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Campus closed Nov. 28/29

UAS campuses will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 28 and 29. No classes are scheduled and all offices will be closed.

Juneau Thanksgiving events

A traditional meal of turkey with all the fixins and pumpkin pie will be served in the Mourant Cafe starting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, (Nov. 26). The all-campus holiday meal will cost \$4.95.

Those willing to invite a student to their home for Thanksgiving must call Juneau campus Student Activities immediately at 465-6528.

Although food service will be closed for two days, students remaining on campus will still have a Thanksgiving meal. In a tradition more than a decade old, Student Housing will buy turkeys and students will bring pot luck foods for the Thanksgiving meal. A left-overs party and pizza supper will be held the next day.

Where are they now?

Several Juneau campus offices have recently moved or been established. Following is a listing of new locations:

Chancellor's office, Soboleff Annex

Scott Foster, Information Services, Soboleff Annex

Tish Griffin, Student Activities and Housing, Mourant Student Center ground floor

Student government, Mourant Student Center ground floor

Whalesong, Mourant Student Center ground floor

Student lounge, Mourant Student Center ground floor

Pattie Adkisson and Native/Rural Student Center, Novatney 213

DHL pick-up and drop-off location, Student Resource Center.

University job announcements, Egan Library circulation desk.



UAS students met with former Governor Jay Hammond while attending the Haines Bald Eagle Festival

Students attend eagle festival

Thirty UAS Juneau students attended the Alaska Bald Eagle Festival in Haines over the Nov. 15-17 weekend. Students visited the Chilkat Valley to view hundreds of eagles who gather to feed along the river during the winter. They also attended workshops, Native dances and met with former Governor **Jay Hammond**. Faculty member **Dennis Russell** moderated a panel discussion on the role of UAS in the Jay Hammond American Bald Eagle Research Institute.

Sitka program described

The EPA Region 10 November newsletter contains a description of the Sitka campus's Rural Alaska Sanitation Education Project. The article says the project "will help educate young people about water supply, waste water treatment, and solid waste management." It also describes the instructional units being developed for village schools and the certificate and degree programs that will promote an interest in environmental careers and will train operators.

Mourant Open house Dec. 5

A campus and public open house for the new Mourant Student Center will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. The open house will feature the new facilities and offices. On the ground floor, student government and student activities have opened offices and there's a new student lounge. On the upper floor, new furniture is being placed in the cafe and the coffee shop will be opened. As part of the open house the cafe will offer a special dinner and the bookstore is offering special prices.



Colleen Pellett hired as new executive secretary.

Executive secretary hired

Colleen Pellett begins as the executive secretary in the Chancellor's Office on Dec. 2. She replaces **Shirley Andersen** who is retiring. Pellett most recently has been Sitka's municipal clerk. She has worked for the City and Borough of Sitka since 1989 and has over 24 years of supervisory and management experience. That includes working as a supervisor at Pacific Telecom in Anchorage, as an office manager/dental assistant, and owner/manager of a private business. Pellett said her spouse's recent promotion and permanent relocation to Juneau prompted her interest in new employment.

UAS recognized in Business Week

The Nov. 11 issue of Business Week ran a full-page story about virtual universities. The article, in the Personal Business section of the national magazine, highlighted UAS and two other universities in a graphic under the headline, "Campus-Free College Courses."

UAS was cited for using "Internet, audio and videoconference, and digital phone systems to teach credit courses on topics ranging from Alaskan wildlife to health and business information systems." New York University and the University of Phoenix Online Campus were also listed.

Holiday donation drive

Donation boxes will soon appear on the Juneau campus for the 10th annual UAS Classified Association drive to gather food, clothing, blankets, toys etc. for the Glorv Hole. "It's just an unbelievable feeling when I walk in and deliver the UAS donations," organizer **Karen Cummins** said. Those willing to help may contact her at 465-6409.

Leave share donations

Leave share donations are being accepted for Ketchikan campus employees **Melissa** and **Eric Karolak** who are expecting their first child. Melissa was ordered home for bed rest in her 23rd week of pregnancy. Now, in her 33rd week, she has used her sick leave and that already donated by others on the Ketchikan campus. Others willing to help should request the sick leave donation form from their personnel office.

