

## Kelly Appointed Vice Provost for Research

Dean of Arts and Sciences Brendan Kelly has been appointed as the new UAS Vice Provost for Research in addition to his role as dean. According to Provost Robbie Stell, this appointment is a formalization of a dual role that Dean Kelly has performed for quite some time.

In this capacity, Kelly will serve as the UAS representative to the University of Alaska Research Advisory Council (RAC), along with peer representatives from UAA and UAF. The RAC was established over a year ago and was recently reestablished to create a mechanism for the three major academic units to discuss common concerns about the university's research enterprise.

Kelly will continue to advocate for UAS on issues relating to competitive research at RAC, as well as other internal and external forums. "I'm confident that his service in this capacity will forward UAS research interests well," said Stell in a recent memo to UAS faculty members.

## UAS Construction Technology Partners with the UAA Mining and Petroleum Training Service



*EMS Training Officer Charlie Blattner from Capital City Fire/Rescue provided CPR and first aid training as part of the MSHA class in the Construction Tech Lab at TEC.*

UAS Construction Tech faculty, Marquam George and Charlie Ross, hosted a week-long Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Underground Inexperienced New Miner Training course at the UAS Technical Education Center in September. The training course was taught by Dennis Steffy, the Director of the Mining and Petroleum Training Service from the Kenai Peninsula College, which is a Community Campus of UAA.

The purpose of the course was to help prepare the local workforce for Kensington Mine development and operations. Thirty-two participants completed the five-day course and received their MSHA certificates. The 32-hour MSHA training is required for all persons who work in an underground mine, are regularly exposed to mine hazards, or are maintenance/service workers employed to work at the mine.

## Study Abroad and Exchange Fair a Success

The annual Study Abroad and Exchange Fair was held on Tues., Oct. 11 in the UAS Lake room. Fair coordinator Marsha Squires considered the event a success in that it received considerably more traffic and more interested students than last year's fair. Squires attributed the success in part to the inclusion of the study abroad and exchange information session in orientation.

The day's events included songs performed in Spanish, German, Cuban and Russian. A student performed a demonstration dressed in summer Japanese clothing. An ISEP student talked about his experience in France.

Faculty member Robin Walz was there to promote his study abroad trip to France, which will be held May 9 through 30 as a cultural and historical tour. During the first two weeks, the class will be held in South Central France and the last week will be in Paris. Students interested in the trip can attend an organizational meeting on Fri., Oct. 21 at noon in the Lake room.

Anne Frey from the Institute for Study Abroad program handed out brochures about traveling and studying in places like Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Latin America and Spain. "I really felt like there was a lot more directed interest in study abroad programs than last year's fair," Frey said.

Representing AHA International was Moana Rogerson to tell students about the study abroad programs that are pre-approved by UAS. "I was really impressed with the faculty support, student interest and the entertainment of the fair," said Rogerson.



## From Cashiers to Clerks

In an effort to avoid any further confusion for bookstore patrons, the former Cashier's Office is now known as 'Student Accounts.'

Headed by Paul Empson, the Student Accounts office primarily collects student tuition and any other University deposits through the roll-down window adjacent to the bookstore.

"We have changed the office name to help alleviate student confusion," said Empson. "When people thought of the Cashier Office, they thought of the bookstore. We're not cashiers, we're account clerks."

The name change will not affect the office's location or services.

## Call for Bullock Prize Nominations

The Board of Trustees of the University of Alaska Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the 2006 Edith R. Bullock Prize. The purpose of this prize is to recognize and reward an individual who has demonstrated excellence in support of the University of Alaska. Any individual, regardless of University affiliation, is eligible for nomination for the prize, which carries with it a \$20,000 award for the recipient. The selection committee will base its decision primarily on two criteria.

First, the individual needs to have demonstrated a specific, definable, notable accomplishment which benefits the University. For example, this could be done through establishment of an academic or administrative program, the development of a course, the successful completion of a project, the achievement of a research discovery, the provision of a needed university or public service, the achievement of an educational goal, the publication of a thesis or paper, or the achievement of national recognition.

The second factor that will determine the prize winner is the extent to which the individual demonstrates general support of the University either through service, advocacy, philanthropy, etc.

Nominations must be completed on the Bullock Nomination form, which is available from the Foundation or at its website, [www.alaska.edu/uafound](http://www.alaska.edu/uafound). All nominations must be received in the Foundation Office or postmarked by December 1, 2005 to be considered for the 2006 prize.

## Student Leadership Program

Once again, Vicki Orazem, Vice Provost for Student Success, is inviting all students who want to have a professional experience on campus to apply for the UAS Student Leadership program.

