

# Soundings

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## TUXEDO JUNCTION 93

**T**uxedo Junction, the annual fund-raiser for the UAS scholarship endowment fund, is scheduled for November 6 at Centennial Hall.

General admission and ballroom table tickets are available from the UAS cashier in the Mourant Building. General admission tickets can also be purchased at Martha's Flowers or both locations of Hearthsides Books.

The general admission price is \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. Ballroom table seating tickets are available for \$20. Free table seating, which does not require reservations, will be available in the lobby.

Entertainment this year includes Mel Flood's Big Band, Los Angeles nightclub singer Barbara McNair, Tonight Show trombonist Bruce Paulson, and local pop band No One Famous. Local jazz musician John Carswell will provide music in the Casino area.

More than 300 prizes are expected to be available for Tuxedo Junction patrons. In addition, Alaska Airlines is offering a round-trip for two to Mexico as the Grand Prize Raffle. Tickets for the raffle, \$5, can be

purchased throughout the evening. For those who are unable to attend the event, raffle tickets can also be purchased from the UAS cashier.

Light hors' d'oeuvres will be served between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. At 10:30 a dessert buffet will be unveiled. The buffet will include cakes, chocolate, silk pies, baked brie, bananas foster, crepes suzette, fruit kabobs, chocolate mousse and more. A no-host bar will be available. A complementary coffee bar will also offer espresso and cappuccino. A nonalcoholic punch will also be served.



### Need some extra dough?

Workers are needed for Tuxedo Junction to help staff the raffle table, prize area and cashier tables. The positions are paid and two shifts of workers are needed.

Anyone interested in working should call Tish Griffin at 465-6529.

### Open enrollment for supplemental benefits available through November 30

Until November 30, permanent UAS employees may elect to change their supplemental benefits package for calendar year 1994.

During Open Enrollment, permanent employees may enroll in two different reimbursement account programs and/or any of three supplemental insurance plans (supplemental health, survivor income, or accidental death and dismemberment). Employees can also add or drop eligible dependents from the health plan during open enrollment month.

All employees are expected to declare their intentions to stop, start or change their optional benefits by completing and submitting an updated Optional Benefits Selection form by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The supplemental health package increases the benefits provided through the basic insurance plan. A reimbursement account provides employees with the opportunity to be reimbursed from their own tax-free payroll contributions for health care and/or dependent day care expenses.

Supplemental survivor income insurance provides additional monetary benefits to the surviving beneficiary(ies) in the event of the employee's death. Rates are based on the amount of additional survivor benefits, the age of the employee, and the employee's length of appointment.

Accidental death and dismemberment insurance provides monetary benefits in the event of death or loss of limbs or eyes as a result of an accident. Rates for this program are available from Personnel.

For more information about open enrollment, reimbursement accounts or any of the supplemental insurance plans, contact Jan Marie Dell (465-6473) on the Juneau campus or your campus personnel representative.

## Benefits Fair scheduled for November 8

UAS Personnel Services will host its annual employee Benefits Fair on Monday, November 8, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the Hendrickson Theater (HB113).

Employees can drop by to discuss their benefits package with representatives of the four pension plan and ORP sponsors, TRS, PERS, AETNA, and local financial service providers. The Statewide Benefits Office will also distribute personalized benefits statements, providing each employee with an itemized accounting of their total compensation package for FY93. Drop by the Benefits Fair to pick up your personal statement.

Free nachos will be served at the fair. Employees will also have the chance to win one of several great door prizes, including a free "special" lunch from UAS Food Service and a sweatshirt from the UAS Bookstore.

To enter the door prize drawing, employees will need to place their personal invitation in the basket in the theater before 4:15 p.m. Ketchikan and Sitka employees should return their invitations to the personnel office on campus to enter the drawing.

A phone line will be available in the theater for Ketchikan and Sitka employees who would like to phone in with benefits questions. They can call 465-6414.

If you have questions, contact Jan Marie Dell, Human Resource Specialist, at 465-6473 or JNJMD.

## Pension plan work shops scheduled

Coinciding with the 1993 Benefits Fair, Pension Plan workshops will be offered on the Juneau campus the morning of Monday, Nov. 8.

Two identical workshops will be presented—the first from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the second from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Both will be held in Whitehead Building 102.

Representatives of all four of the University's Pension Plan Fund Sponsors will provide general information about the investment opportunities available through each company.

The workshops will also help employees understand the changes coming to the University's Pension Plan early in 1994. Beginning in February, pension contributions will no longer be made to either the University-managed fixed income fund or the University equity fund, currently managed by Equitable Capital.

Employees can either redirect their contributions and balance to one of the fund sponsors or let their account default to either the new fixed income fund or default fund. This process will all be described in detail at the workshops and in a letter coming from the Statewide Benefits Office.

With so many changes at hand, now is a terrific time to take control of your financial destiny and direct your pension contributions to the investment vehicle that most closely matches your financial goals.

For information, contact Jan Marie Dell at 465-6473 or your local campus personnel office.

## Petersen presents paper at Northwest conference

UAS English Professor Art Petersen recently presented a paper at the Northwest Conference on British Studies in Vancouver, Washington.

The paper, entitled "Erasmus's Letter to a Young Gentleman And Shakespeare's Skillful Reply," concerns the influence of Erasmus on Shakespeare's non-dramatic poetry, particularly the first 17 of his 154 sonnets.

Last semester in Petersen's Shakespeare course, a team of students led by Holly Lambert assembled a transcript of Erasmus's Epistle. Lambert, who is working on a bachelor of liberal arts degree, prepared a paper on the Epistle's influence on the sonnets.

Petersen spent the summer and fall editing and "glossing" the transcript and expanding upon the work Lambert had begun. Anyone interested in a copy of the Epistle and the paper may contact Petersen at 465-6418 or send an Email message to JNAMP.

## Calendar

### Tuesday, November 2

- *Performance Standards and Objectives: 8:30 - 10 a.m., SBPA CR.*

### Wednesday, November 3

- *WICHE Teleconference: 11 a.m. in the Media Classroom, Egan Library.*
- *Performance Appraisals: 8:30-10 a.m., SBPA CR.*

### Thursday, November 4

- *Managing Performance Problems: 8:30 - 10 a.m., SBPA CR.*

### Saturday, November 6

- *Tuxedo Junction: 8 p.m. Centennial Hall. \$25 Students (9+ credits), \$35 Advance. \$45 Door. Must be 21 to attend.*

### Monday, November 8

- *Pension Plan Workshops: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10 - 11 a.m., Whitehead Building, 102.*
- *Benefits Fair: 2:30 - 5 p.m., Hendrickson 113.*

### Wednesday, November 10

- *Chancellor's Cabinet: CCR Meeting all day.*
- *Open Enrollment workshop: 9 - 10 a.m., SBPA CR.*

### Thursday, November 11

- *Wendy Redman, University of Alaska Vice President, comes to UAS to talk about Budget and Legislative issues: 10 a.m., CCR.*
- *Academic Deans and Directors: 8:30 a.m. CCR.*

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