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Sitka receives \$500,000 Wood Products funding

The UAS Sitka campus has received first-year funding in the amount of \$539,000 to begin a program directed toward helping Alaska become competitive in the value-added wood products industry.

"UAS will now be able to develop facilities, staff and expert assistance for individuals, industry and government agencies focusing on forest products utilization issues," according to Kathie Etulain, assistant director at the Sitka campus and one of the principal investigators for the project.

Program funding comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) through UAF, Alaska's land grant campus. Only eight other universities nationwide participate in this special grants program. For the past 15 years this has been an on-going program with annual funding going to participating universities in a non-competitive grant process. The appropriation for next year's funding for the UAS Sitka program is \$650,000, pending congressional approval.

UAS will be working in conjunction with staff/faculty at the UAF School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management in Fairbanks to impact the forest products industry statewide.

UAS has also committed \$150,000 of this year's grant money to support the Alaska Manufacturer's Association in their efforts to establish an in-grade testing program in Ketchikan.

Evening at Egan talks Fridays at 7 p.m.

Professor Emeritus Wally Olson presents "Spanish Expeditions to Alaska, 1774-1792" at 7 p.m. Friday in Egan Library. It is the latest in the Evening at Egan fall series. Cathy Connor presents "Disappearing Southeast Alaska Glaciers," on Oct. 27.

UA enrollment

UA President Mark Hamilton reports fall enrollment figures show that the University of Alaska has stopped the decline in enrollment, and is edging upwards. Student headcount systemwide is up 2%, and student credit hours are up 1.3%, he said. Student tuition revenue is up 4.4%.

Among the main campuses, UAS in Juneau has the strongest showing with student headcount and student credit hours up 4% and 1.4% respectively.

UAF student headcount and student credit hours are up 1.3% and 0.9% respectively. UAA, showed a decline in both student headcount and student credit hours of 2.1% and 1% respectively.

When enrollment figures from the community campuses are included, each university showed an increase in student headcount.



Greg Wagner tells the UAS story at a college fair.

Recruiting trips

More Student Services staff than ever before are attending college fairs to promote UAS. Dean of Students Bruce Gifford will attend national fairs in Chicago and Milwaukee that attract 15,000 and 8,000 students respectively. Greg Wagner is currently attending fairs in Portland, Seattle and Boise. Timi Tullis attends the Ketchikan fair and Teri Smith attends upcoming fairs in Anchorage and Fairbanks.



Egan classroom addition.

Classroom addition approved

The first phase of construction on the William Egan Library Classroom Wing Addition at UAS was approved by the Board of Regents at their most recent meeting, at a cost not to exceed \$3.8 million. The first-phase construction contract is expected to be awarded by the end of the year.

Hypnotist Oct. 26

Andrew Becker will "explore the outer limits of your mind" during a performance at the Juneau Student Activity Center at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26. The hypnotist's show is free to SAC members and \$5 general admission. A special dinner in the Mourant Cafe will precede the show.

Halloween events

Juneau campus offices are challenging each other to Halloween decorations/costume contests. The Education, Liberal Arts and Science office is so confident they will prepare a potluck lunch for any other office that beats them. Student activities programmer Lola Savatgy is coordinating judging. Personal costume judging takes place at 1 p.m. in the Mourant Cafe on Oct. 31.

Banfield Hall haunted house for community children is 6 p.m. on Oct. 28. The UAS Holiday Dance starts at 9 p.m. Oct. 28 at the SAC. Prizes will be offered for the best faculty/staff costumes at the dance Oct. 28. Manager Dave Kleinpeter says, "This would be a great time to attend a function, mingle with students while never revealing your identity." Faculty and students read "Stories on a Dark Night," starting at 9 p.m. on Oct. 30 at SAC.





Beer/wine tasting Oct. 27

The UAS alumni have organized a beer and wine tasting event to raise money for student scholarships. It takes place from 6–8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Hanger Ballroom. Tickets are \$20 and available in the Chancellor's office. Call 6416.



CPM in Ketchikan

The Certified Public Manager series is being revitalized on the Ketchikan campus. Both Level One and Level Two of the statewide professional training program will be offered next school year and is coordinated by Cathy LeCompte, who heads the campus Business Education department.

Ketchikan campus

New Ketchikan student government officers have been selected to join President Vicki Inkster. They are: Cheryl Killian, vice president; Tami Frank, treasurer; Roxie, secretary; Margaret Cloud, social chair; and Karma Cobb, student representative.

Several Ketchikan classes are starting. They include Radar Observer, next week; First Aid/CPR, Oct. 28/29; Refrigeration Certification next month. Food Service classes are in the development stage for next fall.

