



# Soundings

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## Holiday closure

UAS will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2. However registration for spring class will continue over the phone for those who have taken a class since fall 1997. Juneau campus housing, including the lodge, will remain open.



Food Service provided another elegant evening for the Chancellor's Holiday Party.

## Holiday party

Juneau campus faculty, staff, alumni and students took part in the annual Chancellor's Holiday Party Thursday afternoon in the Lake Room. Debra Halman won the Alumni Association fall raffle drawing and received two Alaska Airlines domestic tickets. Other winners included Veronica Shaffer of Business and Public Administration, Lisa Flores, and Matt Anderson. The Alumni raffle raised more than \$2800 for scholarships and programming. Chancellor John Pugh expressed special thanks to the Food Service staff who work while the rest of the campus enjoys the results of their efforts.

## Ketchikan campus poetry

'Twas the night before finals and all through the house  
Computers were running and so was the mouse  
The books were all open, students reading with care  
In hopes that an A was lurking somewhere  
Their brains were all weary, the tests were ahead  
While visions of grade points danced in their heads  
And teachers in hallways and others in class  
Were hoping and wishing that all would please pass

## Grades due 19<sup>th</sup>, posted 21<sup>st</sup>

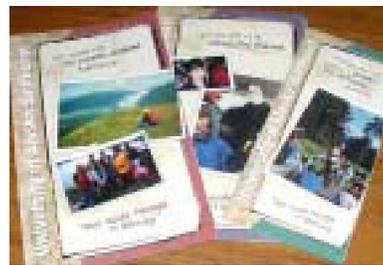
Fall semester grades are due from faculty to Records and Registration by Dec. 19. Most grades will be posted by Dec. 21. Students can find out their grades online: <http://students.alaska.edu> or by phone in Juneau at 465-6305 or outside of Juneau at 1-888-547-0440.

## Governor's UA budget request announced

A \$16.9 million increase to the UA operating budget for the coming year has been requested by Gov. Tony Knowles. The governor is also seeking a \$39 million UA capital budget, including \$6.3 million in state funds. The university's budget request is focused on recruiting and retaining Alaska students, offering academic programs directed at training Alaskans to fill the jobs, and building the technological capacity of the state.

## KeyBank contribution

UAS has received an unrestricted \$25,000 donation from KeyBank. Win Gruening, senior vice president, said, "We feel the university is an important part of the Alaska economy." Chancellor John Pugh said unrestricted gifts provide an important flexibility to support projects where state funding is unavailable.



New brochures will be mailed to prospective students.

## Recruiting brochures

The final three Noel Levitz brochures to be used in the Juneau campus' Enrollment Management program have been delivered from the printer. Each brochure emphasizes a specific topic: Student Life, Affordability, and Successful Future. The brochures will be used with a previously produced search piece and viewbook. Each, with a similar style and look, are part of a sequenced mailing to prospective students. Copies of all the brochures are available at the Student Resource Center.



Chancellor Pugh and Tlingit Haida CEO Ed Thomas signed the articulation agreement.

## UAS and Tlingit Haida sign agreement

UAS credits will be given to students who complete the Tlingit Haida Central Council's Vocational Training and Resource Center (VTRC) course under an agreement signed Dec. 7. Students obtain four college credits for the office skills instruction after passing a UAS Tech Prep exam with an 80% grade or better. The curriculum was designed to prepare students for the job market.

## Ketchikan receives scholarship

The Ketchikan Bridge Club has endowed a scholarship fund at the Ketchikan campus. The club, that began in 1975, has decided to disband and donated \$20,000 from the sale of their condo to endow the scholarship. Earnings from the account should allow at least \$1,000 per year for scholarships.

## Justice Rabinowitz to teach

Former Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Jay Rabinowitz will team teach the spring semester Constitutional Law class with Julie Willoughby from the Dillon and Findley law firm. LAWS 434/ST:GOVT 493 meets Mon. and Wed. from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Bill Ray Center conference room. Rabinowitz, who is retired from the Supreme Court, is now a senior justice.

## Holiday Computing tip

Prepare for the campus closure by setting up an automatic vacation reply on your email account. Send an email to helpdesk@uas.alaska.edu with your message, the date you are leaving, and date you will be returning. They will set it up.

## Ketchikan campus

**Schedules:** The spring class schedule will be available early in the New Year, but information is available now at the upper campus and students are already starting to register. There will also be a registration booth at the mall Jan. 6.

**Portfolio:** All students in Rod Landis' English 110 class who submitted portfolio reviews passed, and one student successfully challenged English 111.

**Theater:** Taylor McKenna, Ketchikan adjunct, will direct "The Misanthrope" that opens Jan. 11. She studied Moliere's play this past summer at the Bread Loaf School of English institute in Juneau. The cast includes Rod Landis, Ketchikan English, and regular part-time student Ed Jones.

