

soundings

December 2009

Holiday Lights 2009 on Auke Lake Campus

by Landscape Superintendent David Lendrum

Landscape and Grounds crew have installed our seasonal lights displays for the winter season; they include tree lighting in the plaza and at the parking lots, lights at the Back Loop entrance, a school of salmon on the library building, tree and landscape illumination at housing, tree illumination at Bill Ray and two new panels. All the lights are energy conserving LEDs, using less than 2% of the power incandescent lights would draw, and not getting hot so they are safe to have in public spaces.



courts and marries her. He is actually the Sea Monster in human form, and each night he reassumes his true shape, goes into the ocean and returns with an abundance of fish. He leaves it in front of the house of his wife's mother, making her

into the most powerful person in the village. Over time she becomes unpleasantly proud and dominating and the creature decides to return to his undersea home, His wife decides that she prefers his company to that of her human companions and returns with him to live in abundance and prosperity for the rest of her days.

The theme of the sea monster bringing wealth reflects on the ocean as the source of all food, and that it is only with the assistance of the ocean creatures that we all thrive. Gun-a-Kadeit will also be represented in the raising of the new totem pole next spring.

It also pays tribute to the UAS Environmental Science remote sensing program, SEAMONSTER.

Any students or staff who would like to help with next seasons light display design and construction should contact Landscape Superintendent David Lendrum, 796-6513. We can use lots of hands.

Submissions

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The Pavilion display is called Whale Song, inspired by the painting of the same name by Ketchikan artist Evon Zerbetz, and is used with her permission. It shows the whales singing as they swim. It is a remake of the first panel ever erected at the campus.

The display on the curved wall of the Egan Building depicts the traditional Tlingit Sea Monster named Gun-a-Kadeit, and is derived from the petroglyph at Wrangell. It is used with the permission of the Aak'w Kwáan through Marie Olsen.

The story of the monster includes all the characters we expect from myth and tradition, A dissatisfied young woman complaining as she walks through the forest is surprised by a handsome young man who

Alaska On Hold Music Project

The University of Alaska Southeast is first in the state to adopt the Alaska On Hold music project developed by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council. Music by Alaskan musicians will play when callers to the University are placed on hold.

Modeled on a program offered by the City of Seattle, Seattle OnHold <http://www.seattle.gov/OnHold/>, this project intends to promote Alaskan musicians and make being on hold a unique and interesting musical experience.

Alaska On Hold Volume 1 includes:

- “You’re the One for Me” by George Wallace of Juneau
- “Widmung” by Franz Liszt, performed by Timothy Smith of the University of Alaska Anchorage
- “You’re Wearing My Hat” by the Preserves, from Juneau
- “Banjo and Fiddle” by William Kroll, performed by Linda Rosenthal, from Juneau
- “Cannery Girl” by Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers of Ketchikan.

Between each piece, a short statement identifies the piece and the artist, and where they are from.

Michael Ciri, Director of Information Technology Services for UAS, says “I am thrilled to be able to offer this! It is something I have been wanting to do for some time.”

Nancy DeCherney, Executive Director of JAHC says “This is such a great way to help local artists and to make being on hold somewhat more fun. I’m telling everyone to call the University and hope they get put on hold for a minute!”

Six Graduate From UAA Nursing Program Ketchikan



*Seated: Julie Olmstead, Pamela Standley
Standing: Elena James, Sarah Cook, Maureen Northway (UAA faculty), Kristin Fahey, Cindy Carson*

A formal pinning ceremony for University of Alaska Anchorage Associate Degree Nursing Program Ketchikan graduates was on Sunday, December 6, at 6:00 pm at the Sunny Point Conference Center. Six registered nursing students received their pins. The pinning is a long held traditional nursing ceremony. Speakers included Maureen Northway, UAA School of Nursing Assistant Professor; Erin Pringle, Anchorage faculty; and Ketchikan General Hospital Nurse Manager John McCormick.

Cindy Carson, Sarah Cook, Kristin Fahey, Elena James, Julie Olmstead, and Pamela Standley spent two years training in clinical settings in Ketchikan and Anchorage. They also completed college course work which qualifies them to graduate with an Associate of Applied Science, Nursing degree. Graduates are now able to sit for the national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN), and practice as registered nurses.

