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Holiday Sept. 6: UAS campuses will be closed and no classes will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Holocaust exhibit opens



The Varian Fry Exhibition opens Monday at 5:30 p.m.

A traveling exhibition from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will be available to the public during September at Egan Library. The public opening reception will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday (Aug. 30) at Egan Library. Scott Miller, a re-

search historian at the Holocaust Museum, will speak.

Varian Fry, ASSIGNMENT: RESCUE, 1940-1941 relates Fry's efforts in saving nearly 2,000 Jews and Nazi opponents. "This is the most significant exhibition we've had at Egan Library," Director Sherry Taber said. "We welcome the entire community and especially school groups to Egan Library during our regular hours to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

Three additional public presentations/discussions have been scheduled at 5 p.m. in the library. On Sept. 4, Robin Walz and a video, "America and the Holocaust: Deceit and Indifference;" Sept. 18, Priscilla Schulte, "Breaking the Silence: Perspectives from a Rescuer's Family;" and Sept. 25, Pat Fitzgerald and the video "Weapons of the Spirit."

New student orientation

Oreintation activities began Thursday and include campus tours, dinner in the homes of faculty/staff, computer sessions, volleyball, a community volunteer project on Perseverance Trail, a trail hike and more. Teri Smith is coordinating activities that continue through Sunday.

Juneau housing

The housing community advisors have completed nine days of training in subjects such as creativity, building a positive community, emergency procedures, confrontation, avoiding burnout and more. Kevin Krein will again be faculty-in-residence at student housing.

Activity Center opening soon

Elliptical runners, steppers, treadmill, rowers and exercise bikes are some of the equipment that will be available for students, faculty, and staff when the new Student Activities Center (SAC) opens. Additional equipment will include a climbing all, pool tables, air hockey, Internet connections, a 50-inch TV and furniture. The campus will receive the building from the owner by Sept. 15. Faculty and staff memberships will be available soon at \$120 per semester or \$5 per day.

Physical plant and FP&C staff thanked

"In the 12 years I've been here, we've never had so many projects underway in the summer," Chancellor John Pugh told faculty, staff and students at a "Thank you" B-B-Q for physical plant and FP&C staff. "We appreciate what you do." Pugh also complimented the grounds crew saying the beauty of the campus is known statewide and thanked the custodian staff for their hard work.

Sitka campus

New student orientation was held this week on the Sitka campus. Special sessions were also scheduled for students needing funding assistance and for students who are also parents. Student government sponsored comic Cary Long Friday night and a free cruise aboard Allen Marine for students, faculty and staff Sept. 3. A fall picnic is planned and a Housing Open House will take place in October.

Sitka hosts institute

The Alaska Rural Systemic Initiative held a curriculum institute on the Sitka Campus the week of August 9. Participants included rural teachers, Native elders, and young students from the local culture/science camp, and UAS. Claudette Kawagley-Bradley led the course with support from John Carnegie and Andrew Hope. Tom Thornton presented a workshop with support from former UAS students and former Elder-in-Residence Lydia George.

Faculty and staff news

Jason Ohler will travel to Greenland this month at the invitation of the Greenland Government to be part of a team to develop national educational policy. Ohler will help lead the effort in the area of educational technology.

David Ackerman and Tim Powers conducted training for the Ft Wainwright and Eielson AFB adjunct faculty on Aug. 21st. They also met with the post Educational Services Officer to explain other UAS distance programs that could be taken by military personnel at Ft Wainwright, Ft Greely, and Eielson AFB.

Steve Brandow is the new welding instructor on the Ketchikan campus.

Alexis Easley, English faculty, presented a paper, "Constructing a National Literature of Reform: Tait's Edinburgh Magazine," at the Sixth Annual International Walter Scott Conference at the University of Oregon in July.

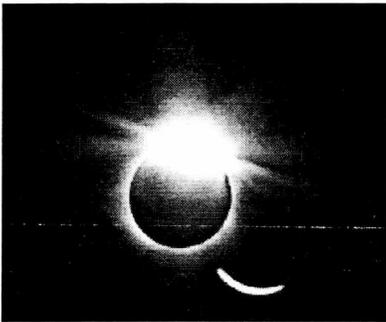
NSF applications for new Graduate Research Fellowships are due Nov. 4. Contact Scott Foster for an application, 465-6530.



