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Childhood Development Associate Credential Project underway at UAS

Increasingly, more importance is being placed on the profession of early childhood education, whether it's day care in the home or in a center or preschool setting, and a project underway since May 1989 at the University of Alaska Southeast is offering a credential that is nationally recognized and well respected. The Childhood Development Associate Credential is now being coordinated at UAS through the efforts of Kay Greenough in the UAS School of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences.

According to Greenough, the project coordinator and UAS instructor of early childhood education, "anyone who completes the Childhood Development Associate (CDA) credential is going to be a much stronger and more effective teacher." The 17-month project received \$80,000 in federal discretionary funds last May to reach its goal of certifying 15 individuals. Greenough says it makes good sense for the project to be part of the UAS education curriculum citing what she calls a reciprocity manual: a procedure that allows for reciprocity between the UAS early childhood education curriculum and CDA requirements. "The CDA project augments and enhances the UAS coursework that many of our students are doing," she said. According to Greenough, UAS is the only four-year university in the nation to receive one of these grants.

The CDA credential is awarded to those who can demonstrate competency in 13 functional areas: safety; health; learning environment; physical development; cognitive (thinking and reasoning skills); creativity; communication (language development); self, social and guidance (self concept and esteem, social and emotional development, and self discipline and self control); families (how to involve parents in their children's learning); program management; and professionalism. Candidates must document how they are competent by 1) completing a portfolio of three entries in each of the 13 functional areas; 2) a series of formal observations by CDA advisors who are professionals in the field of early childhood education; 3) observations by one or more parents of children in the candidate's classroom; 4) completion of a questionnaire by all parents of students in the class; and 5) meeting with a local assessment team (LAT) which includes a national representative, usually from Alaska. For example, Greenough said, "Native Alaskan women completing the CDA tell their story of how they taught themselves to be good teachers. The portfolio process lends itself well to the oral tradition. There is also a strong emphasis in bicultural learning and teaching in the CDA program."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student Regent to visit Juneau

Buddy Van Hatten, student representative on the University of Alaska Board of Regents, will be on the Auke Lake campus Wednesday, February 21. He will be available to meet with anyone who is interested in Board of Regents' affairs.

Voc Ed Career Day at the Mall

A Vocational Education Career Day will be held Saturday, February 10 at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Representatives from the UAS Institute of Mining, the UAS School of Regional Vocational/Technical Education and UAS Advising will all be on hand to meet with the public. This kicks off Alaska Vocational Education week, February 11-17, which by Governor Steve Cowper's executive proclamation will coincide with the American Vocational Association's Vocational Education Week. The Governor's proclamation recognizes the investment that vocational educators, administrators, counselors, advisory members and the business community have made in Alaska's greatest resource - its people. Cowper's proclamation urges all citizens to acquaint themselves with vocational programs offered throughout the state. Stop by the Nugget Mall on Saturday, or call the Marine Technology Center, 789-4428, to talk about degree programs and short courses.

Tax Time

A Tax Guide for College Teachers & other College Personnel - as well as all other tax forms, are available on the Main Floor of the Egan Library near the Reference Desk. It's a good bet that if you asked around or looked, there are probably some books available in the library that would help direct you through the tax morass. Don't delay, or you'll pay!

Childhood Development Credential (Cont.)

Greenough has worked in the field of early childhood education for 23 years. "I used to teach preschool and was one of the founders of the Juneau Cooperative Preschool in 1969. In the 60s, I participated in what was then called the "War on Poverty" by becoming involved in the Head Start Program, a program that now requires every head teacher to have the CDA certification," she said. Since then, she has done private consulting around the state while setting up programs in kindergartens and preschools, training teachers, and setting up provisions using federal funds. Her consulting work provided the impetus to go after her own credentials, and she received her Masters in Human Development with an emphasis in college teaching from Pacific Oaks College in 1987. She has been teaching part-time at UAS since 1981.

She has been coordinating the CDA training programs for a number of years under the auspices of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Head Start Program in Southeast Alaska, but she said, this is the first time it has been offered as a UAS coordinated project.

