



# Soundings

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*Ketchikan's busy waterfront.*

## \$500,000 grant to Ketchikan

The Ketchikan campus has been awarded \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor to assess and develop a training and education program for Alaska Ship and Dry Dock (ASD) and its employees. The grant, Alaska Shipyard System for Education and Training (ASSET), is a collaborative effort between UAS Ketchikan, ASD and National Shipbuilding Research Project (NSRP). The goal of the 18-month project is to create a training and organizational plan that will assist ASD and other U.S. shipyards in maintaining their skilled workforce and support stable, year-round employment for shipyard workers. The effort will adapt and pilot prototype skill assessments and a model training and certification program for shipyard employees.

## Bread Loaf Lectures

"Photography and Fiction: A Consideration of Some Photographs by Ansel Adams," is the topic Thursday at 7 p.m. in the SAC by Bread Loaf faculty member John Warnock from the University of Arizona. The presentation was moved from the Egan Library.

"The Men Who Dance the Giglio: the Work of Ethnicity in Italian-American Brooklyn" will be the last in this summer's free Bread Loaf lectures. Faculty members Jeff Porter and Claire Spensler from the University of Iowa will present a documentary film and explore the preservation of ethnicity. The presentation is at 7 p.m. on Aug. 1 in Egan Library.

## PITAS Institute

At least a dozen students are expected to attend the PITAS Summer Institute on the Juneau campus August 4-17. About 30 students are expected to accept scholarships for the coming year. PITAS prepares indigenous students to be Alaska teachers. Rhonda Hickok is the program director.

## MAT enrollments up

Both the elementary and secondary Master of Arts in Teaching programs have had significant increases in enrollment. The new class began July 1. Elementary MAT increased from 13 to 18 and secondary MAT increased from 23 to 42 students. Dean Marilyn Taylor said increases were due to "hard work on recruiting, the growing reputation of the program quality, and creative approaches." One creative approach has 15 secondary students taking all their course work in Sitka. 13 will remain in Sitka to teach while the other 3 will do their internships in Klawock, Craig and Ketchikan. Of the Juneau cohort, 22 will do internships in Juneau, 2 in Kodiak, 1 in Haines, 1 in Skagway and 1 in Palmer.

## Student hired for national magazine

Juneau junior Summer Dorr has been hired as one of ten in the country to work as a correspondent for Teen People, a magazine geared to 13 – 24 age group and owned by People Magazine. The magazine requested applications from the Whalesong staff.



*Summer Dorr lands writing job on a national magazine*

"I sent in a portfolio with writing samples, resume, transcript, and a couple of recommendations," Dorr said. "I was chosen as one of ten people in the country to take part in this one-year commitment to this national magazine. My creative writing workshops and my experience in reporting at the Whalesong aided me, I'm sure, in receiving this job."

Dorr will take part in regular conference calls where she will receive assignments and suggest story ideas. She will be paid for each published story. "I am quite pleased to have this opportunity to experience the operations of a national magazine and having this on my resume is a plus."

Dorr graduated from JDHS in 1999 and is majoring in communications with a minor in creative writing.

## Student workers needed

Juneau campus students are needed immediately to fill several Student Assistant positions now open and for fall semester positions. Applications may be downloaded from Personnel's site or picked up from Roxy, Student Activities/Housing; Jeri, Egan Library; Delores, Student Resource Center; and other academic departments.

## New housing manager

Amanda Knerr just completed her master's degree in Student Affairs and Administration at Ball State University and has been hired as the Juneau campus' new housing manger.



Amanda Knerr

"I wanted the small school experience," she said, "where I could spend time getting to know individual students, faculty and administrators. Plus, Knerr says, "I thought this was a beautiful environment.

Knerr worked as assistant resident hall director for the last two years at Ball State and worked with 300, mostly freshman, residents. She sees her job as an educator who supports what the faculty do in the classroom. "Then, I take it one step further and help students apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-life settings." In addition, she says, "I want students to learn how to be good citizens, good neighbors, and a good friends."

Knerr's husband, who has served in the Marine Corps, will be attending UAS a full-time student this fall. A new residence hall coordinator, Jeff Meyer, begins at the end of the month. Students will also find a new housing pet, a seven-month old puppy.

