

The Raven Has Landed



A raven sculpture finds its perch in the Egan Library courtyard. The piece was created by UAS art student Lisa Rickey and installed on Monday afternoon. The 8-foot tall sheet-metal sculpture was paid for by One-Percent-for-Art and the UAS Alumni Association.

Hood Receives Grant

Assistant professor Eran Hood of the Environmental Science program has recently received a three-year, \$295,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Watershed Surveys and Planning program to work on a collaborative study with the Juneau Forestry Science lab.



The study will look at the influence of nutrients from spawning salmon carcasses and surrounding wetlands on the productivity of streams and watershed. Hood anticipates the findings will inform forestry management decisions.

Working with Hood on this project are co-directors Rick Edwards and Dave D'Amore from the Juneau Forestry Science lab. With the help of Ph.D. student Jason Fellman and other undergraduate UAS students, the team of researchers will focus the study on two streams in the Juneau area.

A broad survey of streams throughout the Tongass National Forest will also be conducted. "We'll be taking float planes out to look at some of the different watersheds. Nearly one-third of the Tongass is wetlands, so I'm excited to get out and see the different areas around Southeast Alaska," Hood said.

Hood is hopeful that this project will lead to further collaborative projects and foster a positive working relationship between the two agencies.

"More interaction opportunities would be a really good thing for both UAS and the Forestry Science lab."

Hopson Named Interim Dean



UAS welcomes Elaine Hopson as the Interim Dean of Education for the current academic year.

"I failed miserably at retirement," Hopson joked about her decision to accept the position three weeks ago and join the UAS family.

A native to Juneau, Hopson taught English for 17 years in Detroit, Ore. before returning in 1984 as the personnel director for the Juneau school district.

She moved south again in 1993 to serve as the superintendent for the Tillamook school district in Oregon. Hopson also spent time serving the Oregon Legislature as a state representative.

She returned to Juneau again last year as a retiree, but when Hopson got the call from Provost Robbie Stell asking her to act as Interim Dean, she decided overnight to say yes.

"I thought it would be a good challenge. I love education, but I have never been active in higher education. I thought it would be interesting to see that part of it," she said.

When asked about what she would like to accomplish in her next nine months at UAS, Hopson discussed the rigorous accreditation process that the CTE program just went through and the assessment process that the entire University system is about to undergo.

"I see this as an opportunity to connect the pieces and move forward with the assessment process."

Hopson also added that she feels very at home and comfortable at the University. "This is really a nice place to be and the staff is fabulous."

OneSamp Combines Computers with Natural Science

Assistant professor of biology David Tallmon has developed a computer program that allows researchers to gain insight of cryptic population sizes. His program, OneSamp, is based on a population genetics theory that population sizes can be inferred from statistical properties of a sample of genes.

With a sample of genetic information, OneSamp can process statistical analyses to estimate how many adults are breeding in that population.

Computer science students Ali Koyuk and Alec Bennett have worked on converting Tallmon's code and developing a Web page interface. By utilizing the Internet, researchers can conveniently enter their data and wait to receive an e-mail with the resulting estimate.

Tallmon points out that in the past, researchers seeking population estimates have needed two gene samples separated by

a generation in order to look at changes in genes over time. Other methods based on using only a single sample have not proved reliable.

“The performance testing that I have done suggests that our method is going to be superior,” Tallmon said. “It should be of practical use to people, especially those who are looking at endangered or threatened populations.”

Tallmon’s collaborators on this project are Gordon Luikart from France, and Mark Beaumont from England. OneSamp was first publicized at the Society for the Study of Evolution conference held in Fairbanks several months ago, and the next step is for Tallmon to publish a paper.

Sitka Hosts Elderly Care Conference



The 13th annual Care of the Elderly conference was recently held at Harrigan Hall in Sitka. This event is organized by Community Education and Professional Development of UAS Sitka campus each year for health care professionals, caregivers and educators.

Twenty speakers shared their expertise on this year’s theme, ‘Quality Care: Improving Health Outcomes.’ Among the 65 attendees were Juneau health sciences faculty member Margaret Walmer, and Sitka nursing program and UAA faculty member Bitsy Mosher.

“With people starting to live into their late ‘80s and early ‘90s, instances of dementia are rising and we need to be prepared as healthcare providers,” Walmer commented on the subject of the conference. “An awareness of the needs of the elderly has improved treatments and approaches of care, ensuring a better quality of life.”

