



# Soundings

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## Felkl honored

Roxy Felkl, Juneau Activities and Housings administrative assistant, was named by UA President Mark Hamilton as one of the winners in the fourth annual Make Students Count awards for outstanding service to students. One nominee wrote, "This is a woman of amazing abilities that routinely goes the extra mile for the students and staff." Felkl will be honored at a Board of Regents meeting and also receives two domestic Alaska Airlines tickets plus \$1,000.



*Roxy Felkl wins helping students award.*

## Student Leadership

Seventeen SE high school students arrive on campus June 4 for the second annual College Bound Student Leadership Institute. The Institute, funded by a grant from First National Bank, runs through June 14. Students will live in campus housing, take part in workshops, a service activity, job shadowing and more. The Institute is designed to develop leadership skills and help prepare students for college.

## Classroom addition

More than one million dollars in contracts have been awarded for interior work on the Egan Classroom addition. They include contracts for mechanical, electrical, ceilings, doors, sheet rock, painting, sprinkler system, elevator, and a handicapped lift. Yet to be awarded are contracts for labor to install a variety of purchased materials. The classroom will be open for spring semester. Other campus projects include awarding the bids for construction of the Noyes Pavilion, parking lot expansion and landscaping the classroom courtyard.



*Interior work under way*

## Recreation facility

The legislature approved a university revenue bond that includes \$5.5 million for construction of the Joint Facility to be used by UAS and the Alaska Army National Guard. Site work should begin this summer. Construction bids will be sought in early 2003 with completion in fall of 2004

## Sitka/Ketchikan construction

Construction projects on the Sitka and Ketchikan campuses will take place if voters in November approve the \$200 million bond passed by the legislature. It includes \$500,000 for completion of the second floor for the Sitka campus and \$3.9 million for remodeling both the Ketchikan upper campus buildings

## Wonderful praise

Wonder Russell graduated magna cum laude in May but was unable to accept her degree in person because she is now living in Thailand. That's just the latest stop in her travels and education. After two years at UAS, Russell spent her junior year in England through the international exchange program. Then she moved with her family to Montreal and took courses as a UAS visiting student at Concordia University. She spent a summer in L.A. with the New York Film Academy earning elective credits and finished her UAS degree from Thailand through distance courses.



*Wonder Russell*

In an e-mail to her advisors Art Petersen and Elizabeth Schelle written just before commencement, Russell said, "Nowhere else in the world could I have found anyone to match your support, commitment and friendship. You prove again (as if UAS needed one more laurel!) that UAS is the most superior school on earth. You have a unique, unparalleled commitment to students matched only by the integrity of UAS' commitment to an excellent education."

## Student success

**Becky Cook**, a 2001 BLA graduate, had her company "Above and Beyond Alaska" featured in the Juneau Empire.

**Jennifer Johnson**, has been accepted into a special ISEP program that combines study in The Netherlands and South Africa.

**Patty Ware**, a 2001 MPA graduate, has been appointed interim Director of Juvenile Justice for the State of Alaska.

## Personal holiday

Regular, non-exempt employees who are eligible for a personal holiday must use it by June 28, 2002. Personal holidays do not accrue and must be taken during the fiscal year in which it is earned. Questions? 465-6263.

## Sitka web

The Sitka website has been viewed more than 96,000 times in the last two years. "And that was starting the count over after Geocities redesigned their site and moved everyone's site back to a zero count!" according to Bonnie Elsensohn. "We had thousands of hits before that! Someone's looking!"

## Juan MacFarlane

May graduate Juan MacFarlane died in a fall from a ladder last week. The Auke Bay Coop Preschool holds a garage sale in the basement of the Christ Lutheran Church on June 1 to raise money for his wife Christine and their children. Donations and baked goods for the sale will be accepted Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

## Helping Alaska teachers

Over 25% of the unduplicated student head count for spring semester (including 593 classes) was generated through the Center for Teacher Education. Of the more than 2,400 head count, 700 took education classes.

The UAS Professional Education Center, designed to provide the “life-long learning” part of teacher education, offers many programs:

**ARCTIC:** Helps teachers integrate technology into their classroom and curriculum. Thirty-seven of the state’s 55 school districts are involved.

**Alaska State Writing Consortium:** PEC hosts this site of the National Writing Project, working to build strong writing programs through institutes and in-service training.

**Bilingual Teacher Training:** The Classrooms as Cultures course helped bridge language and cultural differences in Alaskan schools

**JASON:** An inquiry-based, interdisciplinary program designed to excite and engage teachers and students in science and technology.

**PITAS:** Working with the several school districts, PEC mentors and prepares Alaska Native high school students who are interested in becoming teachers.

