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Student government heads up a lobbying effort for UAS

The United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast (USUAS) have started a write-in lobbying effort aimed at persuading legislators to fund the adjunct faculty pool requested for the Juneau campus. The House subfinance subcommittee decided recently not to fund the increment. The student government office has the names, phone numbers, and addresses of legislators as well as free stamped envelopes available for students, faculty, and staff to use to send public opinion messages. For more information call 789-4537.

Award Program initiated by student government

To recognize achievement by faculty and students in the academic arena and community and student affairs, USUAS instituted an award program in January. The first Faculty of the Month Award went to Dr. Barbara Minton, assistant professor of psychology. She was recognized for her dedication to excellence in teaching, personal involvement with her students, continued research in psychology, and service to the community.

The Student of the Month Award for January went posthumously to Mark McDowell (1965-1990) who died recently in a boating accident. Mark had become a pillar of strength to the many his life had touched. He had planned to attend college full-time and graduate as an elementary school teacher.

February's faculty award went to Mona Wells, adjunct faculty instructor of Chemistry 106. She received the award based upon her teaching techniques and her willingness to make herself accessible to students on the weekends and over the phone.

February's student award went to Deborah Otto. Deborah expects to graduate this May with a B.L.A. with an emphasis in intercultural communication. She plans to use her degree to act as an intercultural communication educator, consultant and trainer.

UAS Career Fair

Some of Southeast's major employers will talk about their companies at the first-ever UAS Career Fair on Friday, April 5 at the Bill Ray Center. The fair, designed to bring employers and UAS students and faculty together, will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Rooms 152/153 of the Bill Ray Center. For more information call 789-4550.

Private apartment complex proposed

Approximately 10 acres of University land on the Juneau campus is being sought for up to 100 apartment housing units by a private party. The apartments would be built in accordance with university specifications and no university funds would be utilized. Any interest in participation in the project and any comment on the project should be directed to Jack Wolever, Regional Architect, UA, P.O. Box 210049, Auke Bay, AK, 99821.

NEWS BRIEFS

Board of Regents meetings

The Board of Regents will be in Juneau for meetings on April 18 and 19. The meetings will be held at the Westmark Baranof Hotel, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Topics to be covered will include, advance tuition payment, research at U of A and developmental education. The meetings are open to the public. For more information call 474-7908.

Juneau Campus Council to meet

The Juneau Campus Council will meet on Monday, March 25 in Room 152 of the Bill Ray Center. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last until 1:30 p.m. Topics of discussion will include student demographics, alumni and development matters and the FY92 budget. The meetings are open to the public. For more information call 789-4509.

Paula Poundstone in concert

Paula Poundstone, comedienne, will perform Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the JDHS auditorium. She has starred in her own HBO special "One Night Stand." Opening music will be provided by John Buck and Jill Perry. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Hearthside Books, M & M Music, UAS cashier, and at the door.

Commencement speaker nominations

Four faculty have been nominated to be this year's commencement speaker. The nominations are David Reaume, Associate Professor of Economics; Wally Olson, Professor of Anthropology; Vicky Borrego, Assistant Professor of Management; and Patrick Anderson, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Law Science. The Commencement Committee will meet March 29 to select the speaker.

Did you know ...?

The Whitehead Building was completed in 1969 and was the first building on the Auke Lake campus. The building was dedicated to Dr. William M. Whitehead and his wife Dorothy in 1972. The couple was very active in civic and social affairs in Juneau. Dr. Whitehead also served in the state legislature and on the UA Board of Regents.

1991 UA Press Catalogue available

The 1991 issue of the UA Press Catalogue of Publications is now available. UA Press publishes works relating to Alaska, the circumpolar north and the North Pacific rim. For a copy of the catalogue, contact: University of Alaska Press, 1st Floor Gruening Building, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, 99775-1580.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker commended for 25 years of membership

Dr. Lawrence Lee Oldaker was awarded for 25 years of membership in The American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Oldaker attended the convention in New Orleans where he also made a presentation to a delegation of Alaska School Superintendents outlining an electronic communication plan.

The next desk over

You might know her from seeing her at her desk in the Student Resource Center or maybe because she was able to answer your question. You might even know her because of the outlandish socks she wears. No matter how you know her, you know Bev Gelston.



Bev, an administrative assistant, says she really enjoys the people contact. She said she enjoys working at the university because of what it offers to others, and especially because of the people of the Student Resource Center and its "healing/growing atmosphere."

Bev has been an employee of UAS since 1987, and really knows the history behind the university, according to coworker Joan Ackermann. Although Bev's days are not numbered here at UAS, she already has plans for "retirement." Bev plans to attend truck driving school and drive a semi in the lower 48, for "as long as it's fun."

Alumni Banquet and Auction

The Annual UAS Alumni Association Banquet and Auction will be April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Taku Room at the airport. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. and the auction gets underway at 8:00 p.m. Two hours of free parking is included in the \$15 dinner price. For more information or to donate auction items call 789-4472.

CALENDAR

March

- 25** Juneau Campus Council
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., BRC
Room 152
- 26** Academic Deans/Directors
8:30 a.m. - 3:00p.m., CCR
Doran Vaughan (Disabilities)
3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Library Cont.
- 27** Chancellor's Cabinet, All Day,
CCR
- 29** Tuxedo Junction Committee
10:00 a.m., CCR
Commencement Speaker Comm.
2:00 p.m., Mourant Bldg. Small
Conf. Rm.
Graduate Committee, 3:30 p.m.,
CCR
- 31** Easter

April

- 5** Faculty Senate, 2-4:00 p.m., CCR
Alumni Banquet & Auction,
6:30 pm, Taku Room

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