Her work on this project has included training CDA advisors for work in a number of different locations and she said this is the first time a UAS/CDA training project has trained advisors who live in the same communities as CDA candidates. She has a very detailed training manual which she has developed over the course of her work as well as self-study materials and video tapes for candidates' use.

Greenough emphasizes that the CDA certification heightens awareness and increases self-esteem and self-concept, especially for home-based day care providers who often feel very isolated. The overall effect of a project like this is to provide higher quality care for children ages newborn to 5 years old.

The project has certified three and currently has 39 working toward that goal in Wrangell, Sitka, Hoonah, Skagway, Petersburg, Klawock, Craig, Ketchikan and Juneau. The project is slated to end in September of 1990 when federal funding expires. If the project is not picked up as part of the School of Education's regular budget, Greenough said, "the important link of coordination between CDA credential and UAS curriculum would be lost, and I would hate to see that happen."

For more information on the program, or to talk with Greenough, call the UAS School of Education, Liberal Arts and Science at 789-4417.

Linda Rosenthal World Concert Tour

UAS Professor of Music Linda Rosenthal leaves from Anchorage next week for a two-and-a-half month World Tour with about a dozen stops planned including London, Japan, India, China, and Taiwan. Her concert in Taiwan will be in Chia Yi, Juneau's sister city, and was included in the tour because of Mayor Bruce Botelho's mention of Rosenthal's interest in a world tour in his letter to the Chia Yi mayor.

Linda said she began letting people know of her interest and availability of doing a tour when she knew she would be on sabbatical leave from UAS this year and that she is delighted with the response she has received. She plans to spend three or four days at each stop and will play solo for most of the concerts. The sponsor at each concert will provide a pianist and at several concerts she will play with an orchestra. She said she plans to play selections from her album plus works of more substance. She will be playing her 1772 J.B. Guadagnini after giving a great deal of thought as to which violin to take on the tour. Needless to say, the violin never leaves her side on a trip like this one. Rosenthal will return the first of May to play at UAS Commencement on May 4, and to gear up for the Juneau Jazz and Classics Festival May 11-19. She will return to her teaching duties at UAS this fall.

Regents to meet in Juneau

Regular meetings of the UA Board of Regents will be in Juneau at the Westmark Baranof on February 22-24. The current agenda includes: reports on the community college mission at UAS; Six-Year Plan revision; programs to expedite teacher licensing; revenue projections; status of FY91 operating and capital budget requests; land development plans; retirement incentive program; implementation plan for compensation policy; tuition policy revision; FY91-FY92 tuition rates; Alaska WAMI program tuition; information on completed projects at UAA; consultant selection for a UAA project; concept approval for revenue bonding of student activity fees for a UAF project; and schematic approval for UAF projects. Items may be added or deleted as agendas are developed.

Patient Care Class

A Patient Care/Nurse Aid Certification class will be offered February 26 through March 30. This five-week, three-credit class will qualify students for work as a certified patient care assistant/nurse aid. The lecture portion of the class will be held at the UAS Marine Technology Center and the clinical portion will be at Bartlett Memorial Hospital and the Pioneer's Home. Joyce Dowd, RN at Bartlett, is the instructor. Call the UAS School of Vocational/Technical Education at 789-4428 for more information.

Mendenhall Chrysler Gift

The University of Alaska Southeast's School of Regional Vocational/Technical Education recently received a donation of parts from Mendenhall Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge, Inc. which will be used for demonstration in the automotive technology program classes. According to Arne Lysholm, assistant professor of power/automotive technology, the parts are of great value as teaching aids in his classes and he welcomes donations of this kind.

Wedding Bells

Candy Wass is now Candy Murdock, Congratulations! Barbara Hoffman married John Hyde on Ground Hog's Day in Salem, Oregon. If they see their shadows on their anniversary, what does that mean? Congratulations!

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Aids Video Presentation

On February 15, 1990 a video tape of a live, interactive teleconference on aids in the college community will be presented from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Student Study Room of the Mourant Building at the UAS Juneau campus. The program, titled **Aids in the College Community: From Crisis to Management**, features a panel of nationally recognized experts offering perspectives from the medical, legal, student affairs, housing, and clinical psychology fields. The program's perspectives are of particular interest to school and agency professionals and will include an update on the illness itself. The presentation is sponsored by UAS and Shanti of Juneau and is free of charge. Call 789-4560 for more information.

