



# Soundings

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Dignitaries at classroom groundbreaking.

## Classroom groundbreaking

Under cold, clear skies state and local leaders attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$8 million UAS classroom addition on the Juneau campus March 21. Following are comments from those at the ceremony:

Chancellor John Pugh: "Building this facility, in many ways, is showing a confidence that UAS is a comprehensive, quality, liberal arts institution that we can hold up to any institution."

UA President Mark Hamilton: "By the end of this decade, this will be an absolute jewel. It's going to be this magnificent, comprehensive, liberal arts college in a place of grandeur."

Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer: "I'm here as the parent of a UAS student. My daughter Amy is here in the MAT program, and I know through her experience what a quality institution this is."

Sen. Kim Elton: "People over the last several years have written letters and called my office and the offices of other legislators and said, 'Make this happen!' It was that energy that really did make it happen."

Rep. Bill Hudson: "This is a marvelous addition to our community. It is befitting of our capital city and it will grow from here. We will find that our

children will love to come here and people will continue to choose UAS as a place to go no matter where they might live."

Rep. Beth Kerttula: "I so excited about the possibilities and the future here. We've got to shoot for the best here in Juneau."

Mayor Sally Smith: "When we invest in our students we are really investing in our own quality of life. The addition of this classroom is really going to propel us forward."

Assembly member Dale Anderson: "This is economic development at its best. This is the economic engine that is going to propel our community."

Regent Elsa Froehlich Demeksa: "This is going to go a long way in helping (UAS) attract and retain students."

Regent Josh Horst: "When students come to this campus they are going to believe that this is a center for education. That it has a strong intellectual community. Let me tell you, this campus will be incredibly irresistible."

Campus Council Win Gruening: "The eyes and ears of our community are focusing on this campus and this university. It's one of the true bright spots in our community."

## Construction changes

Classroom construction will cause changes on campus. The bus stop will be moved to the lower level of the main park lot. Areas within the safety fence, including a section of the upper parking lot will be used for contractors and excavated materials. The path from the parking lot to the Mourant building will be closed.

## Bowen retires

Associate Dean Gary Bowen will retire at the end of the fiscal year and plans to travel, consult, and work on his sailboat. "I just need time. It's the ultimate luxury." Bowen, who has been responsible for career education, held the position from 1993 to 1995 and again since 1997. "A lot of good things are happening at UAS," Bowen said. "I think John Pugh is doing a fantastic job, and President Hamilton has had a tremendous impact on vocational education throughout the system." A search is underway for Bowen's replacement.

## Carnegie stays

John Carnegie has withdrawn his resignation and will remain as Sitka campus director. Carnegie said factors in his decision included some administrative restructuring including an 11-month contract and a return to directing the water/wastewater program that is one of his primary interests. "I'm pleased John is staying," Chancellor John Pugh said. "He will provide the continuity we need at the Sitka campus."

## UAS alums at Permanent Fund

Of the 32 employees working at the Alaska Permanent Fund, 14 are UAS graduates or currently pursuing UAS degrees. They include director Robert Storer, BA management; finance director Chris Phillips, BA accounting and MBA; Michael Bell, MBA; Joan Cahill, B.Ed. and MPA in progress; Ruth Danner, BA and MBA; Karen Emberton, BA business, accounting; Francine Jarnac BA business, accounting; Chris LaVallee, BA accounting; Christy Leer, BA business, accounting, in progress; Kathy Thatcher, AA business; and Freda Westman, BLA, social science.

## Staff nominations

Nominations for the Make Students Count award are due on April 6. The award is presented to a full-time Classified or APT staff member for outstanding service to students. Winners receive a \$1,000 award and two Alaska Airlines tickets. See: <http://gov.alaska.edu/staff/studentscount/2001nom-form.pdf>

## Calendars

Calendars for academic year 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been produced in accordance with agreements with the faculty unions. They provide 15-week semesters and the framework to plan dates for convocations, registration, orientations and other key events. The UAS Independence holiday will be July 3-4.



UAS staff and students volunteers in Mexico (photo by Tim Schroeder)

## Student success

**Housing:** A student from each UAS campus plus Tim Tullis, Juneau housing, and Tim Schroeder, Sitka student services, spent spring break on a service trip hand-making bricks from mud, water and straw to be used for housing in Guaymas, Mexico. "A few people came together to make an impact on a community," Tullis said.

**Taxes:** During three weekends in Feb. and March plus spring break, UAS business students Diana Stewart, Pia Pesnell, and Layne Parker (supervised by David Ackerman) traveled to Hoonah, Angoon, Kake and Hydaburg to prepare income tax returns for residents. The program, coordinated by the Alaska Business Development Center, also included students from UAA and UAF.

