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John Hart and Joyce Helens are shown in their cowboy/cowgirl garb.

Helens & Hart Are Cowboy Action Stars in Anchorage

Joyce Helens, executive director of UA Corporate Programs, and her husband, **John Hart**, who is on the UAA faculty, participated in the third Annual Shootout Under the Midnight Sun, the Alaska Territorial Cowboy Action Shooting Championship held in North Birchwood in Anchorage.

They are members of the Alaska regional affiliate of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), an international organization created to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting as well as the history (1845-1899) and spirit of the Old West. Find out more at http://www.sassnet.com.

"In the competition, we use single action pistols, such as Colt 44s and lever action long guns such as Winchester Model 1897," Helens explained.

John Hart is this year's president of the Alaska group.



Joyce Helens, executive director of UA Corporate Programs.



Eva Kopacz

UAA's Eva Kopacz Takes Academic Liaison Position

Eva Kopacz, associate professor and MSW Field Education Coordinator in the School of Social Work at UAA, has been named Academic Liaison for the next year in the office of University President Mark Hamilton.

Kopacz, the third UA faculty member to hold the position, which rotates each year among UA faculty members, succeeds Dr. Carol Gold who has returned to the UAF History Department.

Kopacz received her bachelor's degree from Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, and her MSW degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She did post graduate work at the Greenwich Institute for Psychoanalytic Studies in New York City.

She will be living in Fairbanks for the year. Kopacz has been at UAA since 1995, and from 1992-94 she was an assistant professor in Behavorial Sciences and Human Services at UAF.

New Employee Orientation (NEO) Program Begins

Tuesday, July 2nd, Statewide Human Resources held the first session of the newly completed New Employee Orientation (NEO) program. SWOHR Recruiters **Jennifer Balster** and **Lisette Richmond** developed the new program and will conduct it twice a month.

Previously UAF assisted Statewide by including new statewide staff in their orientation sessions. "There are lots of benefits to conducting NEO on site", said Lisette Richmond. "Travel time is reduced and new employees have the opportunity to meet other statewide staff." Jennifer Balster added, "In addition to benefits information, new employees will learn about the university structure, the role statewide plays in assisting the MAUs, the Statewide Administrative Assembly and the Professional Development Program."

All statewide new hires will be scheduled by SWOHR to attend the onsite NEO. Current employees are also invited to attend for additional information about benefits and employment at statewide. Please contact Jennifer at x1832 or Lisette at x1833 for the time and location of the next session.

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Alaska EPSCoR Assists UA Research with Grant Awards

By V. Janene Sikkink

The Alaska Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) office has completed its second round of internal awards competitions. After merit review of the proposals, 41 awards worth $701,200 were allocated to the recipients. These internal competitive awards support faculty, graduate and undergraduate research projects, and research equipment.

The results from this round are:

- 23 graduate fellowships ($17,000 each) $391,000.
- 6 undergraduate fellowships, $23,000 total.
- 7 seed grants, $130,395 total.
- 2 equipment grants, $111,469 total.
- 2 small college research partnership grants, $39,978 total.
- 1 small college research grant, $5,389 total.

Project Director, **Dr. George Happ**, expressed his thanks to the Research Focus Area Faculty and students for participating in this competition. The complete list of recipients is available on the EPSCoR website: http://www.alaska.edu/epscor.

Four Research Focus Areas were chosen through multi-stage, merit-based reviews. The four Areas/Leaders are
1. Alaska Genome Initiative/Bert Boyer and Amy Denton,
2. High Latitude Contaminants Consortium/Dan White and Craig Woolard,
3. Infrastructure and Systems for Cold Regions/Doug Goering and Orson Smith and
4. Integrative Approaches to Environmental Physiology/Brian Barnes.

RFAs fund new faculty appointments and research instruments as well as provide support for undergraduate and graduate student research. All RFAs involve UAF and UAA; physiology and contaminants also include UAS.

Alaska EPSCoR is a university-state partnership that builds Alaska-based research that addresses national priorities in physiology, genomics, engineering, and contaminants.

