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Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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No classes Monday

January 19 is Alaska Civil Rights Day. No classes will be held, but the campuses will be open and staff will be at work. A Civil Rights Day program will be held on the Juneau campus in the Lake Room at noon. It will include showing "Ruby Bridges" and "The Color Purple." Copies of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech will be available.

Spring Orientation

Nearly 30 students attended the three hour new student orientation. A new format, based on student suggestions, featured small discussion groups. Coordinator **Lori Exferd** said, "All the evaluations came in with positive comments." The most positive comments concerned the luncheon with faculty and staff sponsored by Student Activities and Housing.

History course on the radio

Mike Dunning is teaching an old course on a new medium this semester in Ketchikan. His History of Alaska class will be broadcast on KRBD-FM, Ketchikan's public radio station. It's the first time a Ketchikan campus instructor has led a course by radio. Dunning will begin each radio class with 15 minutes on the night's topic and then take phone calls. Those taking the class for credit will meet Wednesdays. "Talk shows seem to be the big thing in radio," Dunning said. "This might generate interest in history, in Alaska, and in the campus."

Library sets record

Egan Library set a record for usage last semester. An early semester "gate count" recorded a 17% increase in numbers over fall semester 1996. "Throughout the fall semester library staff noticed more students in the library," according to **Rita Dursi Jonhson**. The increased library usage continued through the semester. Library hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 1-5 p.m.; and Sun. 1-8 p.m.

Spike's Cafe now open

Espresso drinks are now available in the new Spike's Cafe in the Mourant food service area. The hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and Saturday mornings. **David Jackson** is the student manager. Student Activities director **Tish Griffin** says, "Prices are competitive and your drink will be fixed just the way you like it." Non-fat and decaf options are available. Chai tea and a special daily gourmet brew will soon be available. Those with the meal plan and debit cards may charge their purchases.

Sitka courses offered

A highway traffic control certification class is being offered by Sitka continuing education March 31 - April 2. The successful completion of the test is one of the requirements for certification by the American Traffic Safety Services Association.

A Designing and Marketing for Cyberspace conference will be offered April 24 & 25 through Sitka continuing education. It's designed for those interested in making or monitoring web sites. **Robin Williams** and **John Tollet**, co-authors of *The Non-Designer's Web* will lead the workshop. For more information and course fees contact Bonnie at 1-800-478-6653 or 747-7762.

Student housing news

The community advisors at student housing have organized activities at the start of the new semester. They include an Eaglecrest van at 8 a.m. on Saturday (Jan. 17); a program on STD's and AID presented by SHANTE on Thursday (Jan. 22), and a fire safety program. The three new community advisor staff members are **Michelle Wheeler**, **Courtney Richards** and **Lysah Flatness**.

New Sitka staff member

Naomi Fischer has joined the distance education department on the Sitka campus. Most recently she was the distance education coordinator for the University of Alaska Yukon Flats Center. Fischer previously worked for the Sitka campus on a temporary basis in distance education, taught as an adjunct faculty member in geology and math, and worked with the Alaska naturalist program.

Ketchikan flight simulator

The new flight simulator for the Ketchikan campus is in transit. The flight training device will allow pilots to learn instrument flying with no visual references other than airplane controls. The simulator consists of an actual airplane instrument panel and an analog computer, which keeps track of pilot input through control yoke and rudder pedal movement. It can be programmed to simulate different Alaska airports for landings. The device is FAA approved for counting flight time.

Both commercial and private pilots can use the flight simulator to stay current with their licenses according to **David Sweetman**, vocational training coordinator. The simulator was purchased entirely with private sector funds. Grants came from Alaska Airlines, Taquan Air, Temsco Helicopters, and Promech Air.

JAWRITE receives award

The advisory board for Juneau Academic Writing Project has won the UA President's Project Fund Award for the coming semester to further explore course-related journal writing across the curriculum. The funds are to be used for participating student stipends this semester. The JAWRITE faculty members are **Vivian Hegg**, **Jack McGee**, **Mike Ciri**, **Jo Devine**, **Judy Andree**, **Chris Weaver** and **Robert Sewell**.

Trout discussion

The diet of cutthroat trout in Southeast lakes is the topic of this spring semester's first Biological Sciences Seminar. **Ed Caine** will make the presentation Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Anderson room 221. The seminars are open to the public and take place each Tuesday. For information contact **Brendan Kelly** at 465-6510.

Juneau student activities set

Friday, (Jan. 16), "At The Hop" a '50s dance in Hendrickson 113 starting at 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for others. The band, The Swingers, will provide live music and there will be a twist and limbo contests. '50s era clothing is preferred but not required. Green rivers and cherry cokes will be served.

Sunday, (Jan. 18) The family film series will show "Freaky Friday" at 2 p.m. at JDHS. A free swim for students, faculty and staff will be held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the downtown pool.

Wednesday (Jan. 21) An ice cream social will be held in the Mourant Cafe at 3 p.m. At 7 p.m., in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the film, "The Fragile Promise of Choice" will be shown in the Lake Room. A discussion about abortion in the U.S. will also be held.

