



Soundings

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\$100,000 donation

A Juneau resident who chooses to remain anonymous, has donated stock worth about \$100,000 to create an endowment to support to the Bald Eagle Research Institute that is associated with UAS.

"I feel quite strongly as a resident of Juneau that doing something for the university is important," the donor said. "UAS is important to our economy as well as to the students and the resources they study." He hopes others will contribute to the endowment so eventually there can be an endowed professor in bald eagle ecology at UAS.

Student success

Jay Zhao earned his MBA from UAS in 1997 and is now working as a finance manager in Shanghai. In a postcard to staff he said, "I am using everything I learned from UAS. I'm able to look at the 'Big Picture' when I think and make decisions which I learned in my MBA capstone class."

Redesigning UAS website

Several forms are on the UAS homepage to assist in the redesign of the UAS website. Web coordinator John Attebury said, "We need to know what people need and expect from a university website." The website homepage also has a form for faculty and staff to make corrections to the UAS directory and to report website errors.

The first phase of the redesign should be completed by May 31. Comments about the website will be received from students Jan. 31 and from faculty Feb. 7. The meetings take place at noon in Novatney 102.

Film Feb. 2 at SAC

"What Lies Beneath," a supernatural thriller starring Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer is the Feb. 2 film to be shown at 7 p.m. at the SAC. The movie is free to SAC members and \$5 for others. Pizza is sold by the piece and there is free popcorn. To vote on the Feb. 16th film go to www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/sac/films/

About 45 attended Jan. 19 film, "Gone in 60 Seconds."

Ketchikan scholarships

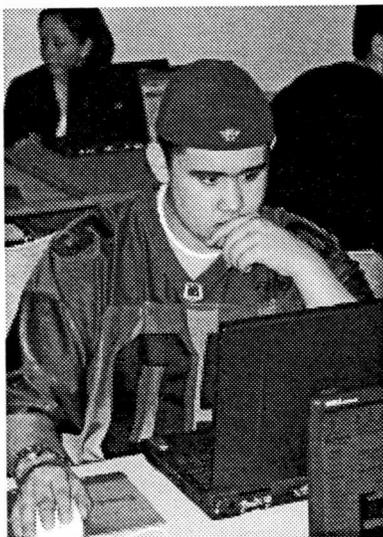
The new Community Advisory Council Scholarships have been awarded. Deana Barajas and Kimberly Lockman each will receive \$1000 grants. Vickie Inkster and Richard Morgan will receive \$500. Leslie Chapel, Christopher Goodman, and Vickie Inkster were each awarded \$250 scholarships from the First City Rotary.

Undergraduate research

Applications are being accepted for students to take part in the UAS undergraduate summer research program. Successful candidates will receive a \$325 a weekly stipend and Juneau housing. The national program seeks academically strong students interested in marine biological research. Minority applicants are especially encouraged. Applications are due Feb. 15. See: www.uas.alaska.edu/uas/biology/nsf.html or e-mail: beth.mathews@uas.alaska.edu

Get fit

Any UAS department or group is invited to take part in 2001: A Fitness Odyssey. There are four different challenges: pounds lost, group spirit, individual resolutions and improvement. Contact Kathy Tilton, 465-6163, to enter.



Early Scholars learn on wireless laptops

Early Scholars

Juneau Douglas High School students taking part in the Early Scholars program will be learning about web design and making a brochure on the Juneau campus once a week through March. Edwell John is providing the instruction.



Laykeia Thurmond

Cross country bus trip leads to UAS

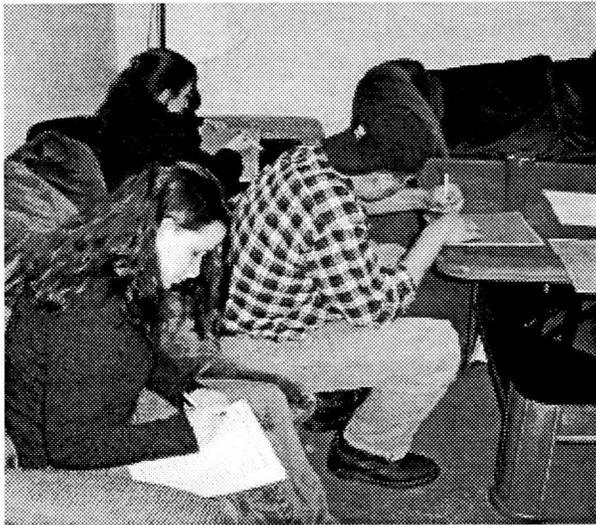
"I wanted to study marine biology up here," Thurmond said.

Others traveled further than Laykeia Thurmond to enroll at the University of Alaska Southeast for spring semester, but probably no one else spent more time on a bus to reach campus.

Thurmond, from Greenville, NC, spent four-and-a-half days traveling by bus to Seattle to save money, and then flew to Juneau to enroll in the UAS marine biology program. "I wanted to study marine biology up here," Thurmond said. She has been considering UAS for over a year.

In addition to her long bus ride, Thurmond was an unusual student even before arriving on campus. "We talked to her father Darrell a dozen times, at least," according to Tish Griffin who is UAS director of Auxiliary Services. "He did all the things you'd like a parent to do."

Although not knowing any other students before arriving at UAS, Thurmond said, "I'm not having trouble meeting people." She lives in the campus' Banfield Hall. "Everyone went out of their way to make me welcome here."



