the Masks exhibit at the Alaska State Museum as part of the class' off-campus activities.

Alumni report

The UAS Alumni Association has a work session scheduled for Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the airport restaurant conference room to create an alumni manual of volunteer's expertise. The next alumni meeting is Feb. 15 at 5:15 in the Goldbelt Hotel lounge. The spring banquet and auction is April 7 at the Baranof Hotel. Lynne Johnson and Stacy Bunko of the Chancellor's Office will be providing staff support to the Alumni. Nearly \$2,000 was raised through sale of champagne glasses at the UAS Millennium Ball. The spring newsletter is scheduled to be mailed near the end of March.

Handicapped parking

\$100 citations are being issued for illegal parking in campus handicap parking. Bob Etheridge said some needing the handicapped parking have been unable to find a parking space. The Juneau campus has handicapped parking zones on the main campus, housing, Anderson, Marine Tech and Bill Ray Center.

Non-attending students

Faculty with enrolled students who are not attending class should call Rita Bowen, 6439 so the students can be dropped. This will save students from needlessly being charged tuition and being given a failing grade.



UAS Sitka Campus, Office of Education just completed a 40-Hour Hazardous Waste Worker Certification and Refresher class Jan. 7, 2000. The instructor was R. J. Gwyler of the Alaska Health Project.

UAS runners team



Start your New Year's resolution exercise program today. Lynne Johnson and Amy Carroll are organizing a UAS team for the Klondike Road Relay 2000. The first runner starts in Skagway the

evening of Friday, September 8, and the last runner ends in Whitehorse the next afternoon. The running legs vary from 5.8 to 16 miles. Anyone who works for UAS in Juneau, Sitka or Ketchikan is eligible. For more information contact Lynne Johnson, 790-8840 (h) 465-6416 (w) or Amy Carroll, 790-2187 (h) or 465-8759 (w). Needed are 10 runners and two people to drive a support vehicle.

Faculty news

Jonathan Anderson, Juneau public administration, made a presentation to the Alaska Association of Government Accountants on Program Evaluation last week and this week will be in Ft. Lauderdale for two back-to-back public administration conferences and paper presentations: "The Alaska Permanent Fund and Citizen Governance," and "Community Building in a Distance Delivered MPA Program."

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, was elected president of the Tongass Historical Society at their annual meeting Jan. 20.

Housing news

Summer job workshop: Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. presented by Karen Waldrip.

Dinner: Feb. 5. Collyn Pilgreen will offering a waffle/pancake dinner in the Lodge at 5 p.m. for housing students.

"Pixie" Week: Feb. 7-11. Banfield residents will get and give presents and gag gifts to a secret friend all week.

Avoiding Procrastination: Feb. 10, 8 p.m. workshop by Teri Smith in lodge. All welcome.

Making Valentines: Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., at the lodge.

Writing Resumes: Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Karen Waldrip presents this workshop in the Lodge open to all.

Shanti: Feb. 19, bake sale in lodge to raise money for Shanti.

JUNEAU CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 28

- "Walking Across Wales" presentation by Pat Fitzgerald, noon, Mourant Student Lounge

Saturday, Jan. 29

- Alumni work session, 10 a.m. airport restaurant conference room.

Thursday, Feb. 3

- Student Cuba trip presentation, noon, Lake Room.
- "Finding Summer Jobs," presentation, 7 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Saturday, Feb. 5

- Summer Job Fair, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nugget Mall.

Monday, Feb. 7-11

- Composer-In-Residence Evan Solot on campus

Friday, Feb. 11

- French film, 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in HB 113

Tuesday, Feb. 15

- Alumni meeting, 5:15 p.m. Goldbelt Hotel lounge

Thursday, Feb. 17

- Board of Regents, all day, Baranof Hotel
- Resume writing seminar, 7 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Friday, Feb. 18

- Board of Regents, all day, Baranof Hotel

Staff Development set

Staff Development Day for 2000 has been scheduled for March 17. The all-day program is designed to provide professional development opportunities for classified and APT staff and to acknowledge their commitment and contributions to UAS.

This year's theme will be "Technology and the University in the New Millennium." Dr. Jason Ohler will be the keynote speaker. There will be a Noel Levitz presentation on the new student population and how to best serve them plus a variety of work-related workshops.

Regents

The Special Finance, Facilities, & Land Management Committee meets Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at UAA to consider the budget request process. The full board meets Feb. 16-18 in Juneau at the Baranof Hotel. The agenda is at <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/>.

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