Mosher found the conference informative on both a professional and personal level. “The conference offered excellent presentations on the geriatric population, of which I have limited clinical experience,” said Mosher. “I will use the information. I will share it as well”

HIM Students Receive National Scholarships

UAS student Linda Smith of Palmer was awarded a \$1,000 McKesson scholarship through the FORE Foundation of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Student Renee Iler of Fairbanks has won a \$1,000 Rita Finnegan Memorial scholarship, also through AHIMA.

Scholarships awarded by AHIMA range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and are awarded based on assessment of grade point average and academic achievement, volunteer and work experience, commitment and suitability to the HIM profession, quality and suitability of references provided, and clarity of application.

Both Smith and Iler are completing the Health Information Management degree program at UAS and anticipate graduating in the summer of 2006.

Interested in Securing Your Wireless Network?

Last fall, students in CIOS 320 conducted a survey, scanning for non-secured wireless networks in homes and businesses; and found dozens. While the survey was non-scientific, it was clearly an indication that people do not know how to properly secure their wireless networks.

Students have consequently developed a Web site to provide guidance in developing a secure wireless network for homes and small businesses. The site is designed so that even beginners can benefit. Feedback is appreciated if you use the site. www.uas.alaska.edu/cios/Publications/Wireless_Project/index.html

Early Childhood Professional Development Program Awarded Federal Grant

SEED (System for Early Education Development) was selected for funding through the U.S. Department of Education’s office of innovation and improvement. This grant will enable continuing work on a comprehensive professional development system for the Alaska field of early care and education. Alaska SEED will continue to work to ensure appropriate and ongoing professional development for those who work with young children in programs such as Head Start, childcare centers, pre-schools, and the early primary grades.

SEED is housed at the Professional Education Center. For information, visit the website at <http://seed.alaska.edu> or contact Carol Prentice at 796-6414 or carol.prentice@uas.alaska.edu.

Buddhist monk to visit UAS



Khenpo Lodrö Thayé Rinpoche will visit the UAS Egan library on Tues., Oct. 4 from 7 – 9 p.m. to present a talk entitled, “Making This Human Life Meaningful.” He will introduce the philosophy and practice of Buddhism from a Tibetan perspective.

Khentrul Rinpoche has twice received the title of Khenpo (equivalent to a Doctor of Philosophy degree) and is the Abbot of Kathog Mardo Tashi Choling in Eastern Tibet, directing the education and spiritual practice of more than 450 monks and practitioners. Since 2003, Khentrul Rinpoche has been a guest lecturer at universities and Buddhist centers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

This presentation is offered in association with the UAS Global Connections Club.

Beer and Wine Tasting

UAS Alumni & Friends are hosting their sixth annual beer and wine tasting event on Friday, Oct. 21 at T.K. Maguire’s. Drinks will flow and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Tickets sales are limited and available now. Contact the UAS Alumni office at 796-6569 for more information. Proceeds will support scholarships.

ATTAC Hosts Annual Meeting

The Alaska Training / Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC) at the UAS Sitka campus assisted the Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association (AWWMA) with their annual Southeast Conference. The event was held in Sitka on Sept. 21 through 23.

Conference workshops were attended by 75 water / wastewater operators, utility personnel, state employees and vendors. Nicole Duclos, ATTAC Program Coordinator, was the primary organizer of the event. Several workshops were presented by ATTAC staff members Tim Anderson, Dr. John Carnegie, Andy Holt and Jim McCauley.

Study Abroad and Exchange Fair

Faculty and staff are requested to encourage students to attend the annual Study Abroad and Exchange Fair on Tues., Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Lake room. There will be representatives available to answer faculty questions regarding teaching opportunities abroad, as well as assist students with the details of the application process. Do not be surprised if your knowledge of the world is questioned!

Terzis to Host Exhibit at State Museum



Jane Terzis, Assistant Professor of Art, will open a solo exhibition at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, which runs from Oct. 7 through Nov. 26. The exhibition is titled, "Prayer for the Protection of All Beings," with a public reception on Friday, Oct. 7 from 4:30 - 7 pm.

"The face presented in each piece is one that I have used

before. Intended as a portrait of my own psyche, these beings also represent everyone in what I think of as my tribe," Terzis interprets her work.

"The head flaps may represent the differences that we think separate us from other people. I also find them funny and I enjoy painting/drawing this being."

Terzis will present a gallery talk that same evening at 6 pm. She will also present a workshop for children at the museum on Saturday, Nov. 5, in which she will talk about her art process and the kids will participate in drawing.



