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Students build replicas of ancient heads.

Snow heads built

Students in Rick Bellagh's Spanish classes constructed two, eight foot snow replicas of Olmec Heads outside of the Soboleff Annex this week. The class has been studying the Olmec civilization, the oldest in Meso America and existing from 1000 BC to 200 AD. "I wanted a good class project that would have students working together," Bellagh said.

He told students to bring outdoor clothing and shovels to Tuesday's class. Students then gathered the snow, compacted it into large mounds, and began carving the faces based on drawings of the originals.

Bellagh wanted to do the carvings last year after he and students returned from a holiday trip to Mexico where they had seen the heads. A lack of snow stopped those plans. During this year's student trip to Ecuador, the group was building an immense sandcastle on the beach. "I thought it was so neat that everyone jumped in," Bellagh said. Their enthusiasm revived his interest in the project, and the heavy snowfall this week allowed students to study history through snow.

Ketchikan supporting shipyard

Mary Lou Madden represented the college on a panel discussion with Doug Ward from Alaska Ship and Drydock at a Washington, D.C. workshop Jan. 27 sponsored by the National ShipBuilding Research Program. She also worked to finalize a grant proposal with the shipyard for training funds from MARITECH Advanced Shipbuilding Enterprise. MARITECH is a collaborative effort of government and industry to improve the international competitiveness of the US shipbuilding industry.

Share a "Story about Eileen"

Long time UAS registrar Eileen Franson will be honored at a party on Feb. 12 at the Baranof Hotel beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person at the Student Resource Center. Event organizers are seeking "stories about Eileen." Pass them along to Scott Foster, 465-6530.



Mountain films set

Eight short films from the Best of the Banff Mountain Films Festival will be shown at Centennial Hall Feb. 12. Subjects include kayaking, ice climbing, snowboarding and more. Cost for the event, sponsored by Student Government, is \$8 for students and alumni with ID and \$10 general admission.



Don Brandon discussed ADA.

Training held

More than 150 Juneau campus faculty and staff attended a day of training on Alaska Civil Rights Day, a holiday for students.

Don Brandon, state ADA coordinator, said as baby boomers age, the number of Americans with disabilities will increase. He observed, "A person doesn't become a disability just because they have one."

Jonathan Anderson discussed sexual harassment and said, "because it's the law, you are personally liable." What is against the law, he said, is when the behavior is unwelcome. Samiri Samimi-Moore talked about cultural diversity and advised people to "observe, listen and respect." Robert Sewell said increasing numbers of students with disabilities are enrolling and that persons cannot be discriminated against because of disability. Pattie Adkisson traced Alaska civil rights.

Student mentor program starts

More than 50 new, full-time students have been placed with 27 continuing student as part of a mentoring program started this semester on the Juneau campus. The program connects new students who have questions with continuing UAS students who can provide answers.

Students introduce themselves by e-mail. A mentorship social will be held in February so students who have not met may do so. Students who complete at least 24 credits their first year will be introduced to alumni mentors in conjunction with the UAS Alumni Association. For information about the mentoring program contact Josh Horst in student government at 465-6517 or Lori Exferd at 465-6456.

Renaissance Faire Feb. 13

The UAS sponsored Renaissance Faire takes place Saturday Feb. 13 at Centennial Hall. The Faire runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and the Medieval Feast and dance is from 6-9 p.m. Activities for the family include fighting knights, royalty, a merchant marketplace and a children's play area. The Faire is \$5 general admission and \$2 for UAS students. The admission/feast/dance is \$15; tickets are available until Feb. 8 at Hearthsides Books and the UAS cashier.



Students discuss POLIS

Students will describe their reactions to using POLIS at another in a series of TLTR technology forums Feb. 2 at noon in the Lake Room. Student Government is organizing the discussion. "We said we wanted to hear from students," **Sherry Taber** said. "Here students are taking the lead."

Liberty nominated

The Sitka campus TLTR has nominated **Carol Liberty** for an "Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology" award for her work as director and faculty of the UAS Health Information Management Program. The nomination and award, endorsed by Chancellor **Marshall Lind**, will be recognized at the Tenth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning to be held in April, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Juneau activities

Canned Food Drive for SE Alaska Food Bank during February. Canned and boxed food may be placed in buckets located in the library and Mourant Café.

Global Connections meets Friday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. in the Mourant student Lounge to hear about Jo Paddock's trip to Italy and Bosnia and see slides.

Family Film Series, "The Love Bug" is showing Sunday, Feb. 7 at JDHS at 2 p.m. and is free to UAS students with ID.