The program, administered by the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Nursing, has expanded to include 12 sites across Alaska. Clinical support sites included Ketchikan General Hospital, Peace Health Pediatric Clinic, Gateway Center for Human Services, Ketchikan Public Health Center, Alaska Regional Medical Center, and Providence Hospital in Anchorage.

2009 UAA Juneau Nurse Cohort Graduates



*2009 UAS-UAA Associates in Nursing graduates. (L-R):
Chris Urata (faculty), Keith Goering, Kirsten Kincaid, Maegan Clifton, MeLissa Rose, Patrick Grieser, Rigel Falvey, Rachael Sturrock, Hannah Mendelsohn. Photo credit: Peter Metcalfe*

The University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska, Anchorage School of Nursing held a pinning ceremony for graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at 1 p.m., Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the UAS Egan Lecture Hall on the Auke Lake campus. Jean Ballantyne RN, Ph.D from University of Alaska Anchorage attended.

Over the past two years, the Juneau students learned to start IVs, urinary catheters, take blood pressure and dress wounds at a lab set-up at the Bill Ray Center. They attended weekly video conferences and got hands-on experience at Bartlett Regional Hospital, Wildflower Court, SEARHC, Valley Medical Care, Reifenstein Dialysis Center, Hospice and Home Care of Juneau, Juneau Public Schools and in Anchorage hospitals. Many of the students also worked as interns during summers at Bartlett Hospital while completing their degrees.

Student Hannah Mendelsohn shadowed registered nurses in the Bartlett Operating Room as part of her training. "There are a lot of things that go into nursing that people don't realize," said Mendelsohn. "This program helps you communicate better, learn interpersonal skills, planning ahead and time management."

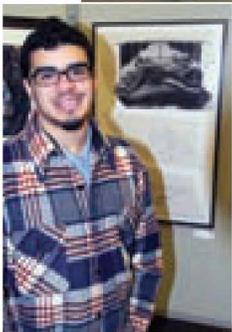
Mendelsohn is one of eight Juneau based graduates who are part of a group of 50 AAS in Nursing students state wide who have completed their studies. The other sites promoting students along with Juneau are Fairbanks, Homer, Mat-Su, Valdez, Kotzebue and Ketchikan.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with these students for 4 semesters. I am proud to present these nursing graduates to the Juneau community," said Juneau faculty Chris Urata. At least half of the graduates are applying for local employment.

The graduate nurses can take their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) as early as January 2010.

The graduates in the 2009 cohort are: Maegan Clifton, Rigel Falvey, Keith Goering, Patrick Grieser, Kirsten Kincaid, Hannah Mendelsohn, McLissa Rose and Rachael Sturrock.

Student Art Show at the Baranof



Above: Attendees at the annual All Student Art Exhibition at the Baranof Hotel on Gallery Walk, December 4, 2009

*Left: UAS Student photographer Ryan Cortes with his drawings in the exhibit
Photo Credit: Kent Kay*

UAS Fisheries Technology Program and UAF School of Fish and Ocean Sciences Agreement

UAS and UAF Provosts have both just approved an articulation agreement that gives UAS Fisheries Technology graduates the option of continuing their studies at a bachelor's degree level in fisheries at UAF SFOS.

The purpose of the articulation agreement is to provide a clear link from the UAS Fisheries Technology Associates of Applied Science degree and the UAF Bachelors of Science in Fisheries degree. This agreement will allow students with the AAS in Fisheries Technology to continue their schooling with the BS in Fisheries at SFOS, and to use credits from the AAS in Fisheries Technology to satisfy requirements for the BS in Fisheries from SFOS. The process of reaching the articulation has required high levels of collaboration between the two schools, with courses being matched and approved by course directors and departments on both campuses. This process has resulted in a document that provides a clear understanding between the two schools on which UAS courses will count for the corresponding course at UAF. The result will be that UAS-K Fisheries Technology AAS program graduates will have an estimated 2.5 -3 years of course work in addition to the AAS in Fisheries Technology to be able to earn the BS in Fisheries from UAF. The hope is that this will entice graduates with the AAS in Fisheries Technology who want to earn a BS in Fisheries to do so through UAF SFOS.

