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Hamilton speaks Jan. 20

UA President Mark Hamilton discusses university initiatives for the 2000 legislature on the Juneau campus during a reception starting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Lake Room. Chancellor John Pugh is hosting the public reception.

Convocation Monday

Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan faculty take part in a mini convocation Jan. 17 beginning at 9 a.m. with a satellite delivered workshop on an alternative faculty evaluation procedure presented by Ginny Mulle. Juneau faculty will meet in Hendrickson 206, Sitka faculty in room 107, and Ketchikan faculty in Robertson 107. From 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Faculties may meet.

Juneau faculty also have two concurrent roundtable discussions between 2:30 and 4 p.m. "Best Practices and Worst Fears in Teaching," Hendrickson 206, and "Student Assessment: Where Do We Go From Here?" Hendrickson 205."



The place to be New Year's Eve

\$20,000 raised for scholarships

The UAS Millennium Ball sold out and raised more than \$20,000 dollars for scholarships, a new record. Tish Griffin coordinated the Ball, one of the Millennium events in Juneau produced in cooperation with the Juneau Empire and the Celebrate 2000 partners. Alumni also raised over \$1,200 through the sale of engraved champagne flutes. Governor Fran Ulmer officiated at two weddings immediately after midnight.



Lynne Johnson

Development officer named

Lynne Johnson has been appointed UAS development officer and Alumni Association coordinator by Chancellor John Pugh. She has worked in development for over ten years with the Kenai Peninsula United Way, UA Foundation, and UAF. "UAS has needs beyond those funded by the legislature," Pugh said. "Individual and corporate funds allow us the flexibility to enrich the educational experiences of our students and to purchase needed specialized equipment for various art, science, business and computer technology programs. Corporate gifts have the additional benefit to corporations in that they may qualify for Alaska tax credits."

Grant received

UAS has received a \$85,000 grant from the Alaska Department of Education. The one year Goals 2000 grant is for a partnership between UAS and the Juneau School District for the secondary MAT program. It will allow 15 secondary MAT students and their mentor teachers to work together on campus. Scott Christian said, "This is innovative because it's the first time host teachers will have time to work with MAT students outside of the school day." Dave Marvel is coordinating the grant that was written by Christian.

Civil Rights Day

No classes will be held, but the campuses will be open and registration will be held on Alaska Civil Rights Day, Jan. 20. On the Juneau campus, the PEACE group is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration with the audio of his "I have a Dream" speech during the day in the Mourant Cafe. On Wednesday, Jan 19, a candlelight remembrance of Martin Luther King will be held outside Egan Library at 4 p.m.

Governor supports UA

"A good education for the next century doesn't stop at the high school door, so I am supporting the \$16.9 million increase for the University of Alaska requested by the Board of Regents," Governor Tony Knowles told legislators and Alaskans in his State of the State address Wednesday.

"Over the past decade," the governor said, "the nation's universities have increased state support for their budgets an average of 42 percent, while our university has received just 2 percent more. The great progress states make economically and culturally have always been associated with great universities. Alaska would shortchange its future by shortchanging its university. I ask you to join me, so together we can widen the circle of opportunity for Alaskans by supporting a great university."

Arts in Sitka

The 11th Annual Northwest Coast Native Arts Program in Sitka began Jan. 4. Linda Southwell says classes have been offered in Basketry, Northwest Coast Design, Carving, and history/culture. Guest instructors include Delores Churchill, Freda Diesing, Stan Bevan, and Steve Henrikson. The final event is a potluck celebration and gathering, Jan. 14.

New certificate

The Ketchikan campus in cooperation with the Juneau business faculty has developed a Small Business Management Certificate (1-year) program which has been approved for inclusion in the UAS 2000-01 Catalog according to Dorothy Brandt, Ketchikan business. Courses for this new certificate program will be offered at the Juneau and Ketchikan campuses.

The certificate enables students to explore business career options and gives entry-level job or upgrade skills for employment advancement. It may also be the first year of training towards the two-year Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration

Faculty/student news

Elise Tomlinson, Juneau library, has been elected chair of the Juneau Chapter of the Alaska Library Association.

Alexis Easley, Juneau English, has had an article, "Gendered Observations: Harriet Martineau and the Woman Question," published in Victorian Women Writers and the Woman Question by Cambridge University Press.

Linda Southwell, Sitka art, exhibited sculptures and drawings at the Sheet'ka Kwan Naa Kahidi Community House in Sitka and her sculptures were featured in performances of "This Precious Stone" Dec. 16-18.

Anni Stokes and **Ann Boochever**, Juneau adjuncts, will present a session on using theater in education at the Governor's Conference on the Arts at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage Jan. 20 - 22.

Brendan Kelly, Juneau biology, will participate in the Workshop on Impacts of Changes in Sea Ice and Other Environmental Parameters in the Arctic in February.