Rec Center Happenings

Dodgeball - If you can dodge a wrench you can dodge a ball. Want to put your skills to the test? Saturday, Oct. 8 from 3-6 p.m. at the Rec Center. Individuals or teams (minimum of 6 players) should sign up at the Rec Center help desk. Free for all Rec members!

Co-ed basketball - Do you want to work on your skills and have fun? Registration ends Oct. 12 and season begins Oct. 19. Contact Phil Paramore for team specifics at 796-6546 or phil.paramore@uas.alaska.edu.

Kickball Tournament is this Saturday, Oct. 1 from 3-6 p.m. at the Rec Center. Free!

By popular request, the Rec Center will be hosting another pool tournament on Nov. 5. Winner of the first pool tournament of the season was Lucas Mullen. Grand prize was a pool stick.

Women Rock Climbing Clinics are being held every Monday at the Rec Center Climbing Wall starting at 6 p.m. Want to learn more about climbing? Interested in the benefits of rock climbing? Lucas Mullen and Steffi Schrieber are both excellent instructors excited to share their skills!

Interested in hiking Mt. Roberts? Meet some new outdoor friends and have fun with the new Outdoor Rec Center (ORC)

Staff. Call 796-6545 for more information about sign-up. Meet at the Rec Center at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 1! Free to Rec Members!

Interested in getting out for one more paddle of the season? Sign up for an all day kayaking excursion Oct. 8 to explore Auke Bay from 11-5 p.m. Boats and gear provided. Cost is \$15 and proceeds benefit the growing ORC. Sign up at the Rec Center by Oct. 6.

The ORC will present a Wetlands Walk on Saturday, Oct. 22. E-mail rec@uas.alaska.edu for more information. Cost is free! Bring your binoculars.

Be well with our new Mind and Body Wellness Program for Rec Center members and UAS Folks. Classes held Monday through Friday from 12:10 - 12:55 p.m. at the Rec Center. Monday - Aerobics, Tuesday - Yoga, Wednesday - Aerobics, Thursday - Meditation, Friday - Aerobics.

Keep an eye out for an early morning six-week Tai Chi session starting late October. For more information on noon time classes, call 796-6545 or e-mail rec@uas.alaska.edu. Free to Rec Members or \$3 for UAS affiliates.

The Student Activities Center is excited to present a pre-release of the movie Bewitched on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 9 p.m. Free for Rec members or \$5 for UAS affiliates or guests (limit of two guests). It doesn't get released to home video until Oct. 25. Families welcome!

Are you interested in starting a fitness program designed for your own personal needs and flexible schedule? Do you need to shape and build strength for a specific sport? Set up time with a personal trainer and learn about the proper training skills needed for health and well being. Get familiar with the different machines and equipment. Call 796-6545 for more information and pricing on setting up a routine with a personal trainer!

Faculty and Staff

Patrick Moore, Director of Institutional Research at UAS, was operated on yesterday at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. Friends may monitor his progress by visiting: www.caringbridge.com/visit/patmoore

Best wishes for a speedy recovery Pat!

Curious about the new Wellness program? Want to know what else is happening that affects staff? Join Staff Council and attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. For information, contact julie.staveland@uas.alaska.edu

September Anniversaries

Noel Andes, 3 years; David Barlow, 11 years; Virginia Berg, 1 year; Amanda Bickar, 2 years; Marla Brownlee, 5 years; Lowell Ellis, 16 years; Carolyn Enge, 1 year; Kathy Fagerstrom, 3 years; Michael Greene, 16 years; Danel Griffin, 1 year; Deana Hale, 1 year; Mary Karper 21 years; Vickie Kraft, 4 years; Diane Meador, 6 years; Gloria Merry, 9 years; John Moran, 2 years; Sue Oliva, 23 years; Joseph Nelson, 1 year; Mary Purvis, 5 years; Glenn Ramsey, 23 years; Nicole Rogers, 17 years; Robbie Stell, 36 years; Jan Straley, 6 years; Cathy Thomas, 3 years; Claudia Wakefield, 1 year; Mary West-White, 6 years; Rebecca White, 1 year.

New Hires (staff)

Susan Wiley, Counseling / Disabilities Services

Trisha Lipsky, Student Services Technician, Records and Registration

Rodolfo Renegado, Jr., Custodian, Facilities Services

Susan Stuck, Administrative assistant, Center for Teacher Education

New Hires (faculty)

Elizabeth Dodd, Term assistant professor of English

Sonia Nagorski, Research associate, Arts and Sciences