Tanner Crab Research Wins Grant

Marine Biology student Eric Keller received an NSF-EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) undergraduate research fellowship to work with UAS faculty Dr. Sherry Tamone on bitter crab disease in Tanner crab. He will be funded through the Spring and Summer of 2010 to analyze blood samples collected from Tanner crab in Prince William Sound. Eric will use molecular tools to identify the causative agent of the disease which is a dinoflagellate. The fellowship is for \$8000.

Sitka Employee and UAS Graduate Rita Fuller

Rita Marie Fuller, 52, Sitka, AK, passed away November 27, 2009, at her parents' home in Liberty, MO. A memorial service was held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, at the McGilley Antioch Chapel in Liberty, MO. Rita was born May 23, 1957, in Kansas City, MO. She graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Antioch Middle School & Oak Park High School. Afterwards she moved west living in the states of California, Washington & Oregon before settling in Alaska. She had lived in Sitka for the past sixteen

years. Rita was a computer technician for the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus. She was employed by UAS for the past twelve years & earned two degrees. Rita ran a successful restaurant, was a member of the Elks Lodge, was an artist, an accomplished pool player, and she was an adventurer, traveling in her younger years, even obtaining first mate on a commercial fishing vessel. Survivors include her daughter, Marita C. Fuller, Sitka, AK; son, Chris C. Fuller, Anchorage, AK; parents, Tom & Rita Fuller, Liberty, MO; brothers, Tom Fuller & wife, Judy, Lawson, MO, Bob Fuller & wife, Melissa, Smithville, MO, & Tim Fuller, Gladstone, MO; sister, Peggy Pursley & husband, Norman, Kansas City, MO; 2 best friends, Sandra Burgess, Sitka, AK & Angelique Pursell, Liberty, MO; & numerous nieces & nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Rita's name to the University of Alaska Southeast Marine Mammal Fund, ID# 20752, UAS Development Office, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801 or (907-796-6566.)



Rita Fuller

Link to Rita's obituary as well as a guest book page if you would like to share a memory about Rita or post a comment to her family.

Global Art Market



The third annual World Art Market fund raiser for the Global Connections Club was a great success. Thank you to all who attended and

purchased unique handcrafted items. Our club coffer was sorely in need of replenishing! Now, because of your interest and enthusiasm, the club will be able to continue with our international diners, travelogues and more. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Holiday Reception



Chancellor John Pugh holds a check just presented by Native and Rural Center director Kolene James for \$10,000 towards the Eagle Totem Campaign at the End of Semester reception Dec. 9, 2009.

The bulk of the money was raised through raffle ticket sales by the Wooch.e'en club. Other club organized fundraisers included a banquet and fry bread sales.

Mining Certificate Holders Offered Jobs



Sisters Certificates: Sisters Latanya Friday (L) and Ruth Gentry (R) of Kake hold their Underground New Miner certificates (photo credit: Katie Bausler)

Greens Creek and Couer Alaska are hiring from a pool of fifteen people who recently received safety and underground mining training through a partnership between the University of Alaska Southeast, Mine and Petroleum Training Services (MAPTS), the Alaska Department of Labor, and the mining industry.

The five week course included environmental and safety training, history of local mining, classroom instruction on the extraction and production process in an underground

mine and on-site training in procedures such as installing pipes and jack leg drilling at the Maggie Kathleen entrance to the old Alaska Juneau Mine. How to be good employee, team work, identification of proper supplies, some heavy equipment operation, how to identify and mitigate loose ground conditions and light signals used for communication underground were also addressed.



Latanya Friday (R) works on road repairs in the old Maggie Kathleen mine off Thane Road during training (photo credit: Ryan Cortes)

A completion ceremony for the newly qualified entry level underground miners was held on Friday, Nov.13 at the UAS Technical Education Center. Chancellor John Pugh and other UAS representatives attended the event to recognize the graduates and acknowledge the University's appreciation to the other partners. Also present were Juneau Senator Dennis Egan, and representatives from the Juneau Job Center, Greens Creek, Coeur Alaska and the Alaska Department of Labor including deputy commissioner David Stone.

The class of New Miners included sisters Latanya Friday and Ruth Gentry of Kake. They got experience running back fill machines and working the bull gang. "I really thought I'd be scared," said Ruth, who is also the mother of a five-year old. "But I really liked it." The sisters enrolled in the program because they are seeking more steady employment with benefits. Both have been offered positions at the Kensington Mine.

