



Update: New Residence Hall on Juneau Campus

Construction of the new freshman residence hall is well underway on the Auke Lake campus and is slated to open in time for the fall 2014 semester. Situated between the Noyes Pavilion and Auke Lake Way, the new residence hall has several advantages for new students. The 120-bed, suite-style hall is located directly on-campus, a short walk from dining services, the Egan Library, and the UAS Learning Center which offers free tutoring services and test proctoring, faculty and academic advising, classrooms, and many student activities. The location is also right across from the public bus stop.

The residence hall will feature a special group area and adjoining kitchen for meetings and social gatherings as well as flexible individual and group study spaces. The top floors look out on one

of the most spectacular views in the world: Auke Lake and the mountains and Mendenhall glacier beyond!

The new facility will house first-time freshman and is in addition to an existing residence hall, two-bedroom apartments, and four-bedroom apartments. The application period for student housing for the fall 2014 semester opened Monday, February 3rd.

There are numerous benefits to living on-campus beyond simple convenience. In addition to being part of a community of residents, faculty and staff, students living on-campus finish college faster, are exposed to a wider range of ideas and cultures, are challenged to develop strong interpersonal skills and feel more safe and secure in their living environment.

Pearson in New Zealand

20th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals

Assistant Professor of Marine Biology Heidi Pearson was in New Zealand attending the 20th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals in Dunedin, Dec. 9-13, 2013. She and co-authors presented on the effects of climate change and mussel farming on dusky dolphins in New Zealand, and the knowledge and conservation attitudes of whale watch passengers in Juneau. Following the conference she conducted fieldwork in Kaikoura, New Zealand with the goal of developing a short-term suction-cup tagging method for dusky dolphins. Updates from the field will be posted to a blog on UAS Online.

Audible Art of Place 2014

Spoken word is the theme for this Spring's Art of Place series. Audible Art of Place 2014 kicked off on Friday, January 31 at 10 AM in the Glacier View Room with Tlingit elder Paul Marks (Raven) and Standing Rock Sioux writer and storyteller Mona Susan Power. They demonstrated the purpose and meaning of oratory among indigenous cultures. The next Art of Place event, "Telling History" is scheduled for Friday, February 21.

UAS Admitted to Prestigious Math Organization, Ceremony Set for April 17th

UAS will become home to the first (and only) Alaskan Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon. Pi Mu Epsilon is the National Mathematics Honorary Society established in 1914 to promote mathematics and to recognize successful students of mathematics. The UAS chapter will be the 376th chapter of the organization, and will be designated the Alaska Alpha Chapter.

A Pi Mu Epsilon Councilor will travel to Juneau for a formal installation ceremony scheduled for the evening of Thursday, April 17 on the Auke Lake campus. A first group of students and some faculty members will be inducted into the Alaska Alpha Chapter as lifetime members of Pi Mu Epsilon at the event. "On behalf of the Mathematics program, and Pi Mu Epsilon, I would like to extend a formal invitation to all of you to attend this event," said Mathematics faculty Christopher Hay-Jahans. More information on the honors organization can be found on the Pi Mu Epsilon website: www.pme-math.org/organization/whatispme.html

Alaska Marine Science Symposium Presentation

Associate Professor of Biology and Natural Sciences Department Chair David Tallmon attended the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage, January 20-24, 2014. He presented a poster, "Tallmon, DA, RP Kovach, J Joyce. 2014. Climate induced changes in phenology, evolutionary potential, and productivity for multiple salmonids."

Walz Co-edits Journal on Fantômas

Issue devoted to Fantômas, a popular criminal anti-hero in France at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Robin Walz (Professor of History, Juneau) and Sándor Kálai (Professor of Communications and French, University of Debrecen, Hungary) have co-edited the most recent issue of the on-line journal, *Belphégor, Littératures Populaires et Culture Médiatique* (University of Limoges, France, and Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia). The issue is devoted to Fantômas, a popular criminal anti-hero in France at the beginning of the twentieth century (<http://belphegor.revues.org/75>). Walz and Kálai co-authored the introduction, "Fantômas a cent ans" (Fantômas is one hundred years old).

"Forum@360: Living the Language"

UAS affiliated Tlingit speakers and educators discussed what it means to live the Tlingit language and ways to incorporate it into our homes and communities on a recent forum taped for 360 North public television in Juneau. Tlingit speaker and clan leader David Katzeek spoke on the power and spirit of the Tlingit language, adjunct instructor Marsha Hotch spoke on bringing language into the home and introduced a mentor/apprentice program, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages Lance Twitchell addressed how to create a multilingual community and linguist Alice Taff highlighted language resources for the community and demonstrated how to use existing online tools. "Forum@360: Living the Language" can also be viewed online at 360north.org.

Economics Professor Presents on Natural Disaster Readiness

Assistant Professor of Economics Brian Vander Naald travelled to Tampa, Florida in November to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association. He presented his research paper entitled "Time Use Responses to Natural Disaster".

English Faculty Members Engage with Community

Assistant Professor of English Emily Wall was recently featured on KTOO-TV and presented some of her new poems at the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. Wall and fellow Assistant Professor of English Ernestine Hayes also participated in an author's reading at the Juneau Public Library with Arlitia Jones, who wrote "Rush at Everlasting", a Perseverance Theatre stage production.

Hayes Commissioned for Pictorial History

In December 2013, Juneau writer and Assistant Professor of English Ernestine Hayes released her new book *Juneau*. The book tells the history of the capitol city through pictures with elaborate captions. It's a departure from her usual writing style. But the book builds on her effort to clarify the history of Native people. The book shows how the city was formed and important events and individuals that shaped its early development. Publisher Arcadia Press asked Hayes to write it as part of their "Images of America" series that covers a broad range of American cities and towns. In keeping with the series' focus, Hayes concentrated on the city's early history, in the late 1800s and early 1900s. "I limited it more or less to the founding or beginning, or how Juneau originated in the place where it is today," said Hayes. Hayes added that even though she knows a fair amount about her hometown, the book required a lot of research and many hours of sifting through images to find the ones she thought would best illustrate historical events.