**Recruitment and Retention:** Includes programs to help teachers new to Alaskan schools, to help successful Alaskan teachers effectively mentor new teachers, and giving all MAT students an opportunity to spend two weeks in a rural site with a master teacher.

**Programs:** PEC works with the Juneau School District to help their English department incorporate technology into their teaching, is developing middle school curriculum for the Department of Education, and is developing a Reading Masters program and a Math Endorsement program.

**Others:** PEC works regularly with Alaska school district professional development departments to offer short, specific workshops and institutes that meet the needs of teachers in Alaskan classrooms. For more PEC information see: <http://pec.jun.alaska.edu/>

## Pay increases

UA Staff Alliance has advocated for equitable compensation for classified and APT staff over the last two years, according to chair Robert Sewell. In a May 24 letter, President Mark Hamilton said, “I applaud the participation of the Staff Alliance in Juneau this session – it certainly had a significant impact on the legislature’s view of the University. Even with the FY’03 budget increase limited to fixed cost increases and contractually obligated salary increases, I intend to fully fund a 1.5% grid increase and annual step movement for staff for the second year in a row.”

## Ketchikan campus



Students from five states took part in Ketchikan’s archeological field trip.

### Archeology:

Twelve students took part in the Archeological Site Condition Field Trip that concluded last week. This year students came not only from Ketchikan, but also Juneau, Oregon, Connecticut, Missouri and California.

**Films:** The fall lineup of VideoVersity will feature films of food and culture and begins in September.

**Service learning:** Cathy LeCompte, Ketchikan business, continues to work on the Service Learning Pilot Project to provide experiential learning to students while giving back to the community through service. A kick-off breakfast will be held the week of June 17.

## Juneau briefs:

**Bookstore:** Closes June 24 for remodel and inventory and will be closed throughout July. A storewide sale continues, and fall book orders are needed immediately.

**Handbook:** Content or design suggestions for the UAS Student Planner Handbook should be given to Sahra Clark, 6528.

**Leadership Institute:** Seventeen participants attended the annual Leadership Communications Institute at UAS May 20-24.

**Career Ed:** The Marine Core Building (Marine Tech) that houses many career education programs and classes has been renamed the Technical Education Center to better reflect its uses.

**Training:** Statewide Human Resources presented workshops on recruitment and retention, supervision, career planning, problem solving and communications May 20-23. More workshops will be offered later this summer.

## Convocation schedule

On August 19, all new faculty hired fall 2001 and fall 2002 are asked to attend a daylong convocation session. This new faculty orientation will include UAS on-line, the library, cultural sensitivity, sexual harassment, and copyright laws. New faculty should bring course syllabi and areas of research. Returning faculty are also welcome. On August 20 and 21 convocation will continue for new and returning faculty and will include working within departments and units.

## New hires/promotions

**Leanne Pilcher** has been hired as the assistant to the chancellor.

**Barbara Hyde**, assistant to the vice chancellor, is the new chief budget officer in Administrative Services.

**Candace Murdoch**, Facilities Services office manager, is the new assistant to the vice chancellor filling Hyde’s previous position.

**Lynn Uhl**, the new career services coordinator in the Student Resource Center, begins June 15.

**Amanda Knerr**, the new Residence Life manager, begins June 15.

**Jeff Meyer**, the new Residence Hall coordinator, begins July 29.

**Jennifer Brown** has been hired as an assistant professor of Library Science and will serve as outreach services librarian.

**Alicia Ristau** is the new facilities scheduler in Records and Registration.

**Jill Hanson**, a long-time Sitkan, replaces Jennifer Balda as the conference coordinator in the Office of Continuing Education on the Sitka campus.

**Michelle Jaramillo** is the new information clerk on the Sitka campus.

**Barbara Hegel**, currently registrar at Crestwood College in Allentown, PA, has accepted the registrar position at UAS.

## Faculty/staff

**Cathy LeCompte**, Ketchikan business, presents “Introduction to Online Instruction” to Ketchikan adjunct faculty, online, over the summer to help build skills in online course design and management.

**Jonathan Anderson**, Juneau MPA, attends the Public Administration Theory Conference in Cleveland May 30-June 1.

**Jim Caringi**, UAF social work in Juneau, attended the HIV/AIDS Tribal Visions in Care meeting at the ANB Hall May 23.

**Karen Polley**, Ketchikan campus director, attended an Economic Development Summit in Hoonah to detail the campus’ Fisheries Technology and Forest Technology programs.

**Eve Dillingham**, Juneau CIOS, and **Susan Warner**, Juneau Media Services, participated in the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses Western Regional Festival in Seattle May 23 – 27. Their Juneau Pride Chorus performed six pieces, two of which were written and composed by Warner.

**Pam Webster**, Juneau counselor, has resigned to return to private practice in Fairbanks.

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