Port lecturers wanted

Princess Tours is looking for port lecturers for the Star Princess which boards in Vancouver and embarks on seven-day cruises of the Inside Passage from May to September. Port lecturers give a 40-minute lecture in each port, coordinate with the shore excursion managers, and generally serve as the on-board expert. While there is no pay for the job, the lecturers do receive round-trip air fare to the point of embarkation, a private stateroom for themselves and a guest, and meals and various discounts while on-board. Send a letter of interest and a resume to Greg Luke, Princess Tours, 174 S. Franklin Suite 207, Juneau, AK 99801. Or call him at 463-3900.

Spring 1990 Computer Seminars

Seminars are offered free of charge to faculty, students and staff of UAS. Register at least 3 days prior to seminar date by telephone or stop by the Computer Center at the Auke Lake Campus in the Whitehead Building. Seminars may be cancelled if fewer than three students register.

Introduction to PageMaker on the MAC

Friday, February 9	10:00 - 12:00	BRC MAC Lab
Monday, February 12	2:00 - 4:00	BRC MAC Lab

Introduction to Microsoft Word on the MAC

Tuesday, February 13	1:00 - 3:00	BRC MAC Lab
Wednesday, February 21	1:00 - 3:00	BRC MAC Lab
Friday, March 2	2:00 - 4:00	BRC MAC Lab

Introduction to Microsoft Excel on the MAC

Friday, February 16	12:00 - 2:00	BRC MAC Lab
Tuesday, February 20	12:00 - 2:00	BRC MAC LAB
Wednesday, February 28	2:00 - 4:00	BRC MAC Lab
Thursday, March 8	2:00 - 4:00	BRC MAC Lab

Introduction to the VAX Mail system

Tuesday, February 20	9:00 - 11:00 am	WB Rm 221
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Introduction to WordPerfect on the IBM

Thursday, February 22	2:00 - 4:00	WB Rm 221
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For more information or reservations, call 789-4521

Presidential Search Meeting

The University of Alaska Presidential Search Committee is scheduled to hold a meeting on Friday and Saturday, February 9 - 10, 1990, which will convene at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the Sherman Carter Conference Room, located in the John Butrovich Building, 910 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Japanese Survival Course

Legislators, their staff and other interested people can learn about Japan in a 12-week course in Japanese survival skills.

The course will be taught by Christie Choko Gissberg, an instructor at the University of Alaska Southeast. It is designed to provide a basic knowledge of Japanese business protocol and an introduction to conversational Japanese.

The course, which costs \$120 for 24 lessons, is being sponsored by Sen. Mike Szymanski, D-Anchorage, chairman of the Senate International Trade and Tourism Committee and Rep. George Jacko, D-Petro Bay, chairman of the House Special Committee on Foreign Trade.

"As the United States and especially Alaska conduct an ever-increasing volume of business with Japan and as more and more of us deal directly with Japanese business people, an understanding of how to best conduct those dealings will benefit all of us," according to a memorandum describing the course.

Symanski said Americans generally are ill-prepared to greet and do business with Oriental peoples and the course is designed to help them with protocol and basic skills.

The course will cover such matters as the procedure for giving out business cards, seating in rooms, punctuality and customs regarding the giving of gifts, he said. If the course on Japan is successful, Szymanski said, a similar course on the Soviet Union may be offered.

Living with Aids

Jim Carrithers, a fisherman from Petersburg, will discuss what it's like to live with AIDS on Thursday, February 15 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. in the Student Study Room of the Mourant Building.

UAS Instructor to attend symposium and study in Russia

UAS Instructor Alexander Dolitsky will visit the Soviet Union this summer to attend an international symposium on the "Chronostratigraphy of Paleolithic of North, Central, East Asia, and America: the Paleocological Aspect," and to pursue his doctorate through the Academy of Science while working on an archeological project in the Altay Mountains, north of Mongolia. His doctoral work may involve three or four students or scholars from Juneau or elsewhere within Alaska in his fieldwork.