"We are recruiting talented students with a strong academic background and interpersonal skills as well as an interest and concern for their fellow students. We are looking for students with a variety of backgrounds to assure that leaders are representative of our student population" Orazem said.

The UAS Student Leadership program is in its fifth successful year. Over 70 students have completed the program and have served or are now serving in campus leadership roles such as student ambassadors, new student orientation leaders, teacher assistants, tutors, peer mentors, community advisors, and student government leaders.

If you know a student who is looking for new opportunities and challenges, please tell them to apply for this prestigious program. It will help them develop their leadership skills and provide that challenging new experience they might be looking for.

Applications for the Student Leadership program are available at the Student Resource Center, the Provost Office (in Hendrickson Annex) or on-line at: [www.uas.alaska.edu/viceprovost](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/viceprovost)

Selected students will enroll in a three credit leadership class during Spring 2006 (Tuesday 5:15-8:15) and participate in a campus leadership position for Fall 2006. Please contact Vicki Orazem at 796-6421 or email at [Vicki.orazem@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:Vicki.orazem@uas.alaska.edu) for more information.

## Pick a Major

The 'Exploring Majors Fair' is a program that is directed to all UAS students and is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20, from 11 am - 2 pm in the Lake Room. The intent of this program is to provide a centralized opportunity for students to investigate various career options in one place at one time.

Representatives from each academic unit and inter-MAU degree programs will be available to answer questions about the various majors and minors available in their department. The atmosphere will be informal; students will be encouraged to come and go at any time during the designated hours.

## Dodgeball Champs



These guys proved that if you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball. Way to go!

## Alumni Association Annual Meeting

The UAS Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the UAS Rec Center. All current UAS Alumni & Friends members are welcome to attend. By-laws may be altered, amended, and/or repealed at this meeting. Election of officers and board members will also be held. Please call the Alumni Office at 796-6569 if you plan to attend.

## 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 are \$30 for general admission or \$20 for Alumni & Friends members. Call Margaret in the Alumni Office at 796-6569 or stop by the Soboleff Annex to purchase tickets before the event is sold out! Proceeds will support UAS scholarships.

## Scary Story Time

"Scary Stories on a Dark Evening," an annual Halloween event for about eight years now, was the brainchild of English professor Chris Weaver and an opportunity for professors to tell their favorite scary stories. Reinterpreting the occasion, Sue Koester promises readers theatre performances, ghastly stories, and even spooky music performed by her students from the oral interpretation course and by guest artists from Perseverance Theatre.

Many of the classic scary story writers that will be represented are Edgar Allen Poe, W.W. Jacobs, Shirley Jackson, and Ronald Dahl. Surprisingly, the imaginations of Mark Twain, Raymond Carver, and Winston Churchill have also produced some ghostly tales and will be on the program.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 7-9:30 in the Egan Lecture Hall. Refreshments will be served at the intermission, admission is free, and all are welcome.

## Save the Date for Sitka WhaleFest

WhaleFest will take place Nov. 4 – 6 in Sitka. Check the website: [www.sitkawhalefest.org](http://www.sitkawhalefest.org) for details. Undergraduates from the UAS Biology program and from UAS's National Science Foundation Research Experiences for UAS Undergraduates program will display posters on their research at Whale Fest.

## Take the Denali / Mt. McKinley Challenge

**The Challenge:** Climb the height of Denali on stairs at UAS

**The Timeline:** From Monday, Oct. 17 – Friday, Dec. 16

**The Rules:** Only ascending stairs count. Only stairs at UAS count. Keep track of your own scores. No cheating. Let me know if you are accepting this challenge by emailing me at: [tia.anderson@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:tia.anderson@uas.alaska.edu)

**The Facts:** Denali is 20,320ft high from its base. You must climb 40,640 steps total. That works out to approximately 4,515 stairs a week for 9 weeks, which is about 645 stairs a day, 7 days a week or 903 stairs a day, 5 days a week.

## Rec Center Happenings

On Sunday, Nov. 6 at 7 pm, there will be a 50-minute BBC Challenge Film on the Yukon River Quest, the world's largest annual canoe and kayak race. In addition, organizer Jeff Brady of Skagway will give a talk with other SE Alaska Paddlers. This is free to Rec members and \$5 for guests.

## Staff Council Meeting

Questions about the Wellness program? Something else on your mind? UAS Staff Council meets Thursday, Oct. 20 from 3-4 p.m. The Juneau meeting location is the Maurant conference room, or contact [jeri.cary@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jeri.cary@uas.alaska.edu) for instructions to dial in. The meeting agenda will be posted at [www.uas.alaska.edu/staffcouncil/](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/staffcouncil/)

## Sitka

The Community Wellness Advocate Program's 2005-2006 cohort is meeting in Sitka at UAS Sitka Campus this week for their week long on-site training. The CWA program prepares students to provide community-based health promotion and disease prevention services that reflect the needs of their home communities for subsistence based indigenous lifestyles as well as more modern settings.

