



Students Get Rare Hands-on Experience

Seventeen students the UAS Marine Mammalogy course necropsied a juvenile harbor porpoise, which died of natural causes, during a recent laboratory session. Biology faculty Beth Mathews led the necropsy of the young male porpoise. Students got an intimate look at the porpoise's melon, a fatty structure located on top of the rostrum, and they dissected the nasal sacs and lower jaw; all three structures are involved in echolocation. Access to actual marine mammal specimens for dissections is one of several

ways that UAS Marine Biology students get hands-on experience not possible at most universities.

UAS Winter X Games at Eaglecrest

The second annual UAS Winter X Games at Eaglecrest Ski Area kicks off Saturday March 5, with registration on site from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is \$5 per event, and all registrants have a chance of winning a 2005-06 season ski pass.

An Eaglecrest bus will depart Housing at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and will then depart from the campus flagpole at 8:35 a.m., free of charge. Discount coupons for rentals are available for housing students. The day's events include a Slalom Race at 10 a.m.; free downhill and snowboard group lessons for UAS students, staff and faculty at 11 a.m.; BBQ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Xtreme Team Relay (with a snowboarder, alpine, telemark, and one of opposite sex) at 1 p.m.; and Downhill Dummy competition at 3 p.m. The bus will return to campus at 4:30 p.m.

The Winter X Games will continue Sunday, March 6. An Eaglecrest bus will depart Housing at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday and will then depart from the campus flagpole at 8:35 a.m., free of charge. The bus will return to campus at 5 p.m. Sunday's events include a Nordic Race (Skate or traditional) 5K and 10K at 10 a.m.; a Slope Style Race at noon; Snow art judging at 1:30 p.m.; Xtreme tubing judging at 2 p.m.; and an awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the Eaglecrest Lodge. There will be live music by Four Brave Monkees in the lodge from 2-5 p.m.

The entire community is invited to participate or watch these family friendly events. Ages Under 18, 18-30 and over 30 for competition. All participants must register, get bibs and sign liability forms. There will be UAS top competitor prizes. There will be \$5

lunches/BBQ available with UAS ID both days. Events are brought to you by Student Government, KINY/KSUP and Eaglecrest. For more information contact Tish at 465-6529.

Women's History Month Tea

UAS staff, faculty, and students are invited to a Women's History Month Tea on Wednesday, March 9, 4-5 p.m., in the Lake Room. Shontay Delalue King will give a dramatic reading of works by Maya Angelou and other inspirational women writers. Tea and cookies will be served.

Glory Hole Boxes

Glory Hole Executive Director Jetta Whitaker thanked the UAS community for its 19 years of donations and commitment to the shelter and food pantry. Students, faculty and staff have donated items, time and money to help support the Glory Hole.

UAS Flukes Softball Sing-up

Any faculty and staff interested in joining the UAS Flukes Softball team should contact Paul Kraft (6461) as soon as possible. Rosters must be in by March 15. We have three goals this year: No one gets seriously hurt; we have a good time every game; and we repeat as champions.

MBA Application Deadline Nears

The UAS MBA program is currently accepting applications for admissions for the Fall 2005 cohort. This entering cohort will be the inaugural group to participate in the UAS online MBA program following its restructuring to respond to current trends in Alaska's economy and projected managerial needs of Alaska business. Designed as a specialized MBA in Service Management, the program focuses on high demand and high growth industry sectors, (retail management, health industry management, and leisure and hospitality management), which account for roughly 60 percent of projected job growth in Alaska over the next decade. The program is designed mainly for participants who have several years of managerial experience, although outstanding applicants will always be considered even if their background is different. The deadline for applications for Fall 2005 admission is May 1, 2005. Early application is encouraged. Exceptional applicants may be granted early admission.

Dr. Woods-Black to Visit Campus

Dr. Frankie Woods-Black will present Quantifying Risk - Perception vs. Reality on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in Egan Classroom Wing 221. Dr. Woods-Black is the Director of Down-Stream Services at Conoco-Phillips and is touring the UA system courtesy of the Alaska section of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Woods-Black talk will discuss risk assessment and how it applies

to daily decision making as well as technological development. An abstract of the talk as well as Dr. Woods-Black biography is posted in the Anderson Building and the Mourant Cafeteria.