The symposium will be held from July 23 through August 11, in Novosibirsk and at present over 60 specialists from the U.S., Asia, and Europe, and 70 Soviet scientists are planning to participate. The first six days of the symposium will include scientific reports and discussions for all participants with the remainder of the symposium devoted to three separate field excursions into the following areas: the Altay Mountains, the Yenisei River Basin, and the Cis-Baikal area.

Dolitsky was invited, along with UAS Professor Wallace Olson, to attend the symposium by Director of the Academy, A.P. Derevyanko, who plans to visit Juneau in April. The academy has a membership of about 10,000 applied scientists and researchers from the U.S.S.R. Derevyanko will be in the U.S. to deliver lectures at Harvard University and has planned to visit Juneau for ten days, April 3 - 13, to meet with UAS officials and give several lectures.

Dolitsky said Derevyanko has invited him to the Soviet Union for 2-1/2 months to attend the symposium and that it has been agreed that he will work on his doctorate. The work will be an ongoing project studying the early paleolithic period of the Altay Mountains north of Mongolia. He said it is one of only about four archeological projects conducted by Americans in the Soviet Union. He is currently preparing for the conference and the visitation of sites where he plans to conduct archeological surveys and eventually a site excavation. He is hoping to find evidence of the early middle paleolithic period, 100,000 to 25,000 years ago, since this is an area of possible occupation of Neanderthal people.

At present, Dolitsky is planning to take three or four students or scholars with him each year to work on his archeological project and this year he would like those students to attend the symposium as well. Those interested should contact Dolitsky immediately so arrangements can be made prior to March 1. Students or scholars should be studying the field of archeology or have archeological expertise.

Dolitsky said he has worked toward this project since 1983 but the political climate has never been exactly right. "The door has nearly opened several times but was always closed until Glasnost," he said. He has taught Russian language and contemporary life in the Soviet Union at UAS since 1986. He earned a masters degree from Brown University which involved work in the archeology of South Central Alaska during which time he worked with the Louis Giddings collection. He originally came to Juneau in 1985 to work as an archeologist for the U.S. Forest Service.

February Student Activities

14th - "For Your Information"

Pam Braun, "Introduction to Massage," HA 104/ 10 am until 11 am.

"Music at Mourant"

Larry Thompson, Music of the 50's-90's, Mourant/11am til 12:30pm

20th - "For Your Information" Rosalee Walker, "Civil Rights"

Presentation and video, Student Housing/ 7 pm until 9:30 pm

21st - "For your Information" Blanche McSmith, "Our Local Black History"

Presentation, and video, Student Housing/ 7 pm until 9:30 pm

United Way Award

For our part in the 1989 United Way campaign, the University of Alaska Southeast was acknowledged with a Silver Award at the United Way annual banquet. Your contributions helped United Way Southeast go beyond its goal of \$325,000 to a final total of \$350,000.

Tasty Treats then the Tour

All UAS classified and APT employees are invited to create a gastronomic delight and come to the Monday, February 12, potluck that will be held in the Egan Library conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and afterwards take a tour of the new library. For more information, call Susan Warner at 789-4514.

Traveling Boat Show

Eric Leegard, Marine Technology Instructor at the UAS School of Regional Vocational/ Technical Education, will travel to Dillingham the last weekend in March to conduct a workshop on fiberglass boat repair. The class is being made available through the University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program.

Basketball games

This year's season is winding to a close, so don't miss your last chance to see the UAS teams in action.

Whales

Feb. 9 10:00 pm vs. Simon Fraser U.

Feb. 10 10:00 pm vs. St. Martin's College

Feb. 23 8:00 pm vs. Central Washington U.

Feb. 24 8:00 pm vs. Seattle University

Lady Whales

Feb. 12 8:00 pm vs. Sheldon Jackson College

Feb. 13 9:00 pm vs. Sheldon Jackson College

Feb. 16 9:30 pm vs. Seattle Pacific U.

Feb. 17 9:30 pm vs. St. Martin's College

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