



# Soundings

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Facilities Service staff put up the sign marking the pavilion's location.

## Noyes Pavilion groundbreaking

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a UAS outdoor pavilion will be held Aug. 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the top level of the parking lot. The open, 2,800 square foot structure will have seating for 300. The multipurpose stage will accommodate classes, drama, music and presentations and will be available for campus and community use. The pavilion, located on the hillside above the upper parking lot, will allow a view across Auke Lake. The \$525,000 project will be entirely funded through private contributions. A pledge of \$100,000 has already been received from the Noyes family and the facility will be named in honor of John and Lily Noyes. John Noyes was Alaska National Guard Adjutant General when he was killed in a plane crash near Nome in 1956.

## Student Success vice provost begins Aug. 27

Dr. Vicki Orazem has been hired as the new Vice Provost for Student Success and begins Aug. 27. She is currently coordinator of the Freshman Seminar and Peer Leadership Program at Montana State University. She also served as an academic advisor and professor of multicultural education. "We wanted to find ways to help our students succeed," Provost Robbie Stell said. "Vicki will serve as a bridge between Academic Programs, Student Services and Student Activities to improve our retention efforts. Filling this position has been an on-going recommendation of the UAS Retention Committee."



David Hunsaker, who wrote and acted in "Jason and Medea" enters the UAS outdoor theater at the beginning of the play presented by Bread Loaf and UAS.

## Bread Loaf lectures continue

Two more Bread Loaf lectures are scheduled. Hertha Sweet Wong of UC Berkeley presents "Picturing Ourselves: Story Quilts, Artists' Books and Public Art," at 7 p.m., July 26, in the Lake Room. Jeffry Nunokawa of Princeton University discusses "Oscar Wilde and the Fantasy of Disposable Desire" at 7 p.m. Aug. 2 in Egan Library.

## Business director hired

Shawn Hunstock has been hired as director of Business Operations replacing Lise Carter, who is moving to Alberta, Canada. He is currently the finance officer for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and has worked as an accountant for the Alaska Division of Retirement and Benefits, chief accountant for the North Slope Borough, and a staff accountant in the Anchorage office of Deloitte & Touche. Hunstock begins August 6.

## Federal grants to Sitka campus

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has approved an Agriculture Appropriations Bill (FY02) that includes \$650,000 for the continuation of wood products research at the Sitka campus.

Sitka's Environmental Technology Department received notice of \$500,000 in continued funding for the Alaska Small Water System Training/Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC). This is the fourth year of EPA funding for the statewide program that provides water and wastewater operator training, coordination of training schedules, resource and training material development and technical assistance for small water systems.

Sitka received approval of \$290,000 for the second year of a NSF project titled, "Rural Access to Technical Education." The program provides mentoring, tutorial, and technical assistance to UAS Environmental Technology students, high schools students, and rural high school teachers. A summer institute for rural teachers will provide training in the use of experiential environmental technology materials developed as part of Sitka's previous NSF Grant.

Sitka and Jan Straley, Sitka marine biology, received a \$210,000, three-year grant from the US Department of Commerce to investigate the effect of killer whales on decreasing Stellar sea lion populations. Straley, and others, will conduct the research along Alaska's coast. She will also collect acoustic recordings to determine the structure and composition of killer whale calls at the time of kills.

**Convocation: The dates for 2001 convocation are August 29 and 30. Faculty contracts begin August 15.**



Parking lot improvements are underway in Ketchikan.

## Ketchikan campus

The Ketchikan campus is sprucing up for fall semester. The parking lot project will provide streetlights, paving of the gravel lot, and additional spaces. Concern about parking has been expressed by students for the last several years.

The campus is offering a new event for the community starting in September. VideoVersity, a free film series, will feature classic 1950s sci-fi films in the campus library. The goal is to bring the community to the campus.

## College Connection grows

The College Connection exceeded expectations for the 2001 academic year. A total of 109 students (up by 42 students from '99-00) took 180 classes (up by 77 classes) totaling 541 credits (up 306 credits). Nearly 90% of the students completed their courses and 77% of those received an "A" or "B." There were virtually no failures. The program allows selected school district students to take UAS courses for both college and high school credit. To receive the bi-weekly newsletter, e-mail [college.connections@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:college.connections@uas.alaska.edu)

## Culture Institute

More than 100 have registered for the Kusteeyi Institute on the Juneau campus Aug. 6-17. It is presented by the Sealaska Heritage Foundation and UAS. Classes include Tlingit and Haida plus Native language teaching methods and endangered cultural arts. For information and registration call 586-9272.