**Classes:** Spring classes include Commercial Food Service, Vessel Commercial License Preparation, Certified Nurses Assistant and Childbirth Preparation.

## Sitka campus

**Arts:** The NW Coast Arts program runs Jan. 2-15. Classes include NW Coast Design, Basketry, Carving Masks, Carving Spoons, Carving Bowls, Intro to Silver Carving and Basket Design. Call 800-478-6653, ext. 728 for details.

**Wellness:** The 6th Annual Women and Wellness Conference, "Creating Balance in the 21st Century," is set for Jan. 26 and 27. Call 747-7733.

## UAS directory

To request an addition, update, or deletion of an existing entry in the UAS Online Directory visit [www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/web/directory.html](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/web/directory.html) It will be updated every Monday at 1 p.m. The submission deadline is every Monday at 11 a.m.

## New hires

**Randy Kanzig:** retired from the Coast Guard and has a diverse background and assorted skills, in the Sitka Distance Education Office.

**Nancy DeCherney:** term assistant professor of Education and will work as a grants coordinator for the Professional Education Center in Juneau.

**Charlie Ross:** term assistant professor of Construction Technology replacing John Bowman in Juneau.

**Karen Pitcher:** administrative clerk on the Ketchikan campus.

**Tonia Garlock:** administrative clerk for the Professional Education Center in Juneau.

**Molly Kabler:** vocational-technical program coordinator on the Sitka campus.



*New front end loader will be used by diesel students.*

## Career Ed equipment

Chuck Craig, Juneau diesel, took delivery on Dec. 6th of a Caterpillar, 966 Front End Loader for use in heavy-duty diesel mechanics and hydraulics classes. The machine was purchased from Senate Bill 289 funds allocated to UA for vocational and career training requests.

## Faculty/staff

**Lee Michalsky:** Sitka ATTAC, has been approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as a third party sanitary surveyor and may now conduct sanitary surveys on all Alaska public water systems. He has also been invited to the editorial advisory board for On Tap, a publication of the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse

**Jan Straley:** Sitka biology, worked with federal officials last week to help disentangle a humpback whale near Skagway that was anchored to a string of 10 shrimp pots. It took about 4 hours to free the whale.

**Mike Dunning:** Ketchikan history, has an article, "The Battle of the Seagoing Santas," in the December issue of the Alaskan Southeaster magazine.

**Jeanny Wharton:** Juneau housing, had a baby boy on Dec. 10. Elija weighed 8 pounds 13 oz.

**Jonathan Bognar:** Juneau housing, will fill in at the lodge while Wharton is on maternity leave. He is a recent graduate of Pacific Lutheran College.

## Health care training offered

"There is a chronic shortage of health care workers," according to Gary Bowen, Juneau career education. To help train workers, UAS is offering two Certified Nurses Aide (CNA) sections starting Jan. 30. Applications are on each UAS campus. In addition, admission applications for the Weber State Licensed Practical Nursing program in Juneau are due March 1. Call 465-8775.

## November anniversaries

Sandra Burgess, 7 years; Jacque Christensen, 12 years; Joseph Nell, 4 years; Barney Norwick, 8 years; Charlotte Stock, 1 year; Terry Dean, 18 years; Robert Ridgeway, 5 years; Luther Riley, 10 years; Fred Sloan, 2 years; Lisa Ward, 15 years; Steve Francis, 1 year.

## Juneau campus

**Bookstore:** The 9<sup>th</sup> annual holiday sale continues until Dec. 22. The used book buyback ends Dec. 18. Sara Hagen returns from family leave on Jan. 3.

**SAC:** Equipment additions include two racks of aerobic dumbbells, a dumbbell bench and jump ropes. The equipment was purchased with funds raised at the College of Fellows dinner in September. SAC manager Dave Kleinpeter said, "The new equipment is much needed by the aerobic programs." SAC will be closed Dec. 16 through Jan. 8.

**Film:** "Cyrano De Bergerac!" will be shown Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in HB 113. Global Connections is co-sponsoring the film with the JDHS French club. The film will be in French with English subtitles

**Food service:** Reduced hours next week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Shuttle:** Van services ends Friday and resumes on the first day of spring classes.

## Facilities Services

The website for Facilities Services now includes office hours, regular and after hours phone numbers, swipe card and key request forms, property transfer forms and photos. See [www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/facilities/index.html](http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/facilities/index.html).

## Faculty liaison

The position of Academic Liaison Faculty Fellow was created this year in the Office of the President and Richard Hacker, Juneau law, was appointed to the position. A UA faculty member will serve in the position each year and act as a communications conduit on academic matters. The website is <http://gov.alaska.edu/faculty/facultyfellow/hacker.html>

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