Faculty learned about UAS On-Line during Convocation.

Faculty gather for Convocation

For two full days, faculty from the three UAS campuses met in Juneau for Convocation. Much of the time was spent in meetings on subjects including faculty initiatives, retaining students, evaluating student writing, distance delivery and more. Workshops include UAS On-Line, using Banner to advise students, library databases, and a presentation about Convene.



The last solar eclipse of the century was witnessed by UAS faculty

Viewing the eclipse

In August, Don Greenberg and Marjorie Fields watched the solar eclipse from a ship in the Black Sea. They chose a cruise ship because it could move in case local clouds obscured visibility. As for the eclipse itself, Greenberg says, "I don't have any good adjectives to describe it. Any words you can think of that are inspiring would work. There isn't anything I've experienced that's comparable."

Greenberg did say that during the eclipse the 100-degree temperature dropped to a comfortable level, Venus and Mercury became visible, and the 360 horizon changed to a sunrise pink.

Juneau campus events:

Volunteer: The Community Service Orientation Project will be working on Perseverance Trail. Faculty and staff and welcome to join new students at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Perseverance trailhead. Workers will return by 5 p.m.

Dinner and Comedy: An All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed and night of comedy are available for \$12 on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday noon at Food Service. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Comedian Cary Long performs at 7:30 p.m. in HB 113. The comedy-only tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for general admission at the door.

Walk/Race: The Beat the Odds Walk/Race Against Cancer takes place Sept. 4 at 9 a.m. at Mendenhall River School. Pre-register at the JRC.

Welcome Picnic: The UAS Welcome Picnic for students, faculty, staff, and alumni takes place from noon to 4 p.m. in the Mourant Courtyard on Sept. 11.

Ketchikan math

The Ketchikan campus math faculty is sponsoring a free lecture series Thursday evenings in the campus library to discuss the concerns of modern mathematics education according to Robert Baker. The series is designed to help the public and Ketchikan School District when they select new math textbooks.

MTC instruction

UAS faculty taught classes to Coast Guard officials during their annual Buoy Tender Roundup in Juneau Aug. 16 - 20. Classes included diesel engine maintenance, welding, outboards and refrigeration certification. Those teaching were Glenn Ramsey, Wally McDonald, Chuck Craig, and Larry Stanley.



The UAS summer softball team.

Flukes fly

The Juneau campus softball team, the Flukes, finished the second season with a 2 and 6 record in the coed division. The team was composed of faculty, staff, students, spouses and friends. "It brought people together in a non-work environments," said Mona Yarnall, one of the organizers. "It also gave us something different to talk about in the office except computers."

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 26

- New Student Orientation
- "Guess Whose Coming to Dinner," meet students at the Mourant Building, 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27

- Downtown fall registration, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. BRC.
- New Student Orientation

Saturday, Aug. 28

- Voc/Tech fall registration, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nugget Mall.

Sunday, Aug. 29

- Trail clean-up volunteer project, 1 p.m., Perseverance trailhead.
- All-housing meeting, 9 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Monday, Aug. 30

- First day of classes.
- Varian Fry Holocaust Exhibition opening, 5:30 p.m. Egan Library.

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- All-You-Can-Eat-Crab Feed, 6:30 p.m. and Cary Long comedy 7:30 p.m. in HB 113 for a \$12 ticket from food service.

Saturday, Sept. 4

- Holocaust video/discussion, Robin Walz, 5 p.m. Egan Library.
- Beat the Odds Walk/Race Against Breast Cancer, 9 a.m. Mendenhall River School, register in advance at JRC.

Monday, Sept. 6

- Labor Day, campus closed

Saturday, Sept. 11

- UAS Welcome Picnic, noon - 4 p.m. Mourant Courtyard.

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Outage

System maintenance Friday from 5-9 p.m. means the following will be down:

- UAS On-Line
- Caucus
- UAS webpage