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Soundings

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Ketchikan dedication ceremony

The Ketchikan campus inaugurated the Ralph C. Yetka Flight Simulator Room Wednesday (March 25) evening and will now be able to offer advanced aeronautics training using two new flight simulators.

The campus, in cooperation with Taquan Air, plans to offer a full flight training program so new pilots can train in Ketchikan for private, commercial, instrument, float and flight instructor ratings. The simulators will be available for rent by any pilot according to **David Sweetman**, the campus technical-vocational training coordinator.

The ATC-710 simulator is an actual aircraft instrument panel in an enclosed cockpit. It can be used for training instrument-rated pilots; gaining instrument currency, and training new pilots. The ATC-710 was purchased entirely by grants from Alaska Airlines, ProMech Air, Taquan Air and TEMSCO Helicopters.

The second simulator is a Jeppesen FS-200AC, a computer based unit that uses a computer monitor in place of actual instruments. It has visuals, realistic sounds and can be "flown" between any airport in North America. The FS-200 can be used for training new private pilots and instrument pilots.

Both flight simulators are fully approved by the FAA for loggable flight time. The Ralph C. Yetka room is in the Robertson-Hamilton buildings at the campus Career Center. The room honors the late **Ralph Yetka**, a former TEMSCO helicopter pilot who was also a strong supporter of the UAS Ketchikan campus.

UAS recruiting

All campuses are recruiting to fill positions. In Juneau recruiting is underway for six faculty. Candidates for public administration and business administration have visited. In addition, three finalists are being interviewed for a psychology position, candidates for geology are due on campus next week, interviews will be held for a philosophy position, and ads are now being placed for a welding/marine position.

On the Sitka campus a large pool is being narrowed for an English faculty member and finalists are being interviewed for business manager.

In Ketchikan nearly 30 applications have been received for the director's position, and they are being reviewed by a committee chaired by **Phyllis Yetka**. The committee plans to narrow the list to two or three finalists who will then visit Ketchikan and Juneau.

Alumni banquet Friday

The UAS alumni host their annual banquet and auction Friday night starting at 6 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel. Reservations may still be made at Student Resource Center for the evening that includes dinner, door prizes and the auction.

Faculty Council news

The UAS Faculty Council has been working to create criterion to apply to performance pay and crafting work loads at the faculty level according to chair **Lawrence Lee Oldaker**. The information is due to the dean of faculty in mid-April. In addition the council is holding elections for members for the 1998/99 school year. Oldaker also said the council, at its April meeting, will consider restructuring issues.



Covered stairs at the student housing lodge will be one of many summer construction projects on the Juneau campus.

Juneau summer projects listed

More than 20 different projects will be undertaken this summer on the Juneau campus according to **Bob Green**. At the Anderson Building, room 316 will be remodeled for science programs, an atomic absorption spectrometer will be installed in room 315, and the entrance ramp will be replaced. At student housing, some sidewalks will be placed, the stairs to the lodge will be replaced and covered. In the Whitehead Building, the photography lab will be remodeled and the outside stairs will be repaired. At the Hendrickson Building, a covered walk will be built at the rear exit. At the Hendrickson Annex, a covered walk will be built between the modular units. The Egan overpass near the Marine Tech building will be repainted. In addition, Green said, routine maintenance will be performed.

Partnerships continue

Career Education has just completed math and English classes for Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Employment and Training Division. About 25 attended the classes as part of an Alyeska PreQualification Program for Alaska Native hire with Alyeska Pipeline Services. Teachers were **Tom Harmno**, **Stella Fullam** and **Chuck Craig**.

In addition other students have completed their work in the remodel of the Cropley House, a 1930's era home next to the T&H offices on Willoughby. Ten students began the project that was directed by **John Bowman** and assisted by **Phil McRee**.

These are part of a continuing number of partnerships between Career Education and the community to offer local training. "We custom design training that's requested," **Gary Bowen** says. "We have expertise on staff, and we're in the education business. At the end of these classes the students have acquired vocational skills."

Previous partnerships have include building a maintenance shop for CBJ Parks and Rec., doing concrete work at the skateboard park, teaching classes for the Coast Guard, presenting state-wide video conferences for tourism businesses. Another project in the near future will be building a maintenance shop for CBJ Parks and Rec.



Career education is coordinated at the Marine Tech Center near Harris Harbor.

Out and about

Vickie Williams presented a four hour seminar on revenue accounting for state and local governments to the local Association of Governments March 20th

Timi Hough attends the statewide Elderhostel coordinators training in Fairbanks April 8-10.

Sue Zimmerman, adjunct English instructor, made a presentation at the Strengthening Professional Practices Conference in Anchorage, March 1.

Eric Leegard is featured in the current issue of the Capital City Weekly.

Rosie Gilbert describes her attitude of never backing down in an article in the Alaskan Southeaster magazine.