Robin Walz, Juneau history, has his book, "Pulp Surrealism" listed in the University of California Press, spring 2000 catalog.

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, had an article, "The Battle of the Christmas Ships" published in the Dec. 23rd Ketchikan Daily News. His comments on the origin of the theory that "Rain follows the plow" have been printed in 1999 Montana: the Magazine of Western History.

Robert Baker, Ketchikan math, has been appointed the Northwest region member of the Editorial Panel for the American Mathematics Association of Two-year Colleges Review.

New faculty

Marianne Stillner, assistant professor of nursing, will coordinate the new UAS nursing program. She has a pediatric nurse practitioner certification, taught in the Department of Nursing at Midway College Kentucky, and has worked as a public health nurse in Michigan, California, Wyoming and Alaska.

Deborah Barnett, assistant professor of nursing, will teach a variety chemistry and biology courses. She has a Ph.D. in developmental biology from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at St. Matthews University School of Medicine - Belize.

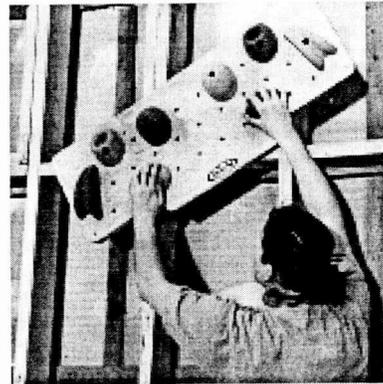
Steve Johnson, assistant professor of CIOS, has a master's degree from the University of New Mexico and was an instructor at the Bethel Kuskokwim campus.

Jan Conitz, laboratory technician, has a bachelor's degree in biology from UW and an Alaska Type A teacher's certificate. She has worked as a laboratory technician for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

Student achievement

Several UAS outreach education students have been hired as teachers. Katy Spangler said Kerrie Irons, Molly MacIntosh and Marilyn Kreta were hired this year in Kodiak, Emily Becker is teaching in Golovin and Jackie Colleta and Sharman Piper are teaching in Chugiak.

Robin Johnson, a Nome teacher, and Wilma Payne, a Delta Junction teacher, are the first two students to earn their Educational Technology endorsements from UAS. They completed their program in December.



Sina Metens demonstrates climbing holds.

Activity Center activities

The Adopt-A-Hold campaign continues to raise funds for the new climbing wall at the Student Activity Center. Checks, made out to the UA Foundation, should be sent to the UAS cashier.

Fees have been set for faculty and staff wanting to use SAC and equipment that includes a treadmill, elliptical runner, rowing machine, and a stair stepper. Memberships are students \$100; faculty/staff/alumni \$120; adult family member additional \$20. A 12-visit punch pass is \$40 for students and \$55 for faculty, staff and alumni. Members will receive reductions on rentals and may take part in a cardio/kick activity Mondays and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Student warnings

Because of a recent Alaska Supreme Court Decision, UA General Counsel James (Jamo) Parrish has advised faculty and academic administrators to document warnings to students. "It is critical," he said, "that the documentation for adverse academic decisions reflect a full and complete picture of what was told to the student and when."

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 17

- Alaska Civil Rights Day, no classes, but campus open.
- Faculty convocation, Hendrickson 206
- Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech played in Mourant Cafe throughout the day.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- First day of spring classes. Financial aid distributed.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- Martin Luther King candlelight remembrance, 4 p.m., Egan Library
- Arts lecture, 7 p.m., Centennial Hall

Thursday, Jan. 20

- Midwinter syndrome talk, noon, Lake Room.
- UA President Hamilton reception/presentation 5 p.m., Lake Room.

Friday, Jan. 21

- TLTR, 10:30 a.m., Egan 211.

Juneau campus events

Arts lecture: UAS students and faculty may attend a free lecture on Alaska's place in the new century at 7 p.m., Jan. 19, at Centennial Hall. National arts leader William Strickland, Jr. is the speaker at the first Governor's Millennium Lecture Series

Seminar: A brown bag talk on coping with the Alaska midwinter syndrome will be presented, Thursday Jan. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Lake Room. The seminar is the second in a series of programs presented by Magellan Behavioral Services, UA's Employee Assistance Program provider.

TLTR: Meets Jan. 21 at 10:30 in Egan 211. Proposals for use of the technology fee are due Feb. 23. See details at www.uas.alaska.edu/tltr

Alumni: The annual UAS Alumni auction will be held in April.

Housing: Student housing is still available for families and single students. Call 465-6335. Housing Community Advisors will take mid-year training Jan. 16-17.

Legal counseling/referral provided

University employees have access to legal information via telephone or in person. Call Magellan Behavioral Health, the university Employment Assistance Program vendor, toll-free 1-800-478-2812.

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