



Soundings

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Whale of a time



Members of the Humanities 120 course joined about 15 faculty and staff last Saturday for a whale-watching cruise. The theme of the class is "Alaska and beyond, a sense of place." The goal of the outing was to give the students a more complete understanding of the environment and community that surrounds the campus.

VALIC rep. on campus Sept. 24

Clay Prorise, a representative of VALIC Financial Advisors in Anchorage, will be on the Juneau campus Wednesday, September 24, in room 108 of the Novatney Building. He will be available for individual appointments all day. For an appointment, call toll-free (866) 350-8302. VALIC is a vendor for the University of Alaska pension plan, optional retirement plan, and tax-deferred annuities.

Faculty and Staff

Dr. Brendan Kelly, Dean of Arts and Sciences, will participate in a workshop on Guidelines for Assessing Marine Mammal Stocks at the National Marine Laboratory in Seattle on September 14-19, 2003.

Dr. Brendan Kelly and Beth Mathews (Biology) will attend a meeting of principal investigators in the Research Experiences

for Undergraduates Program. The meeting will be held at the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C., September 25-26, 2003.

Oriana Harding, Biological Technician (and UAS Biology alumnus) will present a poster, "Early Onset of Snow Melts and Increased Vulnerability of an Ice-inhabiting Seal," at the 54th Arctic Science Conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The meeting will be held in Fairbanks from September 22-24, 2003.

Jane Terzis has been asked to serve on a panel for the Alaska State Council on the Arts to select Connie Boocheever Fellowships in visual art, photography and art in education. The panel will meet in Anchorage on October 10.

Kolene Dunne of Records and Registration was married in a private ceremony Sept. 13, 2003, to Lyle James. They will have a large Tlingit traditional wedding ceremony June 2nd, 2004. For those University staff and faculty interested in attending, you are more than welcome to attend this traditional event. Gunalcheesh!

Marianne Stillner, Nursing Faculty, has been appointed to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics for a 2-year term.

On Sept 11-14, Chris Hay-Jahans, Richard Stephens and Brian Blitz went to an AMS-MER workshop titled "Excellence in Undergraduate Mathematics: Lessons Across the Curriculum."

Dan Monteith and Rick Bellagh had their first meeting to take students to Cuba on the joint Spanish and Anthropology trip Dec. 12-Jan 10.

Lynn Uhl, UAS Career Counselor, recently became a member of the Alaska Career Resource Advisory Committee, which represents organizations and constituent groups throughout Alaska that use the career software, Alaska Career Information Systems. Committee members act as a forum to provide input on new career development products and provide recommendations and feedback on enhancements to the AKCIS program.

September anniversaries

Noel Andes, 1 year; David Barlow, 9 years; Christina Berggren, 1 year; Allen Brackley, 2 years; Marla Brownlee, 3 years; Jacque Christensen, 10 years; Lowell Ellis, 14 years;

Kathy Fagerstrom, 1 year; Michael Greene, 14 years; Shirley Grubb, 19 years; Steve Johnson, 7 years; Mary Karper 19 years; Diane Meador, 4 years; Laurie Maxwell, 2 years; Gloria Merry, 7 years; Michele Moslak, 1 year; Sue Oliva, 21 years; Mary Purvis, 3 years; Glenn Ramsey, 21 years; Nicole Rogers, 15 years; Shannon Seifert, 2 years; Robbie Stell, 34 years; Jan Straley, 4 years; Cathy Thomas, 1 year; Mary West-White, 4 years.

Sitka

Peter Nathanson, UAS-Sitka ENVT Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor, spent three weeks in July 2003 in Indonesia as an American Water Works Association/Water for People (AWWA/WFP) volunteer. The Indonesian Water Supply Association (PERPAMSI), through a program funded by USAID, assembled a multi-disciplinary team of Indonesian water quality professionals and two AWWA volunteers to establish the first sustainable drinking water zones in 3 cities in Indonesia.

Diane Weaver has been hired to handle accounts payable/receivable in the Sitka Campus Business Office. She begins work this week.

Abby Cropley recently ended her 18 years as an employee of the University of Alaska-Sitka to accept a position as a Research Assistant/Tribal Liaison with SEARHC'S EARTH (Education and Research Towards Health) Study.

Abby credits her success in the pursuit of her goals to training and examples set by T'akdeintaan women and to the encouragement offered by elders, friends, family, and dedicated coworkers. She sends you her best and said, "Gunalche`esh! Thank you!"

Ketchikan

UAS Ketchikan has record numbers of students this fall with over 60 full-time students and 609 in an unduplicated head count as of September 16. This is a 40% increase over last fall at this time.

UAS Ketchikan Technical Center has scheduled an open house for Friday, October 10. The event, hosted by the UAS Alumni Association Ketchikan Chapter, will feature tours of the newly remodeled Robertson Building as well as a brief program recognizing pivotal individuals that made the remodel happen.

UAS Ketchikan will soon be home to Cyber Cafe Espresso Stand. The coffee cart will open for business on September 29 on the 4th floor of the Paul Building. Cyber Cafe will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. with all kinds of coffee drinks as well as an assortment of snacks for students and faculty alike. YEAH!

UAS Ketchikan VideoVersity is set to kick off the Fall with a bang — "Conspiracy Theories" is the theme for the semester and Saturday, October 4, will feature Oliver Stone's 1991 landmark film about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The film stars Kevin Costner and Tommy Lee Jones and will be shown on the big screen in the UAS Ketchikan Library at 7 p.m. Assistant Professor of History Mike Dunning will provide the historical insight into an event that shocked the nation. VideoVersity is free and open to the public. Raven's Brew coffee and treats will be offered during intermission as a fundraiser for UAS Ketchikan Student Government.

Henrikson To Teach Watercolor

The Ketchikan Watercolor Society is sponsoring a workshop, *One Artist's View*, taught by Mary Ida Henrikson. The workshop will concentrate on Portraiture, Surface Textures, and Seascape Studies and will take place September 26-28 at the First Lutheran Church and at George Inlet Lodge.

Henrikson's work is now on display at the Soho Coho Gallery. She has several large-scale works in public places such as a mural on the State Ferry Aurora, and paintings in Ketchikan High School, and schools in Craig, Klawock and Thorne Bay. To reserve a spot in the workshop call 247-8156 or 247-4969.

Reminder from the Bookstore

Faculty are reminded that **Spring 2004 Textbooks are due on October 1st**. Textbook order forms may be downloaded from the Faculty and Staff section of the UAS web site.

Health Sciences newsletter

The UAS Health Sciences program has launched a newsletter, the "Health Sciences Monitor." To subscribe, send an e-mail to: donna.douglass@uas.alaska.edu or call 465-8770. Visit Health Sciences online at: www.uas.alaska.edu/healthscience

Gridiron Roundup

Paul Kraft is recruiting faculty and staff for a flag football team to take on the champion of the student intramural league. The game will take place Oct. 25. Or, if you are interested in competing in the league, contact Paul and he will pull together a team for league play. Paul can be reached at: paul.kraft@uas.alaska.edu or by calling extension 6461.

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