Faculty/Staff News

Mike Dunning, Ketchikan history, working as president of the Tongass Historical Society, helped co-host the "Museums Alaska/Alaska Historical Society Joint Conference held Oct. 6–9 in Ketchikan. He also presented a paper "100 Years of Tourism in Ketchikan and Southeast Alaska."

Don Monteith, Juneau anthropology, presented a paper: "A Century of Repression, Expressions and Celebration: The Tongass and Cape Fox Tlingits' Pursuit of Identity and Recognition," at the Ketchikan conference.

Don Cecil, Juneau communications, presents a paper entitled "Reclaiming What the Academy Has Pushed Away: Integrating Spirituality with the Teaching of Writing" to the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Denver this March.

Bruce Wright, Juneau biology, made a presentation to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council on Northeast Pacific Ecology with an emphasis on predation Oct. 7 and will give a similar presentation to the JASON Foundation in Boston on Oct. 19–20.

Jane Terzis, Juneau adjunct art, has been included in "Painting Alaska," the most recent volume of Alaska Geographic. It includes about 100 current and past Alaska artists.

Karl Sears, Juneau, has been hired as a maintenance service worker and will work in student housing.

Teri Smith, Juneau advising, is accepting a position as an athletic academic counselor at the University of Minnesota. She said the new job "just fell in my lap. I wasn't looking." Smith said her move has nothing to do with UAS. "I love this school. It's a great place. It's growing." Her last day is Nov. 3.

October anniversaries

Arnel Bolanos, 5 years; Amy Carroll, 10 years; Tom Dienst, 8 years; Mark Hildebrand, 7 years; Barbara Hyde, 18 years; Russ Pagenkopf, 4 years; Elizabeth Robbins, 2 years; Susan Warner, 15 years; John Carnegie, 5 years.

Textbook orders due

Bookstore: Textbook orders for spring classes are past due. Textbook requests should be submitted immediately. A one-day Halloween sale takes place on Oct. 31 with an additional 10 percent discount for those in costume.

Readings

Local writers Heidi Goshko, a part-time UAS student, and Tom Linklater will read poems and stories at the Literary Reading Series, "Between the Lines," at 7 p.m., Oct. 23 in the Back Room. The series is co-sponsored by UAS English faculty.

Call for papers

Great Plains Alliance for Computers and Writing is seeking proposals for workshops, demonstrations, or presentations by Nov. 15. See: www.departments.dsu.edu/gpacw

Corrected Sitka enrollment

The total Sitka campus headcount is up 1.19 percent and full-time headcount is even with last year as of 31 days into the semester. Total credit hours generated are up 4.17 percent. Previously published figures in Soundings were incorrect.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 20

- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Lounge
- Wooch Een, 2 p.m., Novatney 213
- Evening at Egan, "Spanish Expeditions to Alaska," 7 p.m., Egan Library

Saturday, Oct. 21

- Peabody's Monster concert, 9 p.m., SAC
- Computer Gaming Club, 7 p.m., Computer Lab

Monday, Oct. 23

- "Between the Lines" readings, 7 p.m. Back Room

Tuesday, Oct. 24

- PEACE club, noon, Mourant Lounge

Wednesday, Oct. 25

- 3 on 3 basketball tourney, 8 p.m., Auks Bay School

Thursday, Oct. 26

- Hypnotist Andrew Becker, 8 p.m. SAC

Friday, Oct. 27

- Alumni beer/wine fundraiser, 6–8 p.m., Hangar Ballroom
- Evening at Egan, "Disappearing SE Glaciers," 7 p.m. Egan Library
- Extreme climbing films, 7 p.m., SAC

Saturday, Oct. 28

- Banfield Hall Haunted House, 6 p.m.
- Halloween costume dance, 9 p.m., SAC
- Computer Gaming Club, 7 p.m., Computer Lab

Monday, Oct. 30

- Film, "Orlando", free, noon, SAC
- Stories on a Dark Night, 9 p.m. SAC

Tuesday, Oct. 31

- Halloween faculty/staff costume contest judging, 1 p.m. Mourant Cafe.

Friday, Nov. 3

- Evening at Egan, "Tongass Cave Project," 7 p.m. Egan Library

Regents

The Regents meet Nov. 16/17 at UAF. See the agenda at www.alaska.edu/bor/

The site also includes Summary of Actions–Oct. 5–6 and official minutes from meetings on July 27 and June 8/9. Click on "Minutes." The Regent's Finance, Facilities, and Land Management Committee meets Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. at UAF to review the operating and capital budget request proposals.

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