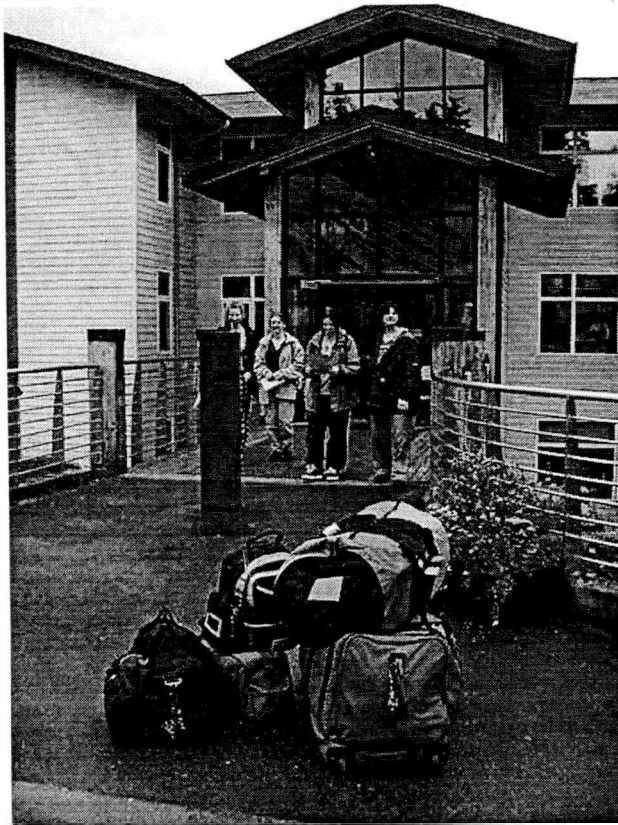




# Soundings

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Moving into Banfield Hall.

## Freshman enrollment up 40%

Full-time student enrollment is up about 9% over last year on the Juneau campus during the first days of fall semester. Total credit hours are up about 4%, and part-time students are about the same as last year. There have been big increases in new students: first time freshman, up 43%; first time freshmen within Alaska, up 60%; transfers, up 33%; transfers within Alaska up 41%. About 5% of new students are international, 71% are from Alaska, and 24% from Outside. New students come from more than 40 Alaska towns including nearly 150 from Juneau. "We're doing a good job of recruiting," Chancellor John Pugh said. "Our next task is to strengthen our retention efforts."

## Permanent Fund on campus

Part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Permanent Fund Corporation takes place in Egan Library on Sept. 19. Faculty are welcome to bring classes to the public events: Economic Forum, 8:30 a.m., dividend announcement, 10:15 a.m., and an anniversary retrospective with Jay Hammond, Oral Freeman, George Rogers and Byron Mallott at 10:30 a.m.

## Ketchikan campus

The campus participated in the annual Coast Guard town meeting Sept. 5 to introduce new CG employees and spouses to the community. A one-time \$300 Welding Scholarship was awarded to Michael Daugherty who was injured on the job in 1998 and is retraining. Gail Klein, student services, teaches a workshop on Sign Language for Your Baby, Sept. 15. Alaska Scholar program students attending Ketchikan include Jody Fletcher, Ivana Rolando, Willow Faddis, Kirsten Mix and Melissa Brouhard.

## Juneau campus

**Workshop:** Thomas Angelo presents a faculty workshop, "Ten Levers for Higher Learning: Research-based Guidelines for Improving Teaching, Assessment, and Learning," on Sept. 10 in the Lake Room 9 - noon and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Contact Richard Hacker, 465-6347.

**Books:** The Bookstore has 500 books listed for fall semester, more than any time in the past and the list grows daily. The Bookstore is now selling insulated coffee mugs. Student employee Jessye O'Connell is leaving and will be replaced by TJ Barry.

**Missing:** The Global Connections photo album is missing from the table outside Mourant 107. The green covered book with a brown stripe includes several years of photos. Please call Elizabeth Schelle with any information, 465-6455.

## Sitka research site

A research team from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center has been using a Sitka campus science lab to determine the extent, patterns and effects of marine species invasions on the coastal ecosystem on both coasts of the United States. Sitka was one of four Alaska sites selected.