Wednesday (Jan. 28) Red Cross blood drive at 10 a.m. in the Lake Room. Participants should sign up at Student Activities. The film Gabbeh will be shown at JDHS at 7 p.m.

New lab open

The new multi-disciplinary Physical Sciences Lab is up and running in Hendrickson Building 105. Classes in physical geology, environmental geology, glaciation and climate change, remote sensing, college physics, general physics, and astronomy are now underway. The lab is open for visitors. **Carl Byers** is the lab manager.

Money for the lab was provided through the President's Fund by **Jerome Komisar**. Many on the Juneau campus worked on the lab including **Mike Greene, Steve Tada, Bob Green, Bob Etheridge, Jim Conner, Mike Kanouse, Jean Linthwaite, Donna Chantry, Milt Fudge, Mike Ciri, Barney Norwick, Susan Warner, Georgia Horton, Don Greenberg, Randy Stahl, Carl Byers,** and **Cathy Connor**.

Voice mail changes

Many recorded voice mail messages before the holiday break told callers the university would be closed. After the holiday, some have forgotten to re-record new messages.

February events

Several events are being organized for February. Winterfest takes place from the 1st - 7th. **John Ingalls** has cleared a section of Auke Lake in front of the campus for ice skating and hockey. The annual Fire and Ice Bonfire and a music event are also planned.

The Renaissance Faire will be held in Centennial Hall from noon to 4 p.m. on the 22nd and Mardi Gras will be held for people of all ages at the Nugget Mall starting at 9 p.m. on Feb. 28. The Seattle band, Catfish Zydeco, will return for an encore performance. Help is needed for both events. Contact **Tish Griffin** at 465-6335.

Ethics forms due

Employees that have any outside employment, whether they are paid or not, must fill out ethics disclosure forms. Forms may be picked up from cost center clerks. Completed forms should be returned to **Barbara Hyde** in administrative services.

Computer labs consolidated in Ketchikan

Fourteen computer stations in the old CIS lab in the Paul Building have been moved into the nearby BIS lab on the Ketchikan campus. The upgraded computers form two, central islands where instructor-led sessions can be held. Another 18 computers line the perimeter walls. They can be used for self-paced courses and individual student projects. All the computers now have CD Roms. Sound cards and headphones are available. Two printers and a scanner also are in the lab.

New adjuncts teaching in Ketchikan

New instructors are teaching spring semester classes on the Ketchikan campus. They include **Evy Barnes**, education; **Steve Bennett**, construction; **Pat Chapman**, health studies; **Kent Colby**, business; **Amy Gurton**, business; **Linda Hardin**, education; **Erin Isis**, math; **Kerry Kelly**, health studies; **Cam Mitchel**, English, psychology and Learning Center; **Mike Rath**, education, and **Jim Scheibe**, education.

Faculty honors and awards

Arne Lysholm has just been certified as a master automotive technician by the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence. He took and passed all eight sections of the nationally distributed written test during a five hour period.

Scott Christian, Art Petersen and **Emily Walls** made presentations at the poetry reading at the Fiddlehead on Jan. 12.

Learning Center appointments

Faculty are being asked to encourage students to use the Learning Center as a resource for help with their writing assignments. Starting next week, the Learning Center will set up an appointment board so students can prearrange conferences with faculty or peer tutors. Call the Learning Center for more information, or contact **Roya Ansari** (6348) or **Jo Devine** (6411).

Juneau Calender

Friday (Jan. 16)

- 50s dance, 9 p.m. Hendrickson 113.

Saturday (Jan. 17)

- Eaglecrest bus for housing students leave at 8 a.m.

Sunday (Jan. 18)

- Family film series, 2 p.m., JDHS
- Free student, faculty, staff swim 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Monday (Jan. 19)

- No classes for Alaska Civil Rights Day, campus open. Program at noon in the Lake Room.

Tuesday (Jan. 20)

- "The Diet of Cutthroat Trout in Southeast Lakes," public discussion, noon, Anderson 221.

Wednesday (Jan. 21)

- Ice cream social, Mourant Cafe, 3 p.m.
- Roe v. Wade 25th anniversary events, Lake Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Jan. 22)

- Program on STD's and AIDs, at student housing.

Wednesday (Jan. 28)

- Red Cross blood drive, Lake Room, 10 a.m. Sign up at Student Activities.
- Film "Gabbeh" JDHS at 7 p.m.

Upcoming events

Sunday-Saturday (Feb. 1-7)

- Winterfest

Sunday (Feb. 22)

- Renaissance Faire, Centennial Hall, noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday (Feb. 28)

- Mardi Gras, Nugget Mall, 9 p.m.

Ketchikan phones

The current UAS phone directory for the Ketchikan campus includes extensions, but those extensions only work on the internal phone system. Therefore, off-campus calls to Ketchikan faculty and staff should be made to the campus operator at 225-6177. Outside calls to the extensions ring at private Ketchikan residences.

NCPEA Convention

The national convention of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration will be held on the Juneau campus this August.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker, Timi Hough, and a representative from Alaska Travel will make presentations at the group's mid-winter convention. The NCPEA website is www.coe.memphis.edu/ncpea/ncpea.html

