

Soundings

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Candidates discuss UAS

A Juneau candidates forum hosted by the Classified Association on Oct. 20 in the Egan Library gave students, staff and faculty the chance to question local House and Senate candidates on issues affecting UAS. Participating in the forum were District 3 House challenger Dale Anderson (R), District B Sen. Jim Duncan (D), District 4 House challenger Ken Dunker of the Alaska Independence Party, District 4 Rep. Bill Hudson (R), District 4 House challenger Chuck Ramage (D), and District 3 Rep. Fran Ulmer. Ketchikan and Sitka were connected to the forum via audio-conference. Donna Chantry moderated.

In their opening statements all the candidates expressed a deep commitment to the university system and pledged to fight for sufficient funding in the legislature.

"I'm concerned that commitment to education in this state sometimes falls short at the university level," said Duncan. "A period of declining revenues is not the time to cut back on university spending."

All of the candidates more or less agreed with Duncan's assessment that university budgets should be a top priority, but Dunker used the funding issue to create the only real moments of disagreement or controversy in the one and a half hour forum.

Addressing the issue of funds for the new classroom wing - the project vetoed last session by Gov. Hickel - Dunker was openly critical of UAS, saying he would not support building additional classroom space until the school's housing shortage problem was solved.

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Tersteeg exhibits new prints

Professor of Art Alice Slattery Tersteeg will be exhibiting 16 new prints at the Waterfront Gallery, Nov. 13 - 27. The exhibit will include relief prints, etchings and silkscreens based around a flora and fauna of Alaska theme. Tersteeg said she is excited about the Waterfront show because it shows a commitment to local artists.

"There are not many galleries in Juneau that display original work," says Tersteeg.

The opening takes place Nov. 13, 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Waterfront Gallery, 236 S. Franklin.

All of the prints will be for sale.

Quote of the week

“Television is for appearing on, not looking at.”

- Noel Coward

Mammograms available on campus

Student Services is hosting the Bartlett Memorial mobile mammogram van on campus Nov. 2 - 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aetna and other insurance plans will be accepted. Mobile screening costs \$100 and takes about 45 minutes. Appointments can be made by calling Rita Bowen at ext. 457, or by stopping by the Student Resource Center.

According to a recent USA Today article, researches from Harvard and Sweden have determined that babies who weighed over 8 pounds at birth have a 30 percent greater risk of developing breast cancer later in life. Larger babies usually indicate higher estrogen levels in the mother, which, according to researchers, may account for higher incidence of breast cancer. Babies whose mothers experienced toxemia during pregnancy are 75 percent less likely to develop breast cancer later in life. Toxemia is generally the result of low estrogen levels in the mother.

Tuxedo Junction just a week away

All your Tuxedo Junction questions answered

For one evening this fall in Juneau, Gortex will not be in style. Alaska tennies will not be regarded as practical footwear. And that new \$300 slush-resistant, industrial shoveling-suit will not arouse whispers of envy from your friends. For one evening this fall in Juneau, elegance and romance, satin, silk, corsages and heels will prevail.

At 8 p.m., Nov. 7 in Centennial Hall, the University of Alaska Southeast will open the doors to Tuxedo Junction, the university's annual student scholarship fundraiser, and one of the most anticipated social events of the year will again be under way.

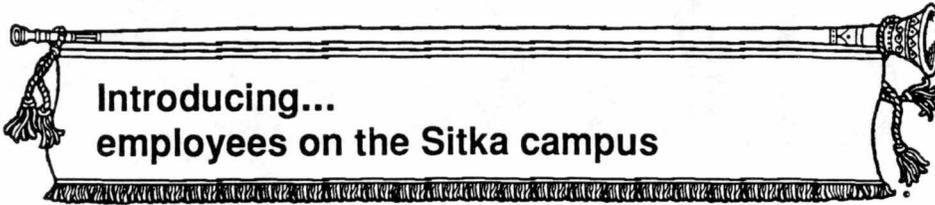
A new twist at this year's event will be the debut of an exquisite dessert buffet prepared by Westmark catering with this year's theme in mind. The buffet menu will likely be banned from the reading list of any sensible calorie counter, but its epicurean appeal is impossible to dispute: a flambe station featuring Bananas Foster and Crepes Suzette, chocolate-dipped strawberries and cherries, and other delectable treats.