Students raise funds

A trip for two to the Dec. 14 Sonics basketball game is the top prize in a raffle to raise money to help Juneau campus students play in the Parks and Rec. basketball league. Raffle tickets are available from students and at the Student Activities office.

Alumni fundraising

The UAS Alumni Association will be selling raffle tickets at the Nugget Mall Nov. 23 - 24 and Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, and at Foodland A & P. They are raising money for operating funds and student activities. Prizes include Alaska Airlines tickets, a trip to Tracy Arm and dinner at Giorgio's.



Dr. Dennis Russell and UAS students toured the Greens Creek mine on Admiralty Island in late October. The group visited the underground mine and the mill during the day-long trip.

Ketchikan group visits Magadan

A team of five Ketchikan faculty, staff and students will travel to Magadan, Russia, this Sunday, to spend Thanksgiving at the International University.

Led by Ketchikan Assistant Director **Bill Trudeau** (and former Magadan adjunct faculty), the group represents Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society, Alpha Rho Beta, Ketchikan Chapter.

The Society will present a paper at the International Conference on Education in the North on the role of honors groups in student retention and academic excellence. The paper will be delivered by **Nancy Siemon**, faculty advisor to the chapter, and **Lori Conway**, student and chapter secretary.

Last spring at the conference, **Peggy Ostrom** and **Jacqueline Scott** presented a paper on the Value of the AAS Degree in Business for Students and Businesses.

The group will be gone one week. Adjunct instructors **Ed Siemon** and a new instructor from Ketchikan General Hospital will also accompany the group. **Sharon Purkis** will bring a defibrillator to the Magadan hospital from Ketchikan.

Faculty news

Cathy Connor attended the Geological Society of America Annual meeting in Denver, Oct 28-31. Sessions included using technology to teach undergraduate earth science courses, Alaskan and Cordilleran Tectonics, Environmental Geology, and records of climate change in ice cores and desert salt lakes.

Richard Hacker is starting the second year of a two-year term as secretary of the American Association for Paralegal Education. He co-chairs the Archives Project and the Textbook Catalogue Task Force.

Sue Koester, Don Cecil and **Karleen Grummett** are presenting a paper at the Speech Communication Association Conference in San Diego. The paper, "Building Bridges Within the General Education Curriculum: Creating a New Speaking Writing Connection" is the result of an experiment combining SPC 111 and ENGL 111 into one interdisciplinary communication course.

Juneau campus activities

A Montana Creek/Spaulding Meadow traverse is set for Sunday, Nov. 24. Hikers leave student housing at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in Student Activities.

How To Host A Murder takes place in the Mourant Cafe Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. Characters come in costume and act out a role to try to solve a murder. Sign up in Student Activities.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 24.

- Hike to Spaulding Meadows and Montana Creek starts at 8:30 a.m.

Tues. Nov. 26

- Turkey meal, Mourant Cafe, starting at 11 a.m., \$4.95.
- Murder Mystery, 7 p.m. Lake Room

Thurs. and Friday, Nov. 28, 29

- UAS including library and food service, closed for Thanksgiving

Sat., Nov. 30

- Egan Library extended hours 1 - 8 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 3

- Murder Mystery, 7 p.m. Lake Room

Wed., Dec. 4

- Chancellor's cabinet, 9 a.m. Novatney conference room.

Thurs., Dec. 5

- Mourant Student Center public open house, 4 - 6 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 6

- UAS students show their art at the Davis Log Cabin during the gallery walk.
- Faculty Council, TBA.

Sat. Dec. 7

- Egan Library extended hours 1 - 8 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 11

- Chancellor's holiday reception, 3 - 5 p.m. Lake Room

Nominations and applicants sought

The Board of Trustees of the UA Foundation is seeking nominations for the Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence. The prize recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellence in support of the University of Alaska and carries a \$15,000 award. Nominations are due Dec. 1.

Sophomores are eligible for the Ronald H. Brown Commercial Service Fellowship Program that provides tuition, room and board, books, and travel for the junior and senior year and first year of graduate school. Selection emphasizes applicants who are members of minority groups.

A \$250 first prize will be awarded in a national essay contest on the topic, "The ideal role for the U.S. to play in the Post-Cold War world." The papers should be between 10 and 15 pages and are due Jan. 31.

Information and applications are available in the Exchange and Internship Office. Contact **Elizabeth Schelle** at 465-6455 or in Novatney 204.

