



# Soundings

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## Poet at UAS Nov. 22

“Luci Tapahonso is one the most important poets writing in America today,” Jim Hale, Juneau English says. The internationally recognized poet and writer will be a special Evening at Egan presenter Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. in Egan Library. Tapahonso is a professor of Poetry and American Indian Literature and Culture at the University of Arizona. She has written five critically acclaimed books, has appeared on NPR, PBS, CBS and ABC, and been invited by President Bush to give a reading at the White House. Tapahonso also speaks at noon in the Lake Room on Nov. 22.



Luci Tapahonso

## Spaceship Earth

“The Economics of Spaceship Earth,” is Ashley Ahren’s Evening at Egan topic at 7 p.m. Nov. 15. He will be talking about the approach taken by economists who look at the sustainable development problem confronting the global economy.

## Finance director

Tom McBrien, who has seven years experience as comptroller at the University of Rochester, NY has been hired as the UAS director of Finance and Business Operations replacing Shawn Hunstock. For the past four years, McBrien has been a certified financial planner in Juneau. He has an accounting MBA from Cornell.



Tom McBrien

## Ketchikan campus

**BBQ:** An open house and barbecue was held Nov. 9 and included a variety of workshops. One was “UAS Ketchikan Student Life - What’s it really like” and included a panel of current students.



Ketchikan holds BBQ and open house. (Photo by Wendy Gierard)

**Women’s Conference:** The first annual Focus on Living: Women’s Wellness Conference is scheduled March 7-8. Presentation proposals are due

Dec. 13. Subjects sought include physical, social/emotional, mental/intellectual and spiritual areas of women’s lives. Proposal forms are available from Erin Gratz, 228-4567.

**Honor:** The PTK Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ketchikan Campus Library.

## Student art

Lisa Rickey created the steel sculpture, “Nocturn” now displayed on the lake side of the Hendrikson Building, while doing independent study classes at the UAS welding lab. She has been involved in art for years but in steel for the past five years. She was featured in a recent Juneau Empire article. Rickey, who works for Legislative Affairs during sessions, is working on a BLA degree with an arts emphasis. A photo of her art is above.

## Sitka campus

About 140 registered for Whalefest on the Sitka campus, coordinated by Jan Straley and held Nov. 1-3. The sixth annual event was a celebration of marine wildlife and included education and community events. “This is the model of the way to do it,” Marnie Chapman, Sitka biology, said of the event.

## Native American Month

Native Elders discuss origins of Auke Lake and other topics beginning at 11 a.m., Nov. 15 in the Lake Room as part of the Native American Month activities. Other events include authors Nora and Dick Dauenhauer on Nov. 21 and UAS Native students presenting their stories, poems and research on Nov. 25. The events are at noon in the Lake Room.

## School board member is UAS student

Daniel Peterson was the first JDHS student elected to the Juneau School Board. When he graduated, Peterson still had two years remaining on his term and he enrolled at UAS Juneau. “Over the last two years I’ve been so impressed,” he said, “I’m going to stick around and finish my bachelor’s degree.” Peterson praised the class size and quality of the faculty. After graduation he is considering an MPA or a law degree before going into politics.



Daniel Peterson

## Intellectual Property talks

Two guests will discuss intellectual property and copyright issues for faculty and staff Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. in Egan Library. The presentation by Diane McLean from UAF and Faye Tomlinson, an intellectual property attorney in Seattle will be broadcast to Sitka and Ketchikan via satellite.

## Faculty/Staff

**Beth Mathews**, Juneau biology, participates in a workshop on vessel disturbance of harbor seals in Yakutat on Nov. 14-15, coordinated by Karen Blejwas, UAS Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Chuck Craig**, Juneau diesel, was the featured speaker at the two downtown Rotary clubs and discussed the UAS Marine Engine Room Prep certificate that prepares students for ferry engine room employment.

**Tony Martin**, Juneau auto, and his wife Lara Martin have a new 9 lb. baby boy named Joshua Aidan Martin who joins the Martin's three other children.

**Sherry Tamone**, Juneau biology, meets with the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network Advisory Board Nov. 20 at UAF to discuss her crab research in context with Alaska biomedical research.

**Cathy Connor**, Juneau geology, and Environmental Science students Rebecca Marjerison and Michelle Akers attended the Geological Society of America meeting in Denver, Oct 27-30 to present results of their research on sediment transport through Mendenhall Lake.

**Karen Schmitt**, Juneau Career Education and Business, is featured in the November issue of the Alaskan Southeaster magazine.

**Robert Sewell**, Staff Alliance chair, spoke to the Board of Regents on Nov. 12 about the need for UA to improve the salary grid and to share more responsibility for healthcare cost increases.