Success workshops

Helping students

Academic tips are being given to all students Wednesday evenings from 7–9 p.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 at the housing lodge. The student-help program is a joint effort of faculty, Student Services, and Housing.

Juneau campus

Superbowl: The game will be on the large screen (21 ft X 14 ft) at the Student Activity center 2 p.m. Jan. 28. There will be door prizes, BBQ and snacks. Free to SAC members and \$5 for others.

Global Connections: Nepal slides and discussion of international careers, 1 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge, Jan. 26. Slides from Italy, Feb. 2. A van for downtown folk dancing on Friday nights is available and a Juneau driving tour is being organized. Call Ksenia at 790-9887. International dinner and movie (Austrian/German) will be held at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 11 at Schaible House.

COMTECH: Students in the Information Technology program will have lunch with the COMTECH keynote speaker, Howard Charney Sr. vice president of Cisco Corp. on Feb. 6. Students with computer skills interested in doing volunteer work at COMTECH should contact Edwell John at 465-6349.

JDHS: Introduction to Heavy Duty Mechanics is again being offered to Juneau high school students during their fifth period.

Mark Hamilton: The university president speaks at the Boy Scouts Eagle Honors Banquet Feb. 13 at Centennial Hall. Faculty and staff are invited. Confirm by Feb. 5 to Boy Scouts of America, 9220 Lee Smith Dr., Juneau 99801.

Elections: Students vote for two senators Feb. 6–7.

GRE: The paper-based exam will be given March 3 at the Learning Center. Call 465-6348.

Whalesong: The first spring semester issue of the student newspaper is on campus.

Tuxedo Junction date set

Juneau's elegant night on the town, Tuxedo Junction, will be held on Sept. 29. The UAS organized event raises money for student scholarships. Venues will include the Mt. Roberts Tram and the Twisted Fish. Music will include the Thunder Mountain Big Band and the Robert Cohen Band featuring rock 'n roll.

Faculty news

Jan Straley, Sitka biology, will be in Washington, D.C. Jan. 27–31, to participate in a peer review panel for Graduate Environmental Study Fellowships submitted to the EPA's Office of Research and Development.

Brendan Kelly and Beth Mathews, Juneau biology, published a book review of *Marine Mammals: Evolutionary Biology* in the January issue of the journal of *Marine Mammal Science*.

Todd Turek, Juneau art, has a sculpture titled "Detonator" exhibited at the Buddy Holly Arts Center in Lubbock, TX as part of the "Y2Klay" national juried exhibition.

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, presented a paper on crab biology at the 19th Lowell Wakefield Symposium: *Crab2001: Crabs in Cold Water Regions: Biology, Management, and Economics*.

Bill Sallenbach, Ketchikan psychology, will make two presentations at the Maternal Health Care Conference March 29 in Fairbanks and meets with mental health and infant learning people in Fairbanks on March 28.

Kevin Krien, Juneau philosophy, was featured in the December issue of *Trading Post* for his climb and ski descent of Denali.

Dan Monteith, Juneau anthropology, is featured in the current issue of the *Alaskan Southeaster* magazine.

Bill Brown, Juneau, presented "The New Economy, Globalization, and the Countermovement," at the January 2001 American Economics Association meetings in New Orleans.

Sitka campus

Sign language classes have been initiated at Sitka Campus. Kelli McClenahan is teaching an Intro to Sign Language workshop and Sign Language II. Next fall she will offer a 4-credit class in ASL that will qualify as a GER as an alternative to speech class.

International programs

UAS is sponsoring a service opportunity in Guaymas, Mexico, over spring break (contact Timi Tullis, 465-6389). There is also a May 11–June 8 study tour in France with UAS faculty, Robin Walz, history, and Sharon Mondich, French.

JUNEAU CAMPUS

Friday, Jan. 26

- Nepal slides, Global Connections, 1 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge
- Pool tourney, 6 p.m., SAC
- Ultimate Frisbee, 10 p.m., DZ school

Saturday, Jan. 27

- Memorial brunch for Jolie Sasserville, 11 a.m., Lake Room.

Sunday, Jan. 28

- Superbowl on 21 foot by 14 foot screen, 2 p.m. SAC

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Website redesign student committee, noon, Novatney 102
- Success Workshop, 7 p.m., Housing Lodge
- Family night, 7 p.m., SAC

Friday, Feb. 2

- Statewide student leaders conference through Sunday
- Italy slides, Global Connections, 1 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge
- "What Lies Beneath" film, 7 p.m. SAC

Tuesday, Feb. 6

- Student elections
- Global Connections planning, 1:30 p.m., Mourant Student Lounge

Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Student elections
- Website redesign faculty meeting, noon, Novatney 102
- Success Workshop, 7 p.m., Housing Lodge

Friday, Feb. 9

- Ultimate Frisbee, 10 p.m., DZ school

Saturday, Feb. 10

- Valentines dance, 9 p.m., SAC

Sunday, Feb. 11

- Global Connections international dinner, 6:30 p.m., Schaible House

Distance courses

Eighteen different distance classes are being received on the Juneau campus this semester. Meeting spaces have been provided for students to receive the mostly audio conference classes. Subjects include archaeology, business math, anatomy and physiology, children's literature, wastewater treatment, rural social work, etc. Many classes originate from the Sitka and Ketchikan campuses.

Student jobs

The Forest Service is recruiting for Wildlife Technicians in Wrangell for summer. Applications are due Feb. 1. Contact Brendan Kelly, 465-6510 for information.

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