Hypnotist/Mentalist Christopher Carter, will perform Thursday, Feb. 18, at 9 p.m. in HB 113. The cost is \$4 for UAS students and \$10 for general admission.

Faculty/staff news

Priscilla Schulte is the subject of a story in the February issue of the Alaskan Southeaster. The article emphasizes the anthropological field trips she organizes for students.

Marilyn R. Knapp was interviewed on KCAW radio in Sitka on Jan. 24, about her years of teaching and travel in the People's Republic of China.

Vesna Kilibarda attended the Joint Annual Meetings of AMS and MAA in San Antonio, Jan. 13-16 and chaired a MAA session on Innovations in Teaching Abstract Algebra.

Brendan Kelly attended a meeting of the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission in Anchorage Jan. 14/15 and participated in a research meeting of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

David Ackerman will deliver an invited presentation on UAS's distance business program at the Northwest International Business Educator's Network meeting at Seattle University on March 5.

Don Cecil and **Anna Salyer** attended the American Association for Higher Education meeting in San Diego, Jan. 21-24. They will share information on subjects such as shared governance, faculty vitality, and teaching and learning in rapidly changing environments.

Mary Lou Madden will be part of a three-person Alaska team attending a Conference on Accountability and Core Performance in Measurement in Kansas City in early February for training in the new requirements for the federal Carl Perkins Vocational Education grant program.

Heather Conway is the new part-time administrative clerk in Administrative Services. The Juneau junior is also a full-time student studying for a BLA with a communications emphasis.

Technology tapes available

A series of technology audiotapes and CDs are available for faculty and staff from Gartner consultants. They may be checked at the library circulation desk under Sherry Taber's name.

Study hours set at Housing

Banfield Hall has established "study table" hours Sunday through Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The lobbies have been designated as quiet areas. Housing Manager **Timi Hough** encourages faculty to set up a study table or send a TA to housing to offer extra tutoring. For information call Hough at 465-6389 or **Kevin Krien** at 465-6362.

In other housing news, the 3rd floor in Banfield Hall had the highest GPA for fall semester for the building. The newest member of the CA staff is Mike Heiman,

Regents meet in Juneau

The Board of Regents will meet Feb. 18-19 at the Baranof Hotel. Public testimony will be taken Thursday at 8 a.m. and at 5 p.m. The agenda is at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>.

Bookstore sale

There is a clothing and painting supply sale at the Juneau Bookstore. Sleepshirts are available again, and new shipments will include children's clothing. Commencement order forms will be available in two weeks.

Library display

The February display at the Egan Library will highlight the winter survival needs of local birds. Exhibits are courtesy of the Alaska State Museum and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation.

Help for students

Two more sections of "College 101," a student success class, are available this semester. Faculty or staff knowing of students needing assistance or wanting to improve study skills should refer them to the class, PSY 193. The one credit, five-week class meets Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1:20 p.m. One section begins Feb. 16 and the other starts March 30.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 29

- Juneau Campus Council, Lake Rm., 11:30 a.m.
- Global Connections, Mourant student lounge, 1 p.m.
- South of the Border special meal, Mourant Cafe.

Sunday, Jan. 31

- Global Connections Super Bowl potluck, Schaible House, 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1

- Canned food drive all month for SE Food Bank. Containers in the library and café.
- Winter bird display at Egan Library all month.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

- TLTR student panel on POLIS, Lake Rm., noon

Wednesday, Feb. 3

- Women's Open Forum, Lake Rm., 7 p.m. First meeting in a 5-week series.

Saturday, Feb. 6

- Spring break student raffle tickets on sale

Sunday, Feb. 7

- Family film, "The Love Bug, JDHS, 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 8

- Alumni board meeting, Lake Rm., 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11

- Tech fee proposals due to Sherry Taber.

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- Eileen Franson retirement party, 6 p.m. Baranof Hotel.
- Mountain films, Centennial Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

- Renaissance Faire, Centennial Hall, 11-5 p.m.; Medieval feast & dance 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18

- Hypnotist/mentalists, HB 111, 9 p.m.

Tech fee proposals due

Proposals for purchases from the remaining FY 99 Technology Fees are due Feb. 11. They should be given to **Sherry Taber** at Egan Library. The fee is primarily for maintaining hardware and software in the open labs, providing library databases, and media services equipment. Priority will be given to proposals that impact as many students as possible.

Mona's computer tip

Deleted e-mail messages are temporarily moved to the trash folder and are not removed until you empty the trash folder. Please remember to periodically empty the e-mail trash folder to permanently expunge messages from your account. From Netscape Communicator mail, select 'Empty Trash Folder' from the Edit menu bar.