

Soundings

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UAS offers training by top EEOC official

The chief federal enforcement official for employment discrimination in the Northwest region will present training on the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace to all UAS staff members on Tuesday August 20.

Jeanette Leino, district director of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission office in Seattle will be the speaker. The Northwest district includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

UAS staff working at the Auke Lake Campus will have a workshop from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in room 105 of the Egan Library. Downtown UAS staff and interested state, federal and private sector employers will have a session from 10:30 a.m. to noon in room 152/153 of the Bill Ray Center. UAS faculty will receive separate sexual harassment training Oct. 7-8.

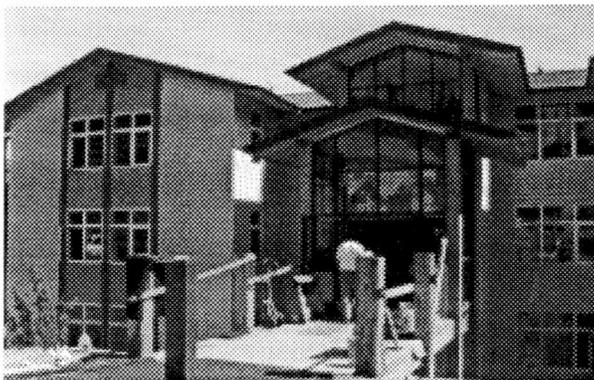
The mandate of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is to eliminate discrimination in the workplace. The agency enforces several major federal laws including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlaws discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin and color; age discrimination statutes for workers over 40; the Equal Pay Act, which mandates that women and men are paid equally for the same work; and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination in the workplace against people with disabilities.

Outreach coordinators meet in Sitka

Southeast distance delivery outreach coordinators spent two days on the Sitka campus earlier this week. The 15 attended a conference to learn how to better help students in their communities who are taking distance delivered classes. The coordinators were given instruction in advising, registering students, advertising classes, class availability, e-mail, the Internet and more. In addition there were presentations about specific classes.

Outreach coordinators perform a variety of duties in their communities. They include conducting a needs assessment for classes people want, registering students, obtaining classrooms and audio conferencing equipment, and offering general assistance to local students.

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Students will move into the new UAS residence hall August 18.

New Residence hall nearly ready

"All the furniture is in. The last minute touch-up is going on. Everything looks great," Housing Director **Tish Griffin** says of the new Juneau campus residence hall nearing completion. Remaining details include installing the last carpeting and shower doors. The wiring of the computer room is underway. "The contractors are cleaning it up and getting ready to turn the building over to us," Griffin said. A public open house is planned for mid-August, and students move into the new building on August 18.

Thanks to the Moose

At the beginning of fall semester students at the new residence hall will have their meals brought to them instead of having to go to the Mourant Building. "The Moose Lodge deserve a big thank you," **Tish Griffin** says. "They're allowing us to use their kitchen at no cost. We'll cook meals there and bring them to the students beginning on August 18." The food delivery will continue until the campus food service facility remodeling is completed. Then students will be served meals in the Mourant Cafe.

Housing listing requested for Juneau students

UAS student housing is full and assistance is being sought to find rentals for fall semester students. "We're asking the community if they could call in rental options," according to Housing Director **Tish Griffin**.

At present 25 students are on a housing waiting list. "This is the best waiting list we've had for a long time," Griffin said. "That's because of our new residence hall. The need isn't as immense as in past years, but it's still a need."

The university is looking for rooms for rent, reasonably priced apartments or even short term housing. Griffin said renters may express a preference for graduate students, out-of-state students, etc. Those with rental housing for UAS students may call 465-6528.

There is a particular demand for one and two bedroom apartments. "We have seven people on the waiting list waiting to bring their families in and have nowhere to go at this point," according to Griffin.

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EXCHANGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Five international exchange students will attend UAS this fall. **Elizabeth Schelle** who coordinates the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is seeking people who will help ease the student's transition to UAS and Juneau. She'd like volunteers who would meet the students upon arrival, help them get into their housing and give a general Juneau orientation. Schelle is also looking for donations of household goods like towels, kitchenware, etc. Contact her at 465-6455.

Two of the international students are coming from Scotland. The others are from Mexico, Germany and Alberta, Canada. In addition, seven UAS students will travel overseas fall semester. Three will study in Northern Ireland and the others will be in England, France, Wales, and Sweden. UAS students taking part in ISEP are **Corinne Colley, Steve Colley, Rob Daley, Amelia Jenkins, Bonnie McDonald, and Brice Mast Tiffany Sargent** will be studying in Hull, England, through a UAA program.

Record set in exchange students

A record number of National Student Exchange (NSE) students will attend UAS this fall. Seventeen students from nearly a dozen different states will take classes on the Juneau campus. In addition 10 Juneau students will attend campuses in other states as part of the same program.