## Faculty compliments

Heide Island, a UAS student in 1998-99, was an advisee of Shelley Theno. Island, who is now in graduate school, recently wrote to Theno. "I am emailing partly to say hello and mostly to say thank you." Island praised Theno for taking "so much time to walk me through the (application) process for graduate school." Island, who is also teaching, said, "I refer to the notes I kept from your class. I considered your classes, (and Ginny Mulle's, I have kept her notes too) to be some of the best I had."

## New hires

Michael Hoyle, maintenance service worker, Facilities Services; Linda Love, administrative assistant, Professional Education Center; Kristina Nore, administrative clerk, Sitka; and Todd Taylor, administrative clerk, Sitka.

## Faculty/Staff

**Carl Byers**, Juneau math, was honored for "Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" at the ESRI International User Conference in San Diego. GIS is used to address issues such as land management, resource development, urban growth, global warming, fisheries, coastal erosion, and more.

**Beth Mathews**, Juneau biology, spoke about harbor seals in Glacier Bay and the potential effects on them of global warming for 40 educators with the Jason Project, a professional development program co-sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

**Lawrence Lee Oldaker**, Juneau education emeritus, presented "From Blackstone to America's Last Frontier: Education in Alaska Amid Rural-Urban Tensions" at the international Standing Conference on Organizational Symbolism, Trinity College, Dublin.

**Mike Dunning**, Ketchikan history, has been appointed to the "Creek Street Historic District Architectural Design Review Board."

**Robert Sewell**, Juneau advising, has been elected chair of the UA Staff Alliance. He is serving his second term as president of the UAS Staff Council. In addition to advising, Sewell is a disability support specialist and coordinator for the College Connection.

**Pam Webster**, Juneau advisor, has been hired as the full-time mental health counselor.

**Amy Bridgers**, new Banfield residence hall coordinator, begins July 30.

**Amanda Webb**, business staff, leaves UAS Friday to attend Boise State to become a graphic designer.

**Steve and Deirdre Brandow** celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Aug. 14. He is the welding program faculty at UAS Ketchikan.

## Employee anniversaries

Susan Barlow, 5 years; Julio Bevegni, 7 years; Ulysses Bohulano, 2 years; Christina Bradley, 19 years; Barbara Burnett, 18 years; Donna Chantry, 14 years; Jason Cornelius 4 years; Kim Dooley, 20 years; Lori, Exferd, 4 years; Roxy Felkl, 6 years; Carol Griffin, 20 years; Carol Hedlin, 17 years; Judith Regan, 17 years; Veronica Shaffer, 1 year; Lynn Shepherd, 1 year; Valerie Stearns, 9 years; Lori Swain, 4 years; David Walker, 1 year; Beth Weigel, 2 years.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Thursday, July 26

- Bread Loaf lecture, "Picturing Ourselves," 7 p.m., Lake Room

### Friday, July 27

- Student government meeting, 2 p.m. Mourant

### Sunday, July 29

- UAS featured in Empire's Roll Call section

### Thursday, Aug. 2

- Bread Loaf lecture, "Oscar Wilde" 7 p.m., Egan Library

### Friday, Aug. 3

- Outdoor pavilion groundbreaking, 3:30 p.m. upper parking lot

### Monday, Aug. 6

- Sealaska Kusteeyi Institute begins

### Wednesday, Aug. 8

- Bread Loaf graduation

## Juneau campus

**Housing needed:** UAS is seeking community listings for student housing.

Also new faculty member Sarah Beatty is seeking housing. Call 465-6528.

**Roll Call:** UAS will be featured Sunday in the Empire's Roll Call special section.

**Research:** Dr. Luanna Meyers, candidate for UA Vice President for Research will visit Juneau Aug. 27. For information contact Brendan Kelly at 6510 or [brendan.kelly@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:brendan.kelly@uas.alaska.edu)

**Softball:** The UAS student coed softball team, the Spartans, won the post season double elimination tournament. The faculty/staff team, the Flukes, was eliminated in the tournament, but won first place in the regular season.

**Book orders:** The bookstore issued a last call for fall book orders and supplies.

## Sitka workshops

Several unusual workshops are being offered on the Sitka campus. Raku Pottery has a full class of 15 students learning this glazing technique in a six-day workshop. In mid-August a two-evening workshop, Elegant Rainforest Desserts will be offered. A professional pastry chef will demonstrate four original desserts made from wild ingredients found in Sitka and the class will taste-test the results.

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