

Soundings

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Alumni banquet, auction set for March 11

The annual UAS Alumni Banquet and Auction is scheduled for March 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel.

Proceeds from the auction will help support Alumni Association activities in the coming year. The list of auction items this year includes two domestic Alaska Airlines tickets.

The Alumni Association is soliciting donations of items for the auction. Those attending the event are asked to check their closets and bring an item that they think could help make the auction portion of the evening a success. Art work has been especially popular in the past along

with fishing trips, dinners, furniture and jewelry.

The Baranof is preparing a choice of prime rib or Halibut Olympia. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes the entree, salad, dessert and a gratuity. A no-host bar will be available.

Advance reservations and payment are required prior to 5 p.m., March 8. Reservations can be made at the UAS Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building. Reservations can be made by mail by sending a check and a choice of entree to: Alumni Banquet and Auction, UAS, Student Resource Center, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK, 99801.



"SOLD!"

UA funds Ketchikan caves project

Two professors at Ketchikan campus are teaming up with Forest Service professionals and a multi-media producer for an educational project on the caves and karst ecosystem of Prince of Wales Island.

A grant of \$34,000 from the university's Natural Resources Fund supports the effort.

Anthropology professor Priscilla Schulte and science professor Karalynn Crocker-Bedford will coordinate educational materials for public-school teachers and students, intended to promote knowledge of an extensive cave system on Prince of Wales Island. The water-carved subterranean limestone, known as karst, is considered to have world-class dimensions and offers prospects for geological and archaeological study.

A geologist with the Forest Service who has done pioneering work in the caves will participate in the educational project, as will a USFS archaeologist.

A Ketchikan multi-media producer will compile a slide and sound show on the caves and present it throughout Southeast. The educators and scientists want to present the island's karst features as a balanced system of above-ground water and underground processes.

Audioconference Monday to focus on possible budget cuts

Wendy Redman, vice-president for university relations of the University of Alaska, will host a statewide audioconference on Monday to explain a legislative proposal that would reduce the university budget by \$5 million, or 3 percent.

Anyone who would like to listen in on the teleconference or ask questions is invited to the Chancellor's Conference room at 2 p.m. The conference, which will last about 45 minutes, is being conducted under the auspices of the University of Alaska General Assembly.

The budget proposal is under consideration by the House Finance Committee. Redman will provide details on how such a proposal might affect various campuses.

Reminders...

"Explorations" deadline March 21

The deadline for poetry, short-fiction and art submissions to "Explorations," the annual UAS literary magazine, is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21. Submissions must be post-marked by that date.

Faculty members are asked to remind students about the deadline and this year's generous cash prizes. The first place winners in the poetry and short-fiction divisions will each win \$500. The prizes will be awarded by novelist, short-story writer and poet James B. Hall.

In addition, *Explorations* publishes three or four pieces of "black and white" art each year. Selections are determined through a juried process under the direction of Professor of Art Alice Tersteeg. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$50 and third prize is \$25.

UAS students, faculty and staff are exempt from entry fees for the contest, which to other individuals are \$2 per poem, \$4 per short story and \$5 per art submission. All funds go toward publication of *Explorations* and prizes.

Fiction and short-story submissions will be evaluated by an editorial board composed of James B. Hall, editors of *Explorations* and other writers and poets. Anyone with questions about the contest should contact Professor Art Petersen at 465-6418.



Yes, we have text telephones

Quick Quiz:

1. What is a text telephone?
2. Where is the closest text telephone to your office?
3. How do you operate a text telephone?

If you can't answer **all** of these questions, you may need help communicating with people with disabilities.

To get started, you should know that text telephones are an adaptive tool that allow you to use a regular phone line to communicate with people with hearing or speaking disabilities. Instead of speaking on a text telephone, you type responses. Instead of listening, you read.

The UAS Juneau Campus has text telephones in operation at the Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building, the Egan Library, and the Business Services Office in the Mourant Building. Plans should be under way soon to make text telephones available at the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses.

The best way to learn how to operate a text telephone is to PRAC-TICE. Employees who have never used a text telephone can learn how at a quick, hands-on training session scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 in the Chancellor's Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

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Calendar

Monday, March 7

- Audioconference with Wendy Redman regarding budget: 2 p.m. CCR

Tuesday, March 8

- Landscape Committee: Noon-2 p.m., CCR
- Concert: "Point no Point," 7:30 p.m., Chapel by the Lake, \$4 UAS students, staff, and faculty.

Wednesday, March 9

- Chancellor's Cabinet: 10 a.m. - Noon, CCR

Friday, March 11

- ADA Self-Study Committee: 11 a.m., CCR
- Annual Alumni Banquet and Auction: 7 p.m., Treadwell Room at the Baranof hotel, \$20 Advance, reservations are required.

Saturday, March 12 – Sunday, March 20

- Spring Break!

Tuesday, March 15

- Text Telephone Training: 3 p.m., CCR

Reward good deeds with "Caught in the Act" award

Has someone caught your attention lately by going out of their way to help you or someone else? Wouldn't it be great if you could make sure that person knew how much he or she helped you?

Personnel Services wants to hear from you if you have witnessed an incident where someone went beyond the ordinary to help someone out. In return, the employee will be recognized with a "Caught in the Act" certificate. Personnel Services will also forward copies of the award to the recipient's supervisor, the chancellor and the employee's personnel file. Recipients may also be recognized in *Soundings*.

In order for a nomination to be accepted it must concern a story of exceptional service. Anyone nominating someone else should be certain that they are not just describing the person but are providing details of a specific event.

"Try to avoid telling us how nice someone is or polite or helpful," said Jan Marie Ferrell of Personnel Services. "Show us by describing something they did."

Nomination forms are available from UAS Personnel Services. But filling out the correct form isn't a requirement. Just jot down details of the incident - use Email if you want - and send it in. Questions about Caught in the Act can be directed to Jan Marie Ferrell at 465-6475 or send her Email at JNJMF.