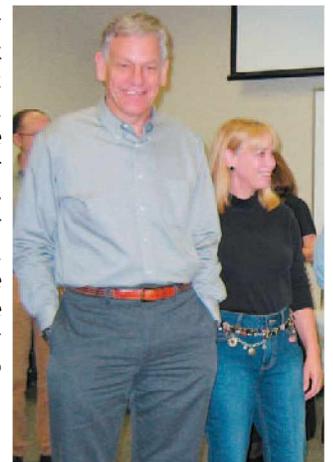


*Community Wellness Advocate Cohort for 2005-2006*

*L to R, back: Brenda Igaais, Kathleen Barnett, Charles Aragon, Kassy Jarvis, Jennifer P, Joanie Fogel, Doug Osborne, Thomas Ginn, Rance Mattegan L to R, middle: Walleen Whitgon, Jeanette Claven, Judie McCullough, Dorothy Brown, Doris Williams, Lisa Sadleir-Hart, Ibley Wokland, Davia Dinks Winona Huffman, front: Donna Hebbeler*

## Sitka Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Sitka campus greeted new faculty and staff at a "Welcome" potluck recently. Not only did everyone get to meet our new director, Jeff, and his wife Linda (pictured), but there was also a surprise baby shower for one of our newest Sitka campus babies, Owen. He is the son of our new biology instructor, Deborah Barnett. Other new arrivals are Daniel Lord (psychology), and Diane Mille (CNA/PCA). Jim McCauley (ATTAC) had already slipped into Sitka this summer.



## EPA Pays a Visit

Holly Fleming, EPA Grant Project Officer, visited the Alaska Training Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC) at the Sitka Campus in September. Fleming visited ATTAC faculty and staff to see firsthand the inner workings of the Center, discuss progress of the projects and delays, and review management procedures and records.

In a follow-up letter, Fleming stated: "The Center has contributed greatly over the past few years, on both a regional and national level, to the technical needs of small public water systems and public water systems serving Indian Tribes. EPA recognizes these valuable contributions and encourages you to continue on this path."

ATTAC has received EPA funding since 1998. This was the first onsite visit from an EPA project officer.

## Ketchikan

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UAS Ketchikan hosted a Scholarship Breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Chancellor John Pugh and Interim Campus Director Cathy LeCompte joined both students and organizations for a morning of getting to know one another. The event provided both benefactors and recipients the chance to meet and hear from one another. Smith noted this was the first time he had ever had the opportunity to meet one of the scholarship winners and he appreciated it greatly.

## Ketchikan Accepts Nursing Students

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Ten UAS Ketchikan students have been accepted to the second Ketchikan cohort for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing offered by the UAA Nursing Program. The nursing program offers a two-year associate of applied science degree in nursing to selected campuses outside Anchorage via distance delivery methods every two years.

This new cohort of students will begin course work in January 2006. Thomas Grass, Christine Lyshol, Mary Hasibar, Brett Hinkle, Vanessa McGhee, Jessica Frost, Sherity Kelly, Leanne Droke, Sandra Singer, and Rosa Mergenthal will begin courses that will span multiple specialty areas of nursing. The course work will include clinical sessions in major health care areas completed primarily in Ketchikan. The Ketchikan clinical sessions are made possible through cooperative agreements with a variety of local health care organizations.

## Faculty and Staff

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**Marjorie Fields**, early childhood education professor emeritus, has been elected president of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators.

**Beth Mathews**, from the natural sciences department, will attend the Marine Mammal Commission meeting and give a talk entitled "Declines in harbor seals in northern southeastern Alaska: Testing a predation hypothesis" at the 10th annual meeting of the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission in Anchorage.

**Sarah Kreher**, the Student Success Coordinator for the Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN) program, and Health Sciences Advisor, attended the National Academic Advisors Association (NACADA) conference last week. She is a member of selected NACADA interest groups including Distance Education, Native and Tribal College, and Health Professions. Kreher was one of five attendees from Alaska.

**Dale Bucich** and **Barbara Burnett** will be attending the Alaska Association of Financial Aid Administrators annual conference this week. Burnett will also be attending the annual Department of Education Electronic Access conference at the end of this month, followed by the SETA/SCT Education Technology Association conference in Salt Lake City and the NELA Strategy Council bi-annual meeting in Seattle.

**Lynne Johnson**, **Deana Hale** and **Barbara Burnett** will be attending a statewide meeting in Fairbanks on Nov. 17 to work on the plan to automate the scholarship awarding process for all University and University of Alaska Foundation scholarships.