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Everything but a frozen weenie eating contest

The posters are out, the ads are in the paper and there are even more puzzled faces on campus than usual. Winterfest. What is it?

"It's our answer to the loss of Taku Rondy a few years ago," says Tish Griffin of Student Services. Along with a crew of enthusiastic students, Tish is organizing what she hopes will be an annual community/campus event filled with winter activities.

Winterfest will kick off Monday, February 17 with a bonfire and ice cream social in the Chapel by the Lake parking lot. Other highlights will include a Warren Miller ski film, a back country ski trip, a demonstration by the seadogs, native storytellers, and a Fun in the Sun Dance. Pick up a complete and detailed schedule of events in the student services office or at any number of locations on campus. Information will also appear in upcoming Juneau Empires. Over 30 events are planned and February 22-23 has been designated family weekend.

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Curry secures grant

Thanks to the efforts of Jack Curry, CIS associate professor, UAS Juneau has been awarded a \$6,000 grant in the form of computer software, future upgrades and product support from the Intersolv company of Cambridge, Mass. The product is a Computer-Aided Software Engineering (CASE) tool called Excelerator.

"The program is massive," says Curry. "This is the sort of technology we need. It's at the top of the industry. State of the art."

Excelerator is already being used by a few students and will soon be put to extensive service in regular classes.

"The manuals for this thing are 28 pounds," says Curry. "So it will take some time."

Curry applied for the grant last year based on a textbook he was using which included sections on CASE tools. CASE tool technology is so new that it is included in only comparatively recent texts.

"We looked at several criteria including the course syllabus and the standing of the university," said Tina Perkinson of Intersolv's academic grant program. "We also considered the number of students who would potentially use Excelerator."

News Briefs

AIDS quilt on display

A portion of the NAMES project AIDS memorial quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS, will be on display from February 28 to March 2 at Centennial Hall. The quilt began in 1987 when San Francisco resident Cleve Jones spray-painted the name of a friend who had died of AIDS onto a piece of cloth representing the friend's grave. Soon, thousands around the world began adding the names of fallen friends to the cloth.

Several of the 488, three-by-six feet quilt panels to be displayed in Juneau already represent Alaskans who have died of AIDS.

New Alaskan panels will be added during ceremonies at Centennial Hall.

The NAMES project quilt was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

The display is open to the public at no charge throughout the weekend.

Ask about deductions for pets

Free income tax assistance for students, staff, faculty and the community will be available in the Egan Library group study room 214 on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m., February 8 to April 11. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the IRS. For information call Carol Anderson at x483.

And no peeking at a map first

Can you name all eight Mountain States, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau?

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Classified Association News

The UAS Classified Association had a full agenda at their meeting on Thursday, February 6. Chancellor Lind was guest speaker at the meeting and topics discussed included:

1. President Komisar's upcoming convocation "Vision for UAS" on February 19.
2. Leave share proposal
3. Report on the job classification review team meeting
4. Supplemental pension changes
5. Legislative update - legislation affecting the university
6. Report on system-wide response to governance restructure proposal.
7. Report on child care assessment
8. President Komisar's visit to meet with UAS Classified employees on March 4.

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In college he was voted most likely to conduct an orchestra. He lived at 25-mile in Juneau for a year without running water, phone or TV. He plays guitar, likes all music and has every Elton John, Bob Dylan and Neil Young album ever made. He likes to cook and invent recipes, and he recently began a venture in home brewing. He currently works in the Chancellor's office, and if you have ever been reimbursed for petty cash, you know who he is. Scott Clark.

Scott was raised in Thorne Bay, and after working in the Ketchikan pulp mill for a year went on to earn a B.S. in Social Sciences from Southern Oregon State College. In 1986 he returned to Thorne Bay where he was labeled a hard-nosed bill collector as he performed his municipal clerk duties of collecting utilities payments.

Scott moved to Juneau and joined the university staff in September 1989. In addition to reimbursing petty cash, he also makes travel arrangements for the Chancellor's office and governance. Scott's cost center clerk duties recently grew to include the reorganized Administrative Services.

When asked for his philosophy on life Scott replies, "I think it's a big video game that God hasn't quite gotten the hang of yet."



Mountain states answer

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

CURRICULUM

Writing across the

Many of you missed our very productive Writing-Across-the-Curriculum workshop, which was held the week before classes began. We discussed grading rubrics, peer critiquing, and available Learning Center support; in addition to our discussion, there were lots of samples and suggestions that people were willing to share. If you are interested in receiving a packet of sample writing materials, please contact Jo Devine at x397 or leave a note in her Soboleff box. Those of you who are assigning writing in your classes should let Jo know so she can meet with you to discuss the kind of support you may want or need. Check your box for information about our next WAC brown bag lunch later this month.

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Of interest across UAS: Donna Chantry, president of the association, will be receiving updates and copies of Senate and House bills affecting the University of Alaska from the Vice President for University Relations. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of these bills should contact Donna at 789-4538.

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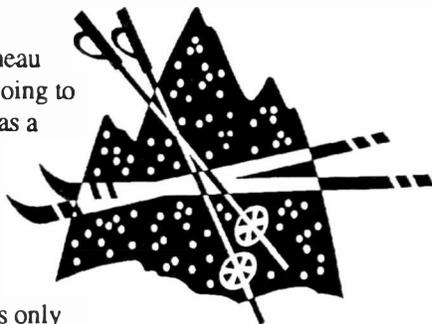
"We've got all the skis left over from the Juneau ski club's sale last year," says Griffin. "We're going to start the week by tossing them onto the bonfire as a sacrifice to the snow gods."

Most Winterfest activities are not contingent on weather, but several, such as the ski trip, will depend on sufficient snow and cold temperatures.

The Fun in the Sun Dance, however, depends only on an appropriate frame of mind and a free hand with the thermostat.

"We're going to crank the heat in the student housing lodge," says Griffin. "People should definitely dress for the weather." That means shorts, tank tops and beach sandals. Palm trees and other items will be brought in for atmosphere.

When you come out to a Winterfest activity, try to bring a friend who is not necessarily affiliated with UAS. This will help build community interest and involvement and insure the future success of Winterfest.



Calendar

February

- 12** Chancellor's Cabinet
10-12 p.m., chanc. conf. rm.
- 13** UAS Assembly
12-1 p.m, chanc. conf. rm.
- 14** Juneau Campus Planning Team
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Novatney conf. rm.
- 14** Academic Curriculum Committee
3-5 p.m., chanc. conf. rm.
- 19** Convocation with
President Komisar
Hendrickson Theatre,
10:30-12:00 p.m.
- 20-21** Board of Regents
Ketchikan campus

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