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Make your commencement keynote speaker nominations

Nominations for the keynote speaker at the UAS 1991 Commencement on May 3, are being solicited through March 10. Nominees should be faculty members at UAS who strongly represent his or her discipline, have made a significant and lasting contribution to the university, and will provide an interesting and articulate message to graduates.

"This is a new direction for UAS. Traditionally, we have invited community or state leaders to speak but it is now time we include those who are most responsible for the educational experiences that shape our students, our state and our future," said Chancellor Lind. Nominations should be submitted to Bruce Gifford, chair, Commencement Committee by March 10.

Wauters & Devine to give presentation in Portland

Joey Wauters, associate professor of English/director of composition and Jo Devine, assistant professor of English, have been invited to present papers on the portfolio system of assessment at UAS to the northwest regional conference of the National Council of Teachers of English. The conference will be held in Portland April 28-30, 1991.

Their presentation, entitled "Making Sense of Assessment: Writing Portfolios," will describe the English 110 evaluation process used at UAS and will provide educators with information on how to start a portfolio system of assessment in their university or school district. Last November, Don Cecil and Joey Wauters presented this research at the National Testing Network in Writing Conference in New York City.

For more information on either item, call Joey Wauters at 789-4421.



UAS Plates on sale

Barbara Burnett, UAS financial aid officer, shows the first UAS license plate issued. The plates are on sale at the State Department of Motor Vehicles for \$50 plus a \$5 transfer fee. Support UAS and buy yours today!

NEWS BRIEFS

Enrollment up

According to Bruce Gifford, director of Student Services, full time headcount on the Juneau Campus is up 15.5% over last spring at this time. UAS is within 1% of its all time spring semester high which was reached in 1987. If one factors in the transfer of the Fisheries program to UAF during restructuring and the resulting loss of full-time students who had been enrolled on the Juneau Campus, we would actually exceed the 1987 count by 5%.

UAS Legislative Conference concludes

The Sixth Annual UAS Legislative Conference started Wednesday of this week and ends tomorrow with open forum meetings at the Bill Ray Center. Sponsored by the United Students of UAS, topics include the legislative process, lobbying techniques, and question/answer sessions with legislators. Stop by; it runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UA Regents meet in Juneau

The University of Alaska Board of Regents wraps up two days of meetings today on the UAS Juneau Campus. Items of particular interest to UAS include: discussion of the classroom wing addition to the Egan Library, assessment activities at UAS, child care needs, and tuition policy and rates. Meetings are in Room 206 of the Hendrickson Building and they are open to the public.

1992-93 Fulbright Scholar competition opens

The Fulbright Scholar Program for 1992-93 includes approximately 1,000 grants for research, university lecturing or combined research and lecturing. Opportunities range from two months to a full academic year, and many assignments are flexible to meet the needs of the grantee. There are openings in more than 100 countries and, in many regions, multicountry research is possible.

Virtually all disciplines and subfields can participate. Scholars in all academic ranks are eligible to apply, from junior faculty to professors emeriti. The basic eligibility requirements for this category of Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship and Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications.

Deadlines: June 15 for Australasia, South Asia, most of Latin America and the U.S.S.R., and Aug. 1 for Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Canada, and lecturing awards in the Caribbean, Mexico and Venezuela. Application materials are available beginning March 1, 1991, from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, N.W. Suite 5M, Box NEWS, Washington, D.C. 20008-3009, (202)686-7877.

Mark this on your calendar

An Art Exhibition by UAS art students and faculty is scheduled for the Juneau Pioneers' Home from March 9 - April 1. According to George Parker, chair of the UAS Art Department, an open house will kick-off the exhibit on Saturday, March 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. and is open to artists, residents of the Pioneers' Home and the local community.

Family and friends support group

A support group for family and friends of those in the military held its first meeting February 21. Meetings take place in the UAS library conference room, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. The group is sponsored by UAS Counseling. Contacts are Shana Hormann, 789-6359 and Bev Gelston, 789-4439.

Catalog production underway

Production of the 1991-92 UAS Academic Catalog is underway with an anticipated arrival date of mid-May. Anyone who has changes or additions should call Elizabeth Hoffman in the Chancellor's Office at 789-4425.

Summer Sessions 1991

The 1991 Summer Sessions schedule of courses is now available at the Novatney Building, the Maurant Building, the Marine Technical Center and the Bill Ray Center.

Sitka Raptor Center to receive grant

The Sitka Raptor Center will receive an Arison Foundation grant of \$50,000 as part of a new \$250,000 "Tradition of Excellence" community grants program announced by the Foundation and Holland America Line-Westours Inc. The grant will assist Sitka's Raptor Center with its advanced eagle and other raptor research, and rehabilitation missions.

Want to be on TV?

Volunteers are needed to answer phones during the March KTOO-TV membership drive. UAS will choose a night between March 1 and March 17. Call Barb Mecum at 789-4530 to sign up.



A word from Personnel

To all permanent employees and temporary faculty who are enrolled in the university pension plan: you may find out, at anytime, what the current rates of return are by logging on the VAX system and typing EXPL SYPENSN at the dollar prompt.

Also, a copy of the Long Term Disability Policy Certificate has been distributed for your information. It explains the benefits, and defines terms and procedures for the policy. If you have any additional questions contact: Nayda Ferguson on the Juneau Campus, Laurie Williams in Ketchikan, or Nicole Rogers in Sitka.

CALENDAR

March

- 1** Recital by Cellist Alice Volwiler and Pianist Sue Kazama in Hendrickson Hall 7:30 p.m.
- 1** Classified Association Meeting 10 to 11:30 a.m. Chancellor's Conf. Room
- 1** Curriculum Committee Meeting 3 to 4:30 p.m. Chancellor's Conf. Room
- 8** Graduate Council Meeting 3:00 p.m. Bill Ray Center
- 9** Open House and Art Exhibition at the Pioneers' Home 2 to 4 p.m.
- 10** The Mel Flood Big Band at the Penthouse 7 to 10 p.m.

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