Other food and refreshments will include cheese, crackers and a snack mix available throughout the evening, and

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Introducing... employees on the Sitka campus

Donna Chantry and Margaret Fenton traveled to Sitka on Sept. 16 and 17 to hold the Classified Employees meeting. They asked classified staff there to write a short paragraph about themselves for introduction to the rest of the campus community. Introducing the (some of them) classified staff in Sitka:

Pauline Fredrickson, CPS: executive secretary for 17 years, life-long Alaskan, perennial student, enthusiastic supporter of the good things the university does for Southeast Alaskans.

Bill Hert, Building and Equipment Supervisor: journeyman electrician, certified diver, raised in Ketchikan, graduated from Kayhi, interested in anything to do with the outdoors.

Juli A. Philibert, Academic Support Coordinator: moved to Fairbanks in 1981, received degree from UAF in 1985, came to Sitka in 1989 and joined the staff at UAS in 1990. Job includes scheduling and arranging facilities for classes, workshops and meetings, working at the front desk (which includes the bookstore), maintaining course files, and coordinating course/instructor evaluation process.

Kathy Niles, Admissions Clerk: moved to Sitka from California in January 1991, began working for UAS in February,

responsible for all degree program students and application process, registrations, enter all class information, recruitment of Law Enforcement Training Program students, and myriad other odds and ends which appear in a small campus environment. "Lots of work, very stimulating, and I enjoy it."

Trina Pellett, Department Secretary: started work at the university in 1990 as a student worker, became department secretary, prepares schedules, works at the front counter, designs posters, prepares newspaper ads, etc. She's married to a commercial fisherman, has two daughters and enjoys fishing at Dry Bay during the summer.

Colleen Dahlquist, Clerk Specialist II: With husband moved to Sitka in October of 1987 with the Coast Guard and decided to make Sitka home, anxiously awaiting first child around Oct. 20. She joined the university in May 1991 as the switchboard operator and enjoys it immensely. Also runs the video tape library and is the GED test administrator.

Max Guthert is in Juneau not Sitka: former UAS student, temporarily taking Andra Early's position in School of Business and Public Administration, life-long Alaskan, two dogs, three kids.

Classified News

Donna Chantry was elected President of the UA General Assembly at the Sept. 30 meeting in Fairbanks. Due to the amount of time this position involves, **Margaret Fenton** has become the acting president of the Classified Employees Association and will conduct all CEA business. If you have any questions or problems, please call Margaret at 789-4505 or e-mail at JNMEM.

The Classified Association held its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 15 in the Media Services Classroom. Among the topics discussed were the legislative

survey, the legislative candidates forum, the new Chancellor's Award, and the new Caught in the Act award from Personnel. The most important topic of discussion was employee health care benefits. **Patty Kastelic**, executive director of statewide human resources, joined us via audio-conference to update us on the issue. Because of the importance of employee health benefits, and because APT employees are not represented in UAS governance, they were invited to attend this meeting.

The next classified meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12.

Candidates continued from front

"You're recruiting students up here to Juneau and then just leave them homeless," Dunker said with a tone that angered some of the audience. Every other panel member said the new classroom wing was a top priority. Dunker, a former UAS student, went on to say that he "has the university in my heart."

Attempts by the audience to challenge Dunker's opinion were cut short by a question from Ketchikan raising concerns about the equitable distribution of funds to UAS sites outside of Juneau. Duncan responded that he believed legislative allocations had been fairly distributed and Chancellor Lind, also in attendance, concurred.

Ulmer spoke of the increasing need for partnerships between private enterprise and education, pointing to UAS's successful mining technology program.

"UAS has a great opportunity to build partnerships with the private sector," said the former Juneau mayor.

Non-university topics were dominated by the state of the economy and the prospect of dwindling oil revenues.

"If we don't take control of our budget this year, we are in real deep trouble," said Anderson, who agreed with Ulmer on the issue of cooperative efforts between UAS and private businesses.

Hudson, responding to a question about the power-in-numbers legislative delegations from Anchorage and Fairbanks, said "Southeast has to fight as a delegation to make sure we don't get left in the lurch."

Ramage painted a somewhat brighter economic picture than the other candidates, speaking optimistically about new oil finds and steady revenues. He also referred to the key role education has played in fueling economic juggernauts in Japan and Germany in building a case for increased support of the university system in the state, and UAS in the region.

Soundings is published by the UAS Office of Public Information. It is distributed to UAS employees each pay period, and to others upon written request. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon prior to that Friday's publication. Send submissions to 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801, 789-4530.

