

Soundings

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UAS receives large donation

UAS received the largest portion of the nearly \$3 million Verna Hurley Carrigan estate, it was announced last week. Carrigan, a lifelong Juneau resident who died earlier this year, prospered from the sale of her family's business, Juneau & Douglas City Telephone Co. The estate settlement included gifts to the Juneau Public Library, Gastineau Humane Society and Bartlett Memorial Hospital, but by far the largest amount of money, \$893,074.56, went to the university.

According to terms designated by the Carrigan estate, the money will be used for two purposes at UAS:

"Half of this devise is to be used for the purchase of books, equipment and facilities for the library at the UAS Juneau campus. Half of this devise shall constitute an endowment for scholarships at the Juneau campus for students from Southeast Alaska, with a preference in the discretion of the university authorities, for students from the Juneau and Douglas areas."

Carrigan wanted to give something back to the community, said Bruce Garrison, estate executor.

"It's a business that grew in Juneau and she's basically giving the money back to Juneau, which I think is absolutely phenomenal," Garrison was quoted in a story in the Juneau Empire.

Nephew Bob Hurley explained that Carrigan believed in the work done by each of the recipients. Ed Webster, Carrigan's grandfather, started the telephone company in Juneau in 1893. It was the first commercial telephone system in Alaska.

"This show's Verna's ultimate commitment, her sense of belonging to the community," Hurley told the Empire.

Employees' Christmas check list

Employees will receive paychecks two days early on Wednesday, Dec. 23, just in time for last-minute shopping! At 5 p.m., Dec. 23, the entire university system will close until Jan. 4, 1993.

While it will give us all a chance to relax and spend time away from our jobs, the closure creates some problems for the payroll office.

This year, the university will not be able to process a payroll during the closure, so all of the work must be done ahead of time. The UAS payroll office needs your help to make this possible.

All timesheets for the pay period Dec. 13 to Dec. 26 must be turned in by Dec. 17. You will need to estimate your work hours and/or annual leave usage for the period between Dec. 17 to Dec. 26.

Paychecks may be delayed if payroll does not receive your timesheet on Dec. 17.

As usual, with the holiday closure, all phones in each department should be transferred to the main number for the department. For departments with answering machines, make certain the message indicates the Christmas closure. All other departments should transfer the main department number to ext. 472 at 5 p.m. on Dec. 23. A machine will advise callers of the campus closure. No messages will be taken.



Art professors get grants

Art instructors from UAS campuses in Juneau and Sitka will receive travel grants to help them attend a major conference. Alice Slattery Tersteeg of the Juneau campus and Linda Halfon of the Sitka campus will be receiving Rockefeller Grants to partially fund travel and stay in Seattle in February. "Building a Northwest Coast Native Arts Program: A University Outreach Effort Working to Revive and Respect Traditional Arts" is the topic to be presented at the 1993 Annual Conference of the College Art Association during the three-day conference. Congratulations!

Give

If you haven't seen the bright pink flyers yet, the time for giving is here. UAS Classified Association is collecting donations for the Glory Hole during this Christmas season. Anything and everything is appreciated and needed, from food to old clothes to toys to pet supplies to... anything at all you can think of. Gift wrapped donation boxes will be placed in the Chancellor's Office, Records and Registration and the Egan Library. Delivery will be made to the Glory Hole by Dec. 21.

Don't forget

The annual staff and faculty Christmas party will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Mourant Cafeteria. Food, music, friends and fun await, but remember that classes are still in session and offices must remain open, so please alternate attendance.

Quote of the week

“ When money speaks the truth is silent. ”

- Russian Proverb

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

Leave donations needed

Vikky Smiley, an administrative secretary for the School of Career and Continuing Education, continues to need donations of temporary disability (sick) leave from fellow employees. Smiley is recovering from surgery and may require approximately three more weeks of leave. If you wish to donate leave to Smiley please contact Kay Bosshardt, ext. 507, or Steve Kozaczewski, ext. 479, for a donation form.

The Leave Share Program is established to allow employees to voluntarily transfer hours from their unused temporary disability leave balance to the temporary disability leave balance of an employee with catastrophic medical crisis.

Employees donating temporary disability leave hours to another employee do not realize any income or incur any deductible expense or loss upon the surrender or deposit of that leave or its use by the recipient.

Temporary disability leave donated and used by the recipient is the property of the recipient and will not be returned to the donor.

If you have any questions about the leave share program please contact Robin Quinn-Dowling,, ext. 534.

Optional benefits deadline approaching; Time running out

Employees have until Dec. 15 to make supplemental benefits choices for '93

Dec. 15 is the last day for employees to turn in Optional Benefits Selection forms for calendar year 1993. Forms must be received by 5 p.m.

Employees are expected to declare their intentions to stop, start or change their enrollments in a variety of supplemental benefits programs. Program choices include: supplemental health coverage, health care reimbursement accounts, dependent day care reimbursement accounts, supplemental survivor income insurance, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

If employees fail to submit an updated form, they will be automatically enrolled (at the new rates) for plan year 1993 in the same program choices they made for 1992 (except reimbursement accounts).

Last minute information and forms can be obtained from your campus personnel office.

The future belongs to those who plan for it: plan yours by Dec. 15

Employees in the university's Fixed and Equity Pension Plan may change their investment allocations between the fixed and equity accounts for the next quarter until Dec. 15. Changes will be effective Jan. 1. Forms are available in the personnel office.

Employees who would like to transfer their fixed and/or equity balance to a fund sponsor may make such changes at any time. However, changes made by Dec. 15, will be effective on Jan. 1.

Current contributions can be directed to a fund sponsor at any time. Your contributions will be sent to your selected fund sponsor in the next payperiod. Forms are available in the personnel office.

If you have any questions regarding the Pension Plan and your options please call ext. 479 or ext. 507

Special deals from Student Government

The big snowfall hasn't come yet, but it can't be far off. With that in mind, Student Government is reminding people that it will have cross-country skis available for rent spring term. The cost for rental of cross-country skis, boots and poles is \$5 per day, \$10 per weekend for faculty and staff. There is no charge for students. Faculty and staff may rent skis on an as available basis, while students can make reservations. For weekend use, faculty and staff may rent available skis from 2 to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

A refundable \$75 deposit is required on each set of skis rented. Forfeiture of the deposit may result if the equipment is not returned by the time indicated on the agreement, or if there is damage to the equipment in excess to that attributable to normal wear and tear. Faculty and staff will be charged a \$10 late fee for each day the equipment is not returned after the time indicated on the agreement. Late fee for students is \$5 per day.

For those less than overjoyed at the coming of snow season, student government is sponsoring a discount deal at Northern Hot Spots. UAS students, staff and faculty can purchase five tanning sessions for \$10. Buy your coupons from the UAS cashier and make sure that you bring a current UAS ID.



"It's perfectly okay for an employee to disagree with me. It's not wise, mind you, but it's okay."

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