## Educational video

Planning for instructional videos to supplement distance instruction in early childhood education is underway. The videos, designed to provide examples of "best practices" in early childhood education, will be filmed in Southeast classrooms. A team of early childhood education professionals including Dr. Betty Zan and new faculty member Seon Chun will guide the content.

## New law faculty

Michael Boyer has been hired as the new Law Sciences faculty member on the Juneau campus. Boyer is a UAS graduate who earned his law degree from the University of Oregon. He has also taught at UAS as an adjunct. He replaces Richard Hacker who retired.



Michael Boyer

## Faculty and Staff

**Don Cecil**, Juneau humanities, has signature authority to approve general purchasing, travel and timesheets, while the search for the dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences continues.

**Lynne Schrum**, visiting president's professor of Educational Technology, arrives on the Juneau campus Aug. 12 to teach an ed tech class and work on a distance learning research project with Jason Ohler.

**Seon Chun**, new early childhood education faculty member, will teach distance delivered courses while completing her dissertation at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Mary Bowen**, Juneau education, has been promoted to assistant to the Dean of Education.

**Vicki Orazem**, vice provost, and **Paul Kraft**, dean of students, make presentations at the National Conference for Student Retention this week in Washington, D.C.

**Rebecca Moorman**, Juneau technical services librarian, has resigned effective July 26 to return to the Midwest. She has worked at UAS off and on since 1994.

**John Pugh**, chancellor, attended the Frontiers for the Presidency meeting for university presidents and chancellors at Alyeska earlier this week.

**Lori Swain**, Sitka business office, has transferred to a new position in Instructional Services.

**Jane Brizgaloff**, Sitka computer lab assistant, has resigned to seek new adventures.

**Jessie Dutton**, a technician working with Sherry Tamone, will go to St. Paul to work in collaboration with ADFG on molting in snow crab as part of Tamone's grant.

## Information Security class

For the first time, Ketchikan CIOS is offering Concepts in Information Security (CIOS 293) this fall. The course will be taught by Eric Hummel and available by distance delivery. Class topics will include firewalls, virtual private networks, encryption and more.

## Student wins writing contest

Ernestine Hayes, a UAS 2001 graduate and commencement speaker, won the 2002 "Explorations" Alaska Native Writers Award. "Explorations" is the UAS literary magazine. In the literature/poetry category winners were Sarah Flygare of Fort Collins, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Jeffery Walt of Honolulu, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Renny Golden of Chicago, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Sallie Bringham of Santa Fe, 3<sup>rd</sup>, place. Copies of "Explorations" are available at the UAS Bookstore, Hearthside Books and the Observatory. After 21 years, this will be the last issue. Art Petersen has served as editor.



Ernestine Hayes

## Database trials at Egan

Two new databases are on trial at Egan Library until Sept. 9: Computer Source Vocational and Career Collection. Each provides the full text of many recent periodicals and trade publications. Access is available through Egan Library's web page (<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/>) by clicking on Database Quick Links > EbscoHost. Librarians seek feedback on the usefulness of these resources. Call the Reference Desk at 465-6502 with questions or suggestions.

## Employee anniversaries

Susan Barlow, 6 years; Julio Bevegni, 8 years; Ulysses Bohulano, 3 years; Christina Bradley, 20 years; Barbara Burnett, 19 years; Lori Exferd, 5 years; Roxy Felkl, 7 years; Carol Griffin, 21 years; Carol Hedlin, 18 years; Rhonda Hickok, 1 year; Michael Hoyle, 1 year; Rod Landis, 7 years; Judith Regan, 18 years; Veronica Shaffer, 2 years; Lynn Shepard, 2 years; Valerie Stearns, 10 years; Lori Swain, 5 years; David Walker, 2 years; Beth Weigel, 3 years.

## Juneau campus

**Phones:** Anyone requesting phone changes, adds or modifications should plan on 3-4 weeks for completion in part because of increase in requests at the semester start.

**Distance:** Janet Jacobs, statewide director for Human Resources, taught her PADM 670 class via satellite from Juneau last Tuesday evening. The class is normally broadcast from Fairbanks.

**Gifted:** Two classes for teachers seeking a gifted education endorsement run Aug. 1-16. Each class runs half a day. For information call 465-6429.

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