Independent Journalist Returns to Juneau

Dahr Jamail, an Anchorage-based independent journalist, will be in Juneau March 15-16 to bring Juneau report from the front lines in Iraq. On March 15 the Juneau People for Peace and Justice and the UAS Global Connections Club will sponsor his talk at the Egan Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

Jamail will also discuss what he perceives as the failure of the US media to accurately report on the realities of the war in Iraq for the Iraqi people and US soldiers. He traveled to Iraq in November 2003 to report on the war himself and has spent a total of 8 months in occupied Iraq as one of only a few independent US journalists in the country.

February FAFSA a Success

In the inaugural year of Alaska's College Goal Sunday (CGS), successful events were hosted in seven communities across Alaska: including Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright, Homer, Juneau, and Mat-Su. With about 150 people donating their time, effort, and expertise, nearly 700 Alaska students and families received assistance in completing their FAFSAs for the 2005-2006 school year. The Financial Aid Department wishes to thank Governor Murkowski for recognizing the importance of financial aid in the educational pursuits of students and declaring February to be Financial Aid Awareness month.

Ketchikan

UAS, AMHS, Inland Boatman's Union Extend Agreement

The Alaska Marine Highway System, Inland Boatman's Union and the University of Alaska Southeast signed a five-year renewal on Friday, Feb. 25, in Ketchikan to extend the current agreement to educate and train marine engine room oilers.

A marine engine oiler is an entry-level position. Oilers often work on large vessels like ferries. The position is United States Coast Guard certified and documented position and there is a demand for the position in the maritime industry around the state. The Alaska Workforce Investment Board has listed marine oiler as one of the areas with the greatest need for a skilled work force. The University of Alaska Southeast Marine Operation Department in Juneau has been training marine oilers under the current agreement for the last five years. Currently, 15 students have either entered the program, are testing with the Coast Guard or are working in the industry in jobs around the state.

The University of Alaska Southeast marine oiler program is a 28-credit series of courses related to marine engine operations and other marine safety aspects. The student must complete 1440 hours of sea-time in a ferry engine room as an oiler candidate as well as pass a U.S. Coast Guard written examination in order to receive an Oiler Z card, enabling the student to work in a documented position.

UAS Ketchikan Marine Operations Department works in conjunction with the Juneau Department to offer further marine safety training to AMHS employees. Currently, UAS Ketchikan

provides Basic Safety Training; Lifeboat and Proficiency in Survival Craft; Crisis Management; Crowd Management, Bridge Resource Management, Radar Observer and Able Seaman training for AMHS employees as needed.

Faculty and Staff

Carrie Enge, Learning Center Writing Ed Tech, on Friday, Feb. 25 attended the one day conference of Alaska College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) meeting and luncheon in Anchorage. CRLA is a voluntary association of approximately 1200 postsecondary learning assistance colleagues across the U.S. and Canada. Its members are tutor trainers; faculty in various fields, such as reading, math, education, and learning skills; learning center administrators; and other learning assistance professionals.

Wayne Clark (UAS alumni '98, retired Alaskan teacher/coach/administrator) is preparing to join a Habitat for Humanity First Builder Team that is going to Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, from March 17 - 27. The team of 14 includes six other Alaskans. They will be clearing debris and setting house foundations in this remote coastal village on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka, one of areas hardest hit by the Dec. 26, 2004 earthquake/tsunami. Habitat for Humanity has committed to build 25,000 homes throughout Sri Lanka.

For more information about Wayne's trip and HFH donations, visit www.habitat.org/gv/mvtrip/6490-6396 or contact Wayne at his home in Douglas at (907) 364-3226.

Sue Koester and **Marsha Squires** recently attended AHA-International's Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA) conference in Portland, OR. The conference covered a variety of topics including information from study abroad site directors, the addition of new study abroad opportunities, and consortia faculty orientation. Sue Koester, a veteran faculty participant (London, 2003), presented a session on Advising Students while Abroad.



Women's History Month

Events scheduled throughout the month of March.
Check out the calendar at www.uas.alaska.edu.



Pacific Rim Forum 2005
Interdisciplinary Conference on
Economics & Environment

March 31 to April 2

UAS Egan Lecture Hall

The poster features a stylized graphic of a globe or a map of the Pacific Rim region, with a red and blue color scheme.