EPSCoR programs in 22 states and Puerto Rico aim to strengthen science and technology infrastructure for enhanced research competitiveness in universities, for broader participation of students in science, mathematics, and engineering, and for increased linkages among higher education, government agencies and the private sector.

Alaska EPSCoR is made possible through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Steve Smith Presents Paper at Pacific Council Meeting

Steve Smith, UA's chief technology officer, presented a paper at the 2002 mid-year meeting and seminar of the Pacific Telecommunications Council, of which UA is an institutional member.

Smith, co-chair of the Seminars and Education Committee, presented a paper entitled, "Solving the Rural Conundrum of High Cost, Low Return, Telecommunications Infrastructure to Remote Populations: An Alaska Perspective on Partnerships, Subsidies and Competition."

What's Going On With Training?

The Human Resources Department has recently formed the Statewide Professional Development Advisory committee. The committee is a diverse group of individuals, ranging from upper level managers to administrative assistants. The committee consists of 14 members, 2 of whom are Anchorage employees and will be meeting for the first time Wednesday, July 11th.

Committee members were selected, based on their level of interest in Professional Development, as well as the role they play within the organization.

"We really wanted to make sure we represented all employees, we have administrative assistants, IT professionals, upper level managers, accountants, and other trainers," says Melissa Hill, Professional Development Coordinator. "It's important to have a diverse group, it gives employees an opportunity to talk about what training they would like to see offered."

The main purpose of the committee will be to provide guidance to the program.

Governor Names New Regents

Governor Knowles this week named Byron Mallott of Juneau and Mary Hughes of Anchorage to the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

"Byron Mallott and Mary Hughes have the experience, dedication, and commitment that's needed to guide our university in fulfilling its mission of academic excellence and leadership for growing our economy," Knowles said.

Both of their terms as regents run through 2009. Mallott fills a seat previously held by Marlene Johnson of Juneau and Hughes succeeds Mark Begich of Anchorage.

A new student regent will be named early next year after UA campuses have a chance to select student nominees from which the governor will make the appointment.

Transitions



Judy Higgs, administrative secretary for Statewide Financial Services (replacing Mary Dwyer).



Catherine Fitzgerald, administrative assistant, Land Management.

For Sale or Trade

Send your items for sale or trade by e-mail to: **bob.miller@alaska.edu**

Kate Wattum x5974:
Shopsmith Mark V - 500 all parts, attachments and manuals for the basic unit: disc sander, tablesaw, drillpress, lathe and horizontal boring machine. Assorted attachments including: bandsaw, biscuit joiner (never used), sawdust collector, chisel set (5 piece - never used), Grinding Wheel II (never used). $1200.00 OBO

Jennifer Balster 488-0610:
1996 Toyota Tercel DX, 4 door, new struts and timing belt, 40 mpg, immaculate interior, no body damage, needs new windshield. Asking $4000.

Erika Van Flein, x7545(days), 457-6017 (evenings):
Free aged horse manure. Great for gardens. You haul it away. Dont' be shy, there's lots!

Matthew Miranda x5455:
Same laptop, new low price. Gateway Solo 9550, 1.13 Ghz Pentium 3, 512 mb Ram, 30 Gb hard drive, Geforce 2 32 mb Cd-RW/DVD drive, extra internal 20 Gb hard drive, extra Li-Ion battery (6 hours life) $1900 obo

Betty Studebaker 479-4925:
Like New - 2 HermanMiller Task Chairs, Dove Grey color, tall, pneumatic stool with full foot ring, seat and foot ring have height adjustment. A great deal at $250 for pair.

Alesia Willey at 457-1699:
Suzuki GZ250 Street Bike $2,000 obo.

Janet Jacobs 457-5790:
Honda FR700 Rototiller. Very good condition, starts easy, works well. $700.

Barb Stockwell 474-6498:
1999 Royce Union Comp 1 Freestyle BMX Bike Chrome color $75 obo

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