

Soundings

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Winterfest - something for everyone!

Friday Feb. 3

8:00 p.m.: *Escape to Paradise.* Escape cabin fever and come for a night of dancing. Dance to DJ'd music in our tropic island setting (the Hendrickson Theatre). Candlelight, palm trees and a tropical set will make you want to dance the night away. Only \$2 per person.

Saturday Feb. 4

9:00-11:00 a.m.: *All you can eat Pancake Feed.* Only \$3 for pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Kids under 5 half price. Mourant Cafeteria. Winterfest Raffle drawing after all are finished eating pancaes.

10:00 a.m.: *Cross Country Ski Trip.* Sign up in the Activities office for a space. Depart from the

Mendenhall Glacier visitor's center (covered area off parking lot). Instruction for beginners available from trip leader, Dean Courtney. Pack a lunch, 1/2 day trip. Ski rental reservations available at Student Gov't. Must provide own skis and be signed up by 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3. Weather permitting.

11:00 a.m.: *Human Sled Dog contest.* Upper parking lot, Auke Lake Campus. Plastic sled pull for time, one rider (children okay), one puller for timed sprint. Prizes.

11:30 a.m.: *Snow Football.* Meet in front of the Mourant building (weather conditions permitting) for a rollicking good time. Flag football at its best. Dress appropriately.

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UA questions court decision in health benefits matter

Fairbanks Superior Court Justice Mary Greene recently ruled that unmarried couples living together should be offered the same health benefits that married couples receive.

The University of Alaska filed a motion for reconsideration on January 23 stating in part: "in assuming that AS 18.80.220's ban on marital discrimination is absolute, the court overlooked or failed to consider the Alaska legislature's explicit license to the State of Alaska and others, as employers, to discriminate in the provision of employee dependent health care coverage on the basis of marital status."

Any decision regarding an appeal will not be made until the court rules on the motion for reconsideration. The court has 10 days to respond to the motion.

Tuition waiver surveys due Feb. 6

Patty Kastelic, Executive Director of the State-wide Office of Human Resources, will be giving a report on tuition waiver benefits at the Board of Regents Human Resource Committee meeting on Feb. 17.

Surveys have been distributed across campuses to all employees; completion of these surveys will enable Kastelic's report to represent the true importance of the tuition waiver benefit to University employees.

No decisions have been made about the tuition waiver program at this time, but according to Kastelic student leaders have been pressing for changes to this program.

Completed surveys should be returned to Rita Bowen, Donna Chantry, Karen Cummins or Kim Welburn in Juneau; Pauline Fredrickson in Sitka; and Julia Mitchell in Ketchikan.

Winterfest continued

1:00 p.m.: *Hot Dogs and Cocoa.* Following snow football we'll have 50-cent hot dogs on sale and free cocoa. Mourant Cafe.

1:30 p.m.: *Ski Videos.* We'll show two ski theme videos this afternoon for free in the Mourant Lounge. Come watch and chomp down on 50-cent hot dogs.

5:00-9:00 p.m.: *USUAS Eaglecrest Ski Night.* \$5 for Students (must have Student I.D.!) \$10 General Public. Transportation available from Student Housing—sign up at the Student Housing Lodge Desk. Eaglecrest rental shop will be open for rentals. Snacks and refreshments provided.

Is winter getting you down?

Student Activities is sponsoring a raffle for student scholarships. Tickets are \$5; the grand prize is one domestic roundtrip ticket on Alaska Airlines. The drawing will be on Feb. 4 in the Mourant Cafeteria after the Pancake Feed. Tickets are available at the Student Activities Office, the UAS Bookstore, and the UAS cashier.

It's time: Early academic intervention

Faculty members should fill out Early Academic Intervention forms on students who might benefit from a contact by the Student Resource Center. Forms are available from office staff at UAS schools.

Counselors will contact students with poor attendance or who are not doing well in a class. The instructor will receive a brief report from the counselor on the results of meetings with each student.

Changes...

Starting this year Soundings will include names of those UAS employees eligible to receive 5, 10, 15, and 20-year service awards.

Service pins awarded

Richard Hacker, Law professor at the Juneau campus, became eligible for a 10-year service award on January 31.

Recruitment still on...

Numerous qualified applicants are being screened for the public information officer position. The field is narrowing and is expected to be filled before the next issue of Soundings is out. Stay tuned!

UA vice president resigns

William Kauffman, vice president and general counsel of the University of Alaska system has resigned to accept a similar post with St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Kauffman joined the UA system in 1986 as general counsel and became vice president in 1988. Before coming to Alaska, Kauffman held various posts in Kansas and Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1972. He is admitted to practice law in Alaska, Kansas, and Pennsylvania.

He will start his new post in March of this year.

Big sale at the bookstore!

5-1/4 DSDD	50% off
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UAS Post-It Notes	50% off
Assorted packaged pens	40% off
Raffle sweatshirts	\$16.00 each
Office supplies	10% off



Calendar

Wednesday, February 1 - Saturday, February 5

- Winterfest

Friday, February 3

- Sitka Campus Council

Saturday, February 4

- Drawing for Winterfest Raffle at the Mourant Cafeteria. Grand Prize: 1 domestic roundtrip ticket on Alaska Airlines. Need not be present to win.

Monday, February 6

- Tuition Waiver surveys due!

Tuesday, February 7

- Academic Curriculum Committee: 3-5 p.m., CCR.

Wednesday, February 10

- UAS Staff Council: 9:30 - 11:45 a.m., CCR.

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 15

- Statewide Academic Council: Egan Library, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, February 16-17

- Board of Regents: Baranof Hotel

Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19

- Student Legislative Conference: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Mourant Cafeteria

Students and legislators convene in Mourant Cafeteria

Student leaders and campus representatives from around the state will be gathering in Juneau the week of Feb. 15 for the tenth annual Legislative Conference.

The conference is designed for student leaders to share their campus's concerns and goals with legislators and to lobby these goals along with individual campus needs.

All students are invited to participate. The conference fee is \$15.

Check your paystubs!

Make sure your address is accurate on your paycheck stub. If a change or correction is necessary, contact Sheri or Steve in payroll.

Freebies

Have you secretly yearned for a radio at your workstation? Now is your chance! Mid-eighties vintage tape player/radio with detachable speakers (cool!) and carrying handle. Tape deck sometimes eats tapes, but the radio works fine. Call Amy at 8759.

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