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Ringed Seal Cinema Verte



Dean of Arts and Sciences Brendan Kelly, UAS Research Associate John Moran, and UAS Marine Biology student Stephanie Sell recently returned from a successful field

study of ringed seals in the Arctic Ocean. The National Geographic Society provided the team with an underwater-video camera, which they used in their research by attaching it to a seal. It may not make it to Cannes, but this successful pilot project opens many possibilities for studying the foraging ecology and social behavior of ringed seals under the sea ice. Assisting in the field effort this year were Michelle Cronin and Mick Mackey of Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, Cork, Ireland; Rowenna Flinn of Canada; Greg Marshall and Patrick Greene of the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC; Jeff Jemison of Juneau; and seal-sniffing dogs Cooper (Anchorage) and Jamberry (Juneau).

A Good Catch

Ron Hulstein recently spent time with Inga Hanlon's fifth grade class in Yakutat. Ron and a few members of the UAS Fly Fishing Club volunteered to help the Forest Service clean up the area around Yakutat, in return for directions to the best fishing places. Ron was invited by the Superintendent to speak to all of the students, fifth grade and up. Ron made a big impression with Ms. Hanlon's class from which he received several letters of appreciation. Ms. Hanlon wrote about David who she had not been able to motivate all year until it came time to write the Thank You letter to Ron. David wrote, "I will go to college for at least 3 or 4 years and then I will try to go out for the NBA... Your Friend, David."

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Pitas Scholars Teach Tlingit Language & Culture

Jessica Chester and Mary Folletti, PITAS scholars at UAS, taught Glacier Valley preschoolers Tlingit song, dance, language & culture in the Literacy Links program during the Spring 2004 program.

"Ms. Folletti" and "Ms. Chester" helped students present their end-of-the-year performance on May 18th, with students performing the Tlingit Canoe song, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and "Are You Sleeping" in the Tlingit language. Ms. Folletti and Ms. Chester also helped students perform "One Potato, Two Potatoes" and several other popular children's songs in the Tlingit language.

The Glacier Valley preschoolers recited their numbers and verses very well in the Tlingit language, which speaks to the skilled instruction of Mary and Jessica. Jennifer Scott provided the main classroom instruction in the Glacier Valley preschool classroom.

"All of us at UAS are proud of Mary & Jessica's accomplishments as forthcoming teachers of Tlingit language and culture," said Janice Jackson, UAS Native and Rural Center.

UAS Wins Double Honors for "Teaching and Thinking"

The UAS-produced video, "Teaching for Thinking," has won two awards in separate professional video competitions. The production was a finalist in The Aegis Awards and an Award of Excellence in the Videographers Awards.

"Teaching for Thinking" was selected from 2,134 entries from the U.S. and overseas. Approximately 12 percent of the entries were selected for an Award of Excellence. UAS joined the following organizations in the honor: ABC News, Arkansas Educational TV Network, Cox Communications, Fox Sports Net, New Hampshire Public Television and Toshiba America Medical Systems.

SSN to Generated ID Conversion Project

As of June 7, 2004, the University of Alaska will begin using a unique generated ID for all employees and students in the Banner system. The University will no longer be using a Social Security Number as a primary form of identification.

This project is in response to student and employee requests and will establish a practice that helps reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud for the UA community. Please note that the University is still required to collect a valid social security number for tax, employment and federal financial aid purposes.

Follow these directions to locate your newly generated ID number on or after June 7.

- Log in to UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
- Select "Login to Secured Area."
- Enter your User ID (currently your SSN) and PIN number.
- Select the "Login" button.
- Click on the "Personal Services" text.
- Select "New UA Identification Number" at the bottom of the list.

Your name and generated ID will be displayed. This ID or your SSN can be used as your User ID when you log in to UAOnline.

Information regarding the progress of the project, frequently asked questions, and further information can be found at <http://www.alaska.edu/its/projects/ssn/>. Questions, suggestions, or comments can be sent to sygenid@alaska.edu. For UAOnline PIN reset requests, please contact your regional human resources office at the number listed below.

UA Southeast	UA Statewide
465-6507	(907) 474-1839

Aiding Students with Disabilities

The DSS Coordinator has asked that all faculty place the following statement on their syllabi: "Students with documented disabilities must make an appointment with the DSS coordinator immediately to determine if academic accommodations are necessary. Students will be provided a faculty notification letter stating the kind of academic accommodations needed in each class if any."

It is preferred that this process occurs before the start of every semester. Contact DSS Coordinator Michele Federico with questions or comments. She can be reached at 465-1298 or at disability.support@uas.alaska.edu.

Road to Recovery

Richard Hacker took ill a few months back and had to spend some time in Seattle. He is back in Juneau and is recovering slowly. He mentioned that he would LOVE to hear from you and that it would lift his spirits greatly. He has thanked everyone for his or her thoughts and prayers. You may Email him at jhrch@mail.uas.alaska.edu .

UAS Peer-Led Team Learning Pilot

UAS students Aluki Brower and Mary Shales, along with UAS faculty Rhonda Hickok, Virgil Fredenberg and Sharon Early, attended a Chautaugua Short Course titled: *Peer-Led Team Learning: The Workshop Model*. The Math and education departments will be piloting this model in one Math 055 section fall and spring. In the PLTL model a peer leader meets weekly with a group of 6 to 8 students to work on problems relevant to the course that have been carefully structured to ensure concept development moving from the concrete to the abstract.

New Egan Library Lost Materials Policy

Library lost material fees consist of two charges: replacement cost (\$55 for a general collection book) and a processing fee (\$15). As of May 10th, a lost item returned within six months of becoming lost will have the replacement cost forgiven but the processing fee will remain. After six months no fees will be forgiven for any reason. Please be conscientious about renewing or returning items on time. FYI: Faculty can request that UAS items be checked out for the duration of the semester.

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