Coeur Alaska Human Resources Manager Meg Day said the start dates of new hires for the Kensington Mine will be staggered from December 2009 through September 2010.

H1N1 Vaccine Update

The CDC estimates that 4,000 people have died and 100,000 have been hospitalized across the U.S. due to H1N1 influenza. Tens of millions have been infected. They recommend that unless you have had confirmed Influenza A that you get immunized for H1N1.

The UAS Health Clinic continues to have H1N1 vaccine available for students, faculty, and staff. Call 796-6000 to make an appointment for your immunization. The clinic will be closed December 18th through January 18th.

Alaska EPSCoR Faculty Research Grants in Landscape Genetics

Faculty Research Grant Competition Announced

Alaska EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) is pleased to announce its competition for faculty research grants for the 2010 spring semester. These grants are intended to support research in landscape genetics to help faculty become more competitive in attracting research funding.

Faculty employed by UAA, UAF, and UAS in Spring 2010 are welcome to apply. Awards will be in the form of research grant funds of up to \$20,000. Note that we have only \$40,000 maximum funding available so the number of funded proposals will be inversely proportional to the size of each award. We will try to strike a balance to enable funding as many proposals as possible.

The overarching EPSCoR theme, Resilience and Vulnerability in a Rapidly Changing North: The Integration of Physical, Biological and Social Processes, is described on our website, www.alaska.edu/epscor. To be considered, faculty will need to be working in the sub-area of Landscape Genetics or a related topic.

Application Deadline: December 22.

Holiday Closure 2009

The 2009-2010 University of Alaska Southeast holiday closure will begin Tuesday, December 22 at 5 p.m., and continue through Friday, January 1, 2010. Employees will return to work on Monday, January 4 at 8 a.m. The schedule for those not specifically assigned to work will be as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009: Annual Leave or Leave without Pay, at employee's discretion.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 and Friday, Dec. 25, 2009:

University Holiday.

December 28, 29 and 30: Annual Leave or Leave without Pay, at employee's discretion.

Thursday, December 31, 2009 and Friday, January 1, 2010:

University Holiday.

Supervisors are requested to accommodate employees who wish to take additional leave time if business operations allow.

You might also mark your calendars at this time for the Spring Break Holiday (and campus closure) Friday, March 19, 2010.

O. Henry Opera World Premiere

Juneau Opera To Go will present the world premiere of two one-act operas written by the parents of UAS Associate Professor of English, Nina Chordas. Her mother, Nina Soudakoff Chordas, wrote the libretti based on the O. Henry short stories, "Gift of the Magi" and "The Last Leaf"; her father, Michel Chordas, set them to music. Both of Professor Chordas's parents were immigrants, her mother from China

and her father from Latvia. They taught Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and collaborated on several operas. Michel Chordas studied at the Musical Conservatory in Riga, Latvia before being forced to flee the country during World War II. Unfortunately, neither lived to see their work performed.

Dr. Chordas serves on the Board of Directors of Opera To Go, and will be part of a short presentation about the life and times of the composer during the performance. This is an exciting production, featuring musical direction by W. Todd Hunt, artistic direction by Roald Simonson, and set design by Akiko Nishijima Roch. A veritable pantheon of superb Juneau singers completes the cast. The operas both take place in New York's Greenwich Village in the early 20th century, and are eminently suitable for the holiday season. "The Gift of the Magi" is the beloved story of a young husband and wife who each sacrifice their most precious possession in order to give each other the greatest gift of all. "The Last Leaf" tells the story of a young woman who has lost her will to live, and the aging artist who paints his masterpiece just for her. All performances take place at Thunder Mountain High School: Saturday, December 12 at 8 pm; Friday, December 18 at 8 pm; Saturday, December 19 at 8 pm; and Sunday, December 20 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students of any age, and may be purchased at Hearthside Books or at the door. One ticket is good for any and all performances.

PFD Scholarship Drawing



As you fill out your 2010 PFD application, consider contributing half of your PFD to an account in the UA College Savings Plan and we'll enter you into a giveaway for a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship

account or one of four, \$2,500 scholarship accounts! This is an unprecedented giveaway, aimed at increasing the number of Alaskans who are planning for future college expenses.