BOR meets April 14

The Board of Regents' Planning and Development Committee is scheduled to hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 2 p.m. in the UAA chancellor's conference room. The agenda will be available at campus libraries five days before the meeting and at: <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

Juneau campus activities

Faculty and staff are invited to the appreciation dinner Saturday, March 28 for a complimentary Italian meal at 7 p.m. followed by a show in HB 113. The evening is sponsored by student government and the alumni association. RSVP to 465-6517.

Visual performing artist "Mime" **Michael Trautman** will be featured at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28th, in HB 113 for an evening of comedy. The complimentary performance is sponsored by USUAS as a thank you for staff. Open seating is available and all are welcome.

The Banff Festival of Mountain Films takes place Sunday (March 29) at 2 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8 for students and alums with ID and \$10 for general admission.

Music will be performed by "Caucasian Drought" at 5 p.m. Mourant Cafe Tuesday, March 31, in the Mourant Cafe.

The Women's Health series runs Tuesdays through April 14. Topics include Hormonal and life changes, March 31; Cardiac disease, April 7; and Health promotion activities, April 14. The free discussions are taught by nurses for Airlift Northwest.

Spring Fling takes place Friday, April 3, at the Baranof Hotel. Faculty and staff are welcome at this student semi-formal that also includes hors d'oeuvres, photos, no-host bar, and a DJ. Tickets are available at the bookstore.

The 12th annual Easter Egg hunt takes place at noon April 11th for staff, faculty and student's children 10 and under. Participants should meet in the Mourant Cafe. There will be a special area for kids under two.

Fall book orders due

April 1 is the deadline for fall semester book orders at the Juneau campus bookstore. **Linda Snyder** also says orders are due for supply items such as lab kits, notebooks, paint, pencil, etc.

Students travel

Juneau high school students taking part in the UAS/JDHS Early Scholars program will be visiting five colleges in the San Francisco area according to coordinator **Pattie Adkisson**. The early scholars program is designed for Native students motivated to attend college. Students take classes on the UAS campus twice a month. They are being taught critical thinking by **Judy Andree** and information technology by **Carol Ottesen** and **Rebecca Moorman**.

Juneau housing activities

A pool tournament will be held Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. in the lodge. Housing grounds will be cleaned starting at 1 p.m. April 1. About 10 ORCHA students will help and students and staff are invited to assist. Pizza will be served following the clean up. **Collyn Pillgreen** is coordinating the effort. Applications for community advisors for next year are due April 3. The applications are at the housing lodge.

Pension workshop offered

A workshop in how to wisely invest UA pension funds will be offered Tuesday, April 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mourant 103. **Barry Eller** from VALIC in Anchorage will discuss retirement needs, selecting an investment portfolio, setting goals, and pension plan/tax deferred annuities and IRAs. Individual appointments will be available Wednesday, April 8, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Audio conferencing is available from Ketchikan and Sitka by contacting **Kirk McAllister**, 465-6473.

Library surveys due

The staff at Egan Library is collecting surveys as part of their self-study report. The deadline is March 31. Contact **Anna Salyer**, 465-6515.

Term paper help

The Learning Center is available to help students prepare effective written term papers, etc., for their requisite coursework in any discipline. **Jo Devine** said the faculty can contact TLC to ask for student workshops to supplement classroom work; and to help students in research, documenting source material, writing and proof reading/editing. Contact **Roya Ansari** or **Natasha Zahn** at 465-6348.

Juneau Calender

Friday, March 27

- Global Connections, 2 p.m. Lake Room.
- Alumni banquet and auction, 6 p.m. Baranof Hotel.

Saturday, March 28

- Housing pool tournament, 1 p.m., lodge.
- Faculty/staff appreciation dinner, 7 p.m. followed by comedy show in HB 113.

Sunday, March 29

- Banff Festival of Mountain Films, 2 p.m., Centennial Hall.

Tuesday, March 31

- Biological seminar "Fishes in the Forest", noon, Anderson 221.
- Music, 5 p.m. Mourant Cafe.
- Women's Health Series, 7 p.m. Lake Room.

Wednesday, April 1

- Housing clean up, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 3

- Spring Fling, Baranof Hotel.

Saturday, April 4

- Piano and percussion presentation, 8 p.m., HB 113.

Tuesday, April 7

- Pension workshop, 11:30 a.m. Mourant 103.

Thursday, April 9

- Counselor certificate information, 1:30 -5 p.m. Novatney 204.

Saturday, April 11

- Easter Egg hunt, noon, meet at Mourant Cafe.

Tuesday, April 14

- BOR planning committee, 2 p.m. UAA.

Certificate information

Information about the Counselor Technician Certification or Substance Abuse Counselor Certification will be available on the Juneau campus April 9 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in Novatney 204. **Vicki Koehler**, statewide coordinator for Human Services Technology will be available to meet with students. For information contact **Pattie Adkisson** at 465-6454.