Greg Wagner who directs the National Student Exchange Program on the Juneau campus said students are attracted in part because of the Alaska mystic. "We're in an attractive location and very different from what they're used to. We've got a great location, good faculty. So it's an educational experience, but it's also a life experience."

Wagner said most of the NSEP students are on campus for a full academic year. UAS students taking part in the program include **Julio Cassell** to the University of Oregon, **Kerry Finley** and **Robin Fiscus** to the University of New Mexico, **Kristen Fish** to the University of Las Vegas, **Brad Hartman** to the University of Utah, **Aaron Ladvik** to the University of Maine, **Angela Langilotti** to the University of Delaware, **Shane Miller** to Western Washington, **Susan Oliva** to the University of Hawaii, and **Dasa Paddock** to California State University-San Bernardino.

Auke Lake paddle boats available Saturday

Student government is renting Auke Lake paddle boats for university use Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff and faculty may also use the boats on a first come-first served basis. Family members are welcome. There are two double and three single boats available for 1/2 hour and 1 hour time lengths. University identification must be shown to SE Hydrosports for use of the boats.

Juneau Icefield Research Program update

More than 50 students and faculty taking part in this year's Juneau Icefield Research Program are now at Camp 10 alongside the Taku Glacier. Assistant professor of geology **Cathy Connor**, who spent more than two weeks lecturing and teaching on the icefield, said the group's next stop is at Camp 18. That's at the headwaters of the Gilkie river east of Berners Bay. Connor said its about 20 miles doing the "Sherpa Shuffle" from their present location.

The students are taking part in the 50th year of research on the icefield. They began training on July 1 and started hiking to the icefield on July 7. They walk out to Atlin August 18 to complete the research season. **Erin Whitney** from Anchorage and **Tara Heinrich** from Haines are the two Alaska student participants this summer. New UAS faculty member **Richard Marston** is the icefield research program director.

Connor said during the day students have been doing research in such areas as mass balance pit digging, survey, geologic mapping, botanical surveys, and running the Weather Paks (portable meteorological stations that record a number of atmospheric measurements on a frequent basis). During the evenings there are lectures on subjects like glaciology, geomorphology, geology, paleoclimatology, botany, surveying techniques, mass balance, and reading.

"Juneau Live" TV program ends

For nine months UAS faculty, staff, and students have been featured twice a month in a half hour, live TV show on Channel 8. "Juneau Live", however has now been canceled. The last UAS show was broadcast July 17. During the show's run nearly 30 UAS guests discussed topics such as computer technology, marine biology, early childhood education, writing, geology, marketing, literature, anthropology, distance education, the library, art, the Alaska Management Institute, the Juneau Icefield Research Program and more.

Taiwanese complete month on campus

For the fifth year, residents from Juneau's Taiwanese sister city have spent a month on the UAS campus. "They liked American food and chocolate and they liked physical activity," according to **Tia Thornton** who along with **Taipei Scott** coordinated the month's activities.

One of the most popular activities was a six hour hike up the West Glacier Trail lead by **Dennis Russell**. The six Taiwanese also highlighted a story-telling class taught by **Bret Dillingham** and a trip to Sitka.

The Taiwanese said they would prefer less English and more lectures by UAS faculty in the future. "What we're hearing is they want something more like Elderhostel," Thornton said. "More recreational, cultural, and recreational."

Thornton said, "There's an old Chinese saying: 'It's a great honor to have guests come from far away.' This group from Taiwan brought a lot to this community."

Juneau Calendar

Monday - Wednesday, August 19-21
• UAS Convocation

Substance abuse video available

A 25-minute video about dealing with substance abuse is available during the month of August from the personnel office. The program is called "Getting Help" and was created for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Employees or supervisors who want to show the video at staff meetings, should call the personnel office at 465-6473 to make arrangements.

The University of Alaska has an Employee Assistance Program administered by Occupational Health Services Inc. Its services are in addition to the chemical dependency portion of the medical plan administered by Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska. It offers a toll-free number where confidential counseling services can be obtained.

Work, children and pets policy

Because questions have been raised about work hours, children of faculty and staff on campus, and pets in campus buildings, Chancellor **Marshall Lind** has issued a memo on the subjects.

The memo said the work week hours, except for faculty, are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and unless otherwise arranged with supervisors, employees are expected to keep to this schedule. When special arrangements are made for alternate hours, all offices must remain open with employee coverage. Regarding children accompanying parents to the university during work hours, the memo said, unless an emergency situation warrants it, employees are expected to make arrangements for child care. As for pets, the memo said, state regulations prohibit animals in public buildings, except for guide dogs for the visually impaired. The memo said, "We must adhere to regulations and leave our pets at home."