Announcements

- DHL pickup time in the business office has been changed from 4 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- A wedding reception for former UAS student **Caje Holst** will be held in the Mourant cafeteria Nov. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. All friends of the family are invited.

- UAS's application for a Targeted Training Program grant has been approved by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The \$71,000 grant provides federal financial assistance for safety and health training in the logging industry beginning Sept. 30, 1992.

Amer. Assoc. of State Colleges and Universities memo includes sex, money and Colin Powell

- The 1,800 entering freshmen at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota are being required to take a course on preventing sexual assault. Without the class they will not be able to register for the winter quarter. The courses have drawn both controversy and praise from students, a local newspaper reported.

- Nearly half of fiscal 1993's \$498 million Pell Grant increase, \$240 million, will go toward the program's \$1.4 billion shortfall, and its maximum grant will fall from \$2,400 to \$2,300, U.S. House and Senate conferees recently decided.

"We're very disappointed that the first appropriations bill after the Higher Education Act reauthorization has reduced rather than increased federal support for some very important programs," said AASCU Vice President for Governmental Relations Edward Elmendorf.

- Pulitzer prize winning author Eudora Welty and General Colin L. Powell, chair of the Department of Defense's Joint Chiefs of Staff, are AASCU's Distinguished Alumni Award winners for 1992. Welty attended Mississippi University for Women from 1925-27, and Powell is a graduate of City University of New York, City College.

Fuller legacy lives at UAS

World Game set for Nov. 15

The World Game Institute, a workshop on global issues originated by Buckminster Fuller, will be held Sunday, Nov. 15 in Centennial Hall from 1 to 5 p.m. Reservations are required. Priority registration for students, faculty and staff takes place at the Student Activities office until 5 p.m., Oct. 30. Registration is open to the public beginning 8 a.m., Nov. 2.

The World Game Institute is a nonpartisan research, education and planning organization that develops tools to help individuals and groups recognize, define and solve global and local problems in a global context. This is a multimedia event using a large map, slides and individual participation. More than 40,000 people and 300 universities around the world have participated in World Game events in the past. Research shows that participants remember 80 to 85 percent of what they experience versus the typical lecture style format in which recollection is as low as 15 percent. For information call Student Activities at ext. 528.

Tuxedo Junction continued from front

coffee, espresso and cappuccino served by the Heritage Coffee cart. No-host bars will be provided and complimentary non-alcoholic punch and coffee also will be served.

A fast-paced stage show produced by Janice D. Holst and emceed by KSUP's Ron Davis will kick-off at 10 p.m. The half-hour salute to elegance and romance will feature vocal selections from Bill Garry and Dana Zimmerman.

Music has always been a big part of Tuxedo Junction and this year is no exception. The 15-piece **Mel Flood Big Band**, featuring vocalist John Moore, will perform standards made popular during the Big Band Era.

Flood's band has been busy rehearsing the Glenn Miller hit "Tuxedo Junction" for the midnight dance contest, another new feature this year. Contestants dance at midnight while the big band plays Miller's familiar arrangement and celebrity judges pick the winning couple. Free tapes of the song are available at the Student Services office.

Free dance lessons are also being arranged by Tuxedo Junction organizers. Instructor Janice Holst will lead students through waltz, fox-trot, cha-cha, rumba and swing steps, Nov. 3 and 5, at 7:45 p.m. at The Penthouse.

Dancers more inclined to twist than fox trot will not be disappointed. Alternating sets with the big band will be No One Famous, a rhythm and blues sextet featuring a host of Juneau music-scene veterans. The band plays covers of songs made popular by everyone from James Brown to ZZ Topp.

The casino will include, of course, what every top-flight casino must: cards, chips and dice, blackjack, poker, roulette and craps. Players buy chips and then use earnings to buy items in the prize area. Craps lessons will be provided in the casino.

Tuxedo Junction tickets are available in advance at Hearthside Books, Martha's Flowers and from the UAS cashier in the Mourant Building. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Tickets for full-time students (9 credits or more) are \$25. Seat reservation tickets are \$20 and available only from the UAS cashier.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



- Bartlett Memorial Hospital is continuing its tradition this year of providing free candy bag X-rays. X-rays will not verify drugs, glass or wood products in candy, but can detect metallic objects. Bags will be X-rayed on Oct. 31, 6 - 10 p.m.