## Juneau activities:

Some of the student, faculty and staff events follow:

**Welcome Picnic:** Sept. 8, Noon at Sandy Beach with free food, softball, volleyball and music.

**Tracy Arm Cruise:** Sept. 9, boarding at 8:30 a.m. \$25 for students, \$55 for faculty and staff. Tickets at the cashier.

**Mendenhall River Rafting:** Sept. 15, leaves at 10 a.m. \$15 for students, \$30 for faculty and staff. Tickets at Student Activities.

**Foreign Film:** "Faat Kine," with English subtitles. \$3 for students, 7 p.m. JDHS, Sept. 19.

**Dance:** First of the semester with DJ music, 9 p.m. SAC, Sept. 15.

**Exercise:** Cardio Kick activity each week at SAC, Wed. at 7 p.m., Thurs. at 8 p.m. and Sat. at 2 p.m.

**Kayak Orientation:** Needed to check out kayaks for ocean use 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 and 4 p.m. Sept. 12.

**Tuxedo Junction:** UAS scholarship fundraiser takes place at the Tram, Twisted Fish and a harbor cruise Sept. 29. Tickets, \$75 and available at the cashier or Hearthside Books.

## Successes

Sherry Tamone, Juneau biology, was awarded \$100,000 by ADFG to study the regulation of growth in snow crab from the Bering Sea as part of a two-year study.

Alice Tersteeg, Juneau art, will have an art reception for her new watercolors, 4-7 p.m., at the Big Picture (Lyle's) Sept 28.

**Field work:** Biology students make a field trip by boat Sept. 8-10 and faculty will introduce them to field research.

**Graduate:** Mary Glamann, a May HIM graduate working at Kodiak Island Hospital, was the first to write the national computerized exam.

## New Juneau faculty:

**Ashley Ahrens**, economics with interests in environmental/natural resource economics, public economics and econometrics. Ph.D., University of Colorado. Previously taught at Colorado Mountain College.

**Sara Beaty**, art, replacing Todd Turek who is on sabbatical. Master of fine arts from University of Iowa. Past visiting artist at the University of Iowa Colloquium and Mount Mercy College (Iowa) and an instructor at Spokane Art School in Washington.

**Jim Hale**, English. Master's degrees in English and philosophy from Rutgers University and expects to complete his Ph.D. from Rutgers later this year. UAS adjunct since 1996 while working at the National Marine Fisheries Service. Previously taught at Central Washington University.

**Mike Dwyer**, Business Administration. Ph.D. from University of Wales and previously worked as a professor of international business at Teikyo Loretto Heights University in Denver.

**Rhonda Hickok**, education, to coordinate Preparing Indigenous Teachers for Alaska Schools grant for the PEC. Bachelor's degree in education from UAS and nine years experience in the Juneau and Copper River School districts.

**Lisa Hoferkamp**, chemistry. Inorganic chemistry Ph.D., University of Neuchatel in Switzerland. Worked as a postdoctoral fellow studying groundwater contaminants for the Environmental Protection Agency in Georgia and taught chemistry at Manatee Community College in Florida.

**Jeff Lofthus**, education. Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota. He previously worked as an elementary school principal, teacher and counselor in Nebraska and as an adjunct professor of education at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Neb.

**Heather Nash**, psychology. Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Idaho State University. She has worked in a professional psychology internship at Father Flanagan's Boy's Home in Nebraska.

Other new Juneau faculty previously mentioned in Soundings include Tony Martin, automotive technology; Marquam George, construction technology; and George Masek, accounting. Return faculty include Eve Dillingham, CIOS; Sharon Mondich, French; Rick Bellagh, Spanish; Robert Ruyle, math.

## Staff Alliance

The annual retreat of statewide Staff Alliance with President Hamilton was held in Fairbanks on Aug 13-14. Key motions requested a 2.0% improvement of the salary grid, and completion of Classification Project by July 1st, 2002. Lola Savatgy and Alliance Chair Robert Sewell represented UAS. "The cost of living in Alaska has risen at least 27% in the last decade, and 2.9% in the last year - making salary grid adjustment necessary," Sewell said.

## Sitka holds Open House

Over 330 people attended the Sitka campus Open House Aug. 25 and registered for classes, attended "mini-courses," viewed demonstrations, saw advisors, toured the campus and ate. More than 30 faculty and staff, and Chancellor John Pugh, assisted. KIFW radio did an on-site broadcast encouraging listeners to stop by.

