

Soundings

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Participants sought for Japanese exchange

The Consulate-General of Japan based in Anchorage, Yuichi Inouye, visited UAS' Juneau campus Tuesday to scope out future participation by students and teachers in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.

The program, co-sponsored by Japan's Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education and Home Affairs and local governments, drew 3,785 participants this year from 10 countries.

Prospective participants can apply to serve as a coordinator of international relations or an assistant language teacher.

Coordinators of international relations are placed in municipal governments to fulfill such duties as assisting with business related to international activities and assistance with English language instruction of government employees and local residents. Assistant language teachers are assigned to local boards of education or schools and provide English instruction under the guidance of Japanese English teachers.

Applicants need not speak Japanese but they are expected to make an effort to learn or continue learning the language prior to and soon after arrival in Japan. Eligibility criteria include an age limit - applicants must be under age 35 as of July 31, 1994 - and a bachelor's degree.

Anyone interested in the program should contact Dr. Roberta Stell, dean of academic affairs and graduate studies, at 465-6472.

Proposals due for special projects

Proposals to the President for either Natural Resources Funds or the President's Special Projects Funds are due in the Chancellor's Office by Friday, December 10, 1993. Anyone needing information on either of these funds can contact Shirley Andersen in the Chancellor's Office at 465-6509.



Holiday Schedule

Authorized paid Holidays for UAS will be observed on the following dates:

Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 25, 1993 and
Friday, November 26, 1993

Christmas:

Thursday, December 23, 1993
Friday, December 24, 1993 and
Monday, December 27, 1993*

New Year's:

Thursday, December 30, 1993
Friday, December 31, 1993

* Spring recess observed on this date.

December 28 and 29 must be taken as annual leave or leave without pay.

Chancellor's reception

The Chancellor's holiday reception celebrating the term break will be held Wednesday, December 15, from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Mourant Cafeteria. Music will be provided.

Petersen to be vice-chair of Humanities Forum

UAS English Professor Art Petersen will serve as vice-chair of the Alaska Humanities Forum for the coming year.

The forum board appointed new officers and approved about \$76,000 in grants at its November 4-6 meeting in Homer. Walt Parker of Anchorage will serve as chairman.

Two new board members, April Crosby of Fairbanks and Kathleen Mechel of Nulato, were selected to replace outgoing members, Chairman Alan Boraas of Kenai College and Jim Payne of Alaska Pacific University. Crosby is an assistant to University of Alaska President Jerome Komisar.

The \$76,000 in National Endowment for the Humanities funds will focus on a wide variety of subjects, most of them Alaskan. They include:

- The life and work of Austin Hammond;
- Gold rush era research resources;
- Frederica de Laguna photo-documentary;
- Midnight Sun Writers' Series; and
- "Anne Frank in the World."

Submission dates for funding proposals are due May 1 and October 15 of each year. Anyone with questions about the Forum or about submitting a proposal can contact Petersen at 465-6418 or send Email to JNAMP.

Classified Employees' Association launches Christmas Drive

The UAS Classified Employees' Association members are gearing up for their annual Christmas drive for donations of food, clothing, toys and other usable items for needy families in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan.

"Each year the number of items donated increases and the number of people throughout Southeast Alaska who benefit grows accordingly," Karen Cummins, President of the UAS Classified Employees' Association said. "I am very pleased that University employees are generous and have compassion for people in need."

Boxes for donations will be placed in the Mourant Building, in the Chancellor's area, the Novatney Building by Records and Registration, and the Soboleff Building across from Room 208. The boxes will be in place the last week of November and will be collected on December 17.

In the past, up to 18 boxes of donated goods have been delivered. President Cummins has promised to parade around campus in a Santa suit if 20 boxes of donated goods are collected this year.

In other governance news, Donna Chantry, President of the University of Alaska General Assembly, Susan Warner, Past President of the UAS Classified Employees' Association and Karen Cummins are participating with the University of Alaska Staff Alliance members from UAA, UAF and Statewide and Patty Kastelic, Executive Director of the Office of Human Resources on development of the new compensation policy. Past President Warner brings an extensive background in compensation to the committee. She headed the UA compensation policy committee several years ago.

The work of the Staff Alliance on compensation is progressing rapidly. The group is meeting twice a month in one hour sessions to work on this and to have it completed before the February Board of Regents meeting. The new compensation policy will take effect in July, following acceptance by the Regents.

A group of Classified, APT, faculty and students is being formed to design the best approach to working effectively in the legislature in the upcoming session.

Anyone interested should call Donna Chantry at 465-6518 or Karen Cummins at 465-6402.

Volunteers needed for ADA self-evaluation committee

The University of Alaska Southeast is conducting a self-evaluation of its provision of goods and services to people with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. All three campuses will participate.

In order to fulfill the self-evaluation requirements, UAS must enlist interested persons (employees, students, or community members) to participate in the self-evaluation process. All interested persons may call Jan Marie Dell (465-6473).

Winners picked in holiday card contest

Art students Karen Beason and Skip Henderson have both been declared winners in the annual design contest for the Chancellor's holiday card.

Both won \$150.00.

Beason's card will be used this year and Henderson's design will be used the 1994 card. The winner of next year's contest will be used in 1995.

Disney Club cards available

UAS now has its own Magic Kingdom Club membership account that offers discounts to employees on admission and vacation packages to Disney attractions such as Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. and Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Anyone interested in a membership card should contact Jan Marie Dell, the UAS Magic Kingdom Club director, at 465-6473.

Henrikson published in art magazine

Steve Henrikson, curator of collections at the Alaska State Museum and a part-time art instructor at UAS, has published an extensive article on Tlingit headdresses and wooden war helmets in the Winter 1993 issue of American Indian Art magazine.

The article, accompanied by numerous color photos, focuses on the history, use and carving of the war helmets, considered to be among the most ornate and spectacular of Tlingit headdresses.

Henrikson is teaching a course on bentwood boxes this semester as part of UAS' Northwest Coast Art program.

Calendar

Thursday/Friday Nov. 26

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 26

- Open Gym Basketball: 6-8 p.m., Auke Bay Elementary Gym

Wednesday/Thursday, Dec. 1-2

- Board of Regents at Kenai

Saturday, December 4

- Ketchikan Leadership Institute

Wednesday, December 8

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

Friday, December 10

- Juneau Campus Council: 11:30 a.m., CCR

Tuesday, December 7

- Handel's "Messiah" Performance: Northern Lights Church. FREE, 7:30 p.m. Directed by Carleen Dixon. UAS employees John D'Armand, Vanessa Lujan, Carleen Grummett and Kris Pearson will be participating.

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