- The 41st Annual Douglas Lions Club Ghost Walk takes place Oct. 31, 4 - 7 p.m. at Mt. Jumbo Gym for preschool through elementary age kids. A costume contest, games and candy bags highlight the event.

- Glacier Valley Elementary School will hold its annual Halloween carnival from 6 - 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

Know rules, save money

If you remember to notify Intracorp according to policy when you are admitted to the hospital, it could save you \$500. During the first six months of 1992, Intracorp saved the University of Alaska \$163,294.

The goal of Intracorp's Utilization Review Program is to review the appropriateness of care provided to employees and their covered family members. Although most health care services provided are medically necessary to correct a patient's problem, there are many instances each year where surgeries and hospital stays are not necessary. In these cases, alternative treatments can solve the patient's problem.

The review process also helps the university control health care costs. Between January and June, UA employees and their dependents spent 963 days in hospitals, for an average length of stay of 4.47 days. By working with employees' physicians to keep hospital visits as short as possible and to eliminate unnecessary procedures, Intracorp saved the university \$163,294. in medical expenses, after Intracorp administrative expenses.

As a reminder, UAS employees are required to notify Intracorp at (800) 327-6845 in the following circumstances:

- Seven days prior to a non-emergency inpatient admission.
- If admission is an emergency, within the first two days of admission or on the first business day following a weekend or holiday admission.
- For pregnancy cases, notify within the first three months, and then again within two days of admission for normal admission. Notify seven days in advance for scheduled cesarean deliveries.
- The following outpatient procedures need to be pre-authorized at least seven days in advance of the appointment if they are performed on an elective basis: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and arthroscopy.

If Intracorp is pre-notified the special \$500 inpatient deductible is waived.

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Intracorp's Medical Information Service — Medline — is an information service that gives you and your dependents immediate access to the medical knowledge and experience of Intracorp's healthcare professionals. You can reach Medline by dialing 1-800-327-6845. All calls are confidential.

If you have questions about the Intracorp Utilization Review Program or the latest summary, please contact **Jan Marie Dell** in Personnel Services, ext. 473 or JNJMD.

Baby bits



On Sept. 30 Vanessa Michell Early greeted her mom, **Andra Early** of the School of Business and Public Administration, and dad, Mike, with a little whimper and cry. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Everyone is doing great.

There are two new additions to the UAS community in Sitka:

On Oct. 21, Nicole Rogers gave birth to a baby boy. His name is Frank Rogers V, and he weighed in at 9 pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

Colleen Dahlquist had a baby girl on Oct. 25th. Her name is Brittany Ellen and she weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

Congrats to the new parents and welcome to the little ones!

Policy reminder

Any employee of the University of Alaska may in good faith report to a public official or a public body or testify before a public body about a matter of public concern.

A matter of public concern means a violation of federal, state, or local law, a danger to public health or safety, gross mismanagement, a substantial waste of funds or clear abuse of authority, or a matter under investigation by the state ombudsman.

Such reports must not disclose any information which is legally required to be kept confidential.

An employee initiating a report must first submit the report to the employee's immediate supervisor unless the employee reasonably believes it would be futile to report to the supervisor, an emergency exists or that reprisals or discrimination would result.

Employee protections and obligations regarding reports of matters of public concern are fully stated in Alaska Statutes 39.90.100 through 39.90.150. A copy of the statutes is available for employees to review during normal business hours in Personnel Services.

A rainy night, a warm fire, a good book

Several in-depth books about implementing Total Quality Management in higher education are available for check out from the UAS Personnel Services Office. Titles include:

"Total Quality Improvement Guide," by Robert Comesky and Samuel McCool

"Using Deming to Improve Quality in Colleges and Universities," by Dr. Robert A. Comesky, et al.

"Implementing Total Quality Management in Higher Education," by Robert Comesky, Sam McCool, Larry Byrnes and Robert Weber

Call **Jan Marie Dell**, ext. 473 or JNJMD to arrange a loan or stop by Personnel Services.

Kastelic rescheduled

Executive Director of Statewide Human Resources **Patty Kastelic** ran into a problem even more impenetrable than a legislative budget gridlock: fog at the Juneau airport. Her appearance at UAS, scheduled for Oct. 28, was postponed due to impossible landing conditions and will be rescheduled for sometime next week, according to **Donna Chantry**. Kastelic will meet with UAS employees to discuss the current health care benefits issue. Keep eyes and ears open next week for information.