## Fall exchange students

National exchange students on the Juneau campus this fall are from five different states. International students are from Austria, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Russia, Sweden, Slovakia, and Zambia. Continuing international students are from Argentina, France, and Israel. UAS exchange students are in seven states, the Virgin Islands, and Washington and three foreign countries. Spring applications for international programs are being accepted. Contact Elizabeth Schelle, 465-6455.

## Special Projects

The Chancellor has made available \$50,000 for projects to enhance UAS as a learning community. Faculty are invited to submit proposals to the Provost's Office by 5 p.m. Oct. 1. Funding is limited to \$5,000 for each proposal. Call Jean Linthwaite 465-6509 for information.

## Employee anniversaries

David Ackerman, 3 years; Pattie Adkisson, 9 years; Jonathan Anderson, 3 years; Denise Blankenship, 23 years; Brian Blitz, 1 year; Phillip Burkick, 2 years; Mike Crabb, 1 year; Nicole Duclos, 2 years; Janet Dye, 8 years; Alexis Easley, 2 years; Kathy Etulain, 23 years; Sarah Ferreny, 1 year; Pat Fitzgerald, 22 years; Rita Fuller, 3 years; Wally Gleeson, 22 years; Tish Griffin, 16 years; Margaret Grogan, 5 years; Steve Hamilton, 1 year; Elizabeth Hoffman, 11 years; Teresa Holt, 2 years; Brenda Hurley, 8 years; Kimberley Jensen, 2 years; Kevin Krein, 3 years; Mary Lou Madden, 2 years; Karen Martinsen, 3 years; Bruce Marvel, 6 years; Kirk McAllister, 6 years; Kerry Morris, 1 year; Ginnie Mulle, 7 years; Jason Ohler, 11 years; Elizabeth Schelle, 8 years; Tim Schroeder, 4 years; Ron Seater, 17 years; Katy Spangler, 18 years; Mike Stekoll, 23 years; Richard Stephens, 1 year; Sherry Tamone, 2 years; Mary-Claire Tarlow, 11 years; Shelley Theno, 3 years; Elise Tomlinson, 6 years; Todd Turek, 12 years; Julie Vigil, 1 year; Emily Wall, 1 year; Todd Walter, 2 years; Robin Walz, 4 years; Ray Watkins, 23 years; Dean Webb, 11 years; Rosita Worl, 6 years; Mona Yarnall, 7 years.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, Sept. 7

- Club Fair, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mourant
- Student government meeting, 3 p.m., Mourant conference room
- Film, "American Pie," 7 p.m., SAC
- Global Connections, student in The Netherlands, 1:30 p.m. Mourant Lounge

### Saturday, Sept. 8

- Welcome picnic, noon, Sandy Beach
- Biology student boating field trip, through Sept. 10

### Sunday, Sept. 9

- Tracy Arm UAS cruise, 8:30 a.m. boarding

### Monday, Sept. 10

- Teaching/Learning faculty workshop, 9 a.m. - noon and 1:30 -4:30 p.m., Lake Room.

### Tuesday, Sept. 11

- Fundraisers audioconference, 9 a.m., Egan 210

### Wednesday, Sept. 12

- Ice cream social, free, 2 p.m. Cafe

### Friday, Sept. 14

- Pool tournament, 7 p.m., SAC

### Saturday, Sept. 15

- Mendenhall raft trip, 10 a.m.
- Welcome dance with DJ, 9 p.m. SAC

### Sunday, Sept. 16

- Student government free pizza party, 7 p.m. Valley Bullwinkles, bring student ID

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

- Permanent Fund Board, 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Egan Library
- Foreign film, "Faat Kine", 7 p.m., JDHS

### Saturday, Sept. 29

- Tuxedo Junction, tickets at cashier and Hearshide

## Ohler edits book

"Future Courses: A Compendium of Thought about Education, Technology, and the Future," edited by Jason Ohler, Juneau education, has been published by Technos Press. The book includes articles by several UAS faculty and staff including Scott Christian, Mary Lou Madden, Mary-Claire Tarlow, Katherine Spangler, Brett Dillingham, and Ohler in addition to dozens of others. The book is designed as a graduate level reader on the future of technology and education.

## GRE

The Graduate Record Exam is now computer-based and offered in Anchorage, but by special arrangements a paper-based exam will be given in Juneau Oct. 13 and March 2. Call 465-6348.

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