## Juneau briefs:

**Holiday party:** The Chancellor's annual campus party will be Dec. 12 from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Lake Room.

**Writing:** An exhibit of poetry and prose by UAS students is on display in the upper Soboleff hallway. Call Alexis Easley, 6415.

**Scrapbook:** The Scrapbook & Paper Craft club overnight retreat at Schaible House begins at 6 p.m. Nov. 22. Call Jeri Carey, 6504.

**Peace Corps:** Marsha Squires speaks about her service in Ecuador, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Student Lounge, Nov. 15.

**Bookstore:** Faculty spring book orders are due. A free resource for textbook research is available at: <http://www.facultycenter.net/> Call 465-6401 for logon assistance. The Bookstore has a new line of greeting cards.

## Social work program

The UAF Social Work BA program has been reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2008. Jim Caringi, who is based on the Juneau campus, said, "We are the only social work program that is distance delivered statewide in the country and accredited by CSWE."

## Open enrollment

November is UA open enrollment month for employees to make changes to their medical plan for flexible spending accounts for the next calendar year beginning in Jan. 2003. Access your current benefit information at [www.uaonline.alaska.edu](http://www.uaonline.alaska.edu). The enrollment forms, mailed last week, are also available at [www.alaska.edu/hr/benefits](http://www.alaska.edu/hr/benefits). Call Personnel with questions, 465-6473.

## Kosovo report

Jonathan Anderson delivered a public report Nov. 14 on his work as an election supervisor in Kosovo's municipal election in October from the Juneau media classroom. It was available at distance sites and in Juneau on cable channel 18. Anderson said, "I want to make this more of a regular occasion to broaden our student's experiences and bring UAS closer to them."

## Job classification system

New info is available online about the UA job classification project, including drafts of the Research and Fiscal job families at <http://info.alaska.edu/hr/classification/index.xml> Review the drafts and send comments to Statewide HR at [syhrcd@alaska.edu](mailto:syhrcd@alaska.edu) or call 474-7894. Contact Statewide HR or the UAS HR Office with questions.

## Campus entry road

Ken Lea, health and safety, urges special caution on the campus entry road in the winter. Snow will decrease the road's width and increased hours of darkness will hamper visibility. Campus driving speeds should be 15 mph. Walkers and bikers may use the path from Facilities Services.

## November anniversaries

Fran Barnes, 21 years; Cody Bennett, 2 years; Patricia DeAngelis, 2 years; Michael Funk, 2 years; Ken Lea, 1 year; Dawn Montgomery, 5 years; Karen Pitcher, 2 years; Jana Ring, 2 years; Juan Rivero, 2 years; Karen Schmitt, 1 year; Charles Ross, 1 year; Erlito Samonte, 4 years; Deborah Sonnenburg, 6 years.

## New hires

**Bobbi Frasier**, Business Office accounting technician in the Business Office

**Abby Kosmos**, administrative assistant, Ketchikan.

**Marvin Busby**, Food Service cook.

**Traci Burnett**, Food Service cashier.

**Hugh Gray**, Media Services production technician.

**Jeff Haskell**, Computing Services helpdesk consultant.

## Student leaders

Students with strong academic and interpersonal skills and a concern for others are being sought for the Student Leadership Program. Send nominations to: [vicki.orazem@uas.alaska](mailto:vicki.orazem@uas.alaska) by Nov. 18th. Pick up applications at the SRC.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, Nov. 15

- Native elders lunch, 11 a.m., Lake Room
- Peace Corps experience, 12:30pm, Mourant Student Lounge:
- Intellectual property issues, 3 p.m., Egan Library
- Pool tournament, 6 p.m., SAC
- Evening at Egan, "Economics of Spaceship Earth," 7 p.m., Egan Library

### Thursday, Nov. 21

- Native Alaskan poetry, noon, Lake Room

### Friday, Nov. 22

- Poet Luci Tapahonso speaks, noon, Lake Room
- Evening at Egan, Luci Tapahonso, poet/writer, 7 p.m., Egan Library
- Scrapbook club retreat, 6 p.m., Schaible House

### Saturday, Nov. 23

- "Broken Word" poetry slam, 8 p.m., SAC

### Monday, Nov. 25

- Voices of UAS Native students, noon, Lake Room

### Tuesday, Nov. 26

- Turkey bowling, 1 p.m., Mourant Courtyard

### Wednesday, Nov. 27

- Thanksgiving meal, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mourant Café

### Thursday, Nov. 28

- Campus closed, Thanksgiving

### Friday, Nov. 29

- Campus closed, Thanksgiving

### Thursday, Dec. 12

- Chancellor's Holiday Party, 3 – 5 p.m., Lake Room

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