To participate you must check the college savings box on line six of your 2010 PFD application. The application period runs from January 1 – March 31.

The UA College Savings Plan can be an effective vehicle for saving for a child's future. All contributions to the Plan grow tax deferred and earnings are tax free if used for qualified education expenses at any school in the country. For more information please call (907) 474-5671 or visit www.uacollegesavings.com.

Staff Information

December Anniversaries

Katie Bausler, 2 years; Russ Carson, 15 years; Michael Doyle, 7 years; Wendy Girven, 1 year; Sara Hagen, 23 years; Christopher Hoyt, 5 years; Joe Nell, 13 years; Barney Norwick, 17 years; Luther Riley, 19 years; Justine Trinidad, 1 year; Emily Wall, 4 years.

New Hires

Martin Aguirre, maintenance service worker, Facilities.
Steven Van Epps, maintenance service worker, Facilities.

Leave Use Deadline Feb. 12

Employees with more than 240 hours of annual leave must use their excess leave by February 12, 2010 so it won't be lost. Under university regulations, annual leave accrued but not used in excess of 240 hours will be forfeited at the end of the payroll processing for the pay period in which January 31 falls.

Leave Cash-in Program Available

Don't forget about the leave cash-in option available to all non-union, benefits-eligible employees. There is no extra form to fill out and employees can request the cash-in at any time during the fiscal year. Eligible employees can cash in up to 40 hours of their annual leave per fiscal year as long as they have 40 hours remaining after the cash-in hours are deducted.

To claim the cash-in, employees need to simply use earnings code 515 (annual leave cash-in) on their timesheet under the "total hours" column.

Spring 2010 Convocation

The dates for Spring Convocation are Monday, January 11, and Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Convocation will kick off at 8:00 AM on January 11, for faculty and staff with a continental breakfast and the first general session will be at 8:30 AM in the Egan Library.

Public Administration Faculty Jonathan Anderson: Symposium and Article

In the July 2009 issue of ATP: Administration Theory and Practice, Jonathan Anderson co-edited a symposium on "Public Administration, Social Equity, and Social Justice: Future Journeys and Roads Less Traveled."

The symposium can be found at this link.

Jonathan Anderson's article "Illusions of Accountability: Credit and Blame Sensemaking in Public Administration" appeared in the September 2009 issue of ATP: Administrative Theory & Praxis, Volume 31, Issue 3. The article is at this link: www.pattheory.org/atp/prior-content/volume-31

Business Students Join Innovation Project

The Innovation Project™ was developed at the University of Victoria (UVic) in British Columbia, Canada, and is one of a growing number of experiential elements that help prospective entrepreneurs at UVic and elsewhere learn to become expert entrepreneurs. Find out more about the project here: (www.business.uvic.ca/undergraduate/current/specializations/entrepreneurship/project/how/)

Last month, some UAS marketing and entrepreneurship students participated in the project. In essence, the student groups' assignment was to take \$5. and, through marketing and entrepreneurial activities, see how much cash they could grow that initial \$5 into in 10 days.

Congratulations to Lisa Flores, Jenny Lofton, and Ashley Magill from BA 427 Marketing & Entrepreneurial Financial Management. Their Doggie Day Care Innovation Project has been voted by their peers to have the greatest long term potential. Congratulations also to the Lip Balm team (Jamar Hill, James Humphries, and Amy Campbell) and to the Animal Charity team (Tim Miller and Richard Howes) from BA 343 Principles of Marketing who finished in second and third place respectively.

Congratulations also to McKenna Lesman. (age 12) from Juneau who won the UAS' Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Junior Innovator Award for her Sweetness Greeting Cards promotion. McKenna's cash count at the end of the 10 day Innovation Project was \$409.90.

The team from BA 427 made \$625, the highest economic profit, and the Animal Charity team earned \$130, winning the sustainability award.

In addition to a plaque for winners, UAS (SIFE) will award cash prizes to the winning project teams as follows:

- \$900 Long Term Potential & Highest Economic Profit
- \$600 Sustainability Award
- \$300 Junior Innovator

Overall, the eight participating projects invested \$36.42 and in ten days reported \$1,305.08 in cash collected, an impressive return of over 3500%.