**Job:** Sandy Dalton has been promoted to controller for Samson Tug and Barge Company in Sitka effective April 1. She graduates in May with a BBA in accounting.

**Education:** Louise Champagne, Juneau biology student, led a successful proposal to TLTR to acquire the technology to perform Western blots (a biological technique) that will be used in both biology and chemistry courses.

## UA news

**Agreement:** Regents unanimously approved a collective bargaining agreement with the Crafts and Trades Union, Local 6070, after members had ratified the 3-year pact.

**Salary:** Regents approved a 1.5 percent increase to the university non-union staff salary schedule. The 1.5 percent adjustment begins July 1, 2001, contingent upon legislative funding. Cost of the increase will be \$1.5 million for FY02.

## Faculty/staff

**Mike Boyer**, Juneau Law Sciences and **Clive Thomas**, Juneau Government, co-authored a paper on interest groups in state courts at the Western Political Science Association Meeting March 16 in Las Vegas.

**Rebecca Moorman**, **Elise Tomlinson**, and **Lynn Shepherd**, Egan Library, presented sessions at the Alaska Library Association Conference in Sitka, March 8-10.

**Carol Hedlin**, and **Lynn Shepherd**, Egan Library, attended the Association Of College and Research Libraries National Conference in Denver, March 15-18.

**Steve Henrikson** and **Janice Criswell**, Juneau adjunct art, gave invited presentations at a symposium on Northwest Coast Native art, at the Marin Museum of the American Indian, in California, Feb. 21-22.

**John Pugh**, chancellor, was named Southeast Region Social Worker of the Year by the Alaska chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

**Pam Webster**, a licensed clinical social worker, has been hired as an academic advisor in Juneau.

**Lola Savatgy**, Juneau student graduating in May, has been hired as the development coordinator to work with Lynne Johnson. She intends to also work on an MPA.

**Linda Snyder**, Juneau Bookstore, attends the National Association of College Stores annual conference and Campus Market Expo in New Orleans, April 6-10.

**Jolie Sasseville**, a UAS graduate, and her husband James Alzheimer will be awarded the Kay Sexton Award posthumously at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Book Awards in recognition of outstanding contributions.



Alex Dick, a junior from Indiana, uses the new power washer in the art classroom.

## Juneau campus

**Silver Sink Award:** Dean of Faculty Mary Lou Madden was presented with the award by Alice Tersteeg for her assistance in getting a new sink in the art classroom.

**Alumni:** Banquet and auction, April 6, Baranof Hotel. \$25 tickets from Lynne Johnson in the Chancellor's Office.

**Softball:** Those interested in playing on the UAS co-ed softball team should contact Mona Yarnall.

**Textbooks:** Orders for fall books are due in the Bookstore March 23.

**Lichens:** 20 different lichens are on display in Egan Library.

**Rotary Roses:** \$25 dollars for a dozen roses raises money for UAS scholarships. See Lynne Johnson or Greg Wagner.

## Juneau calendar

### Friday, March 23

- Women's History, "Women and Christianity," noon, Lake Room.
- Women's History, "Women, Religion, and Spirituality," 1:30 p.m., Lake Room
- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Lounge
- Women's History, "Mary Baker Eddy, Pioneer in Spiritual Discovery," 7 p.m. Egan Library
- Film, "How to Make an American Quilt," 7 p.m., SAC

### Saturday, March 24

- Women's History, Cindy Pearson concert, 7 p.m., SAC

### Sunday, March 25

- Academy Awards, 6 p.m., SAC

### Monday, March 26

- Women's History, "Women and Politics," 3 p.m., Lake Room
- Women poets reading, 7 p.m., Silverbow Back Room.
- Band, Ground Zero, 7 p.m., SAC

### Thursday, March 29

- Women's History, "Native Women Storytellers," noon, Lake Room

### Friday, March 30

- Women's History, "Asian Women and the Arts," 2:30 p.m. Lake Room
- Women's History, Magdalen Hsu-Li concert, 7 p.m., SAC

### Saturday, March 31

- Hypnotist Christopher Carter, 8 p.m., SAC

### Sunday, April 1

- Global Connections, Japanese dinner

### Thursday, March 29

- Seminar on birth-site selection in Alaskan moose, noon, Anderson 221.

## Ketchikan

**Conference:** The 4th Annual Ketchikan Humanities Conference, sponsored by UAS-Ketchikan and First City Players, has concluded a series of "Afterplay" conversations centered upon issues raised by the play WIT.

**Love:** Rod Landis teaches "Gender and the Romantic Myth" starting May 12. Women's history: Brown bag presentations, March 23 and 30.

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