

# University of Alaska Southeast

# Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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*The Bonfire is tonight at 7 p.m. and the Polar Bear Plunge is Sunday at 2 p.m.*

## Fire and Ice

Two winter events will push the temperature extremes. The Fire and Ice bonfire and ice cream social takes place tonight, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Hendrickson Building. The Polar Bear Plunge takes place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Auke Bay boat ramp. Students are raising money for charity for **Bruce Gifford** to take the plunge.

## Extraterrestrial life is speech topic

The real-life hero of the movie "Contact," **Dr. Jill Cornell Tarter**, will present a free lecture at 7 p.m. March 5 in the Lake Room. "Searching the Galaxy for Life," is the speech topic.

Tarter is the director of Project Phoenix at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Foundation (SETI). She focuses on exploratory research to detect evidence of technological civilizations existing on planets orbiting other stars.

Tarter was a friend and colleague of the late scientist **Carl Sagan** who wrote the book "Contact." She appears on the UAS campus as part of the Bartlett Lecture Program.

## Career Day a Success

The Ketchikan campus co-hosted the second Career Day at Schoenbar Middle School. Eighth grade students chose from fifty different speakers and heard about jobs, training and education needed to be successful. **Gail Klein** said, "By providing students with information in the eighth grade we hope to encourage them to take a serious approach to high school education."

## Scholarship winner

**Debbie Eisenbeisz** won a \$1200 Sitka scholarship in a promotion by Residential Mortgage and REMAX. "I screamed and jumped up and down," she said recalling the phone call announcing she had won. Eisenbeisz, who is a semester away from her bachelor degree in elementary education, said winning the scholarship would help her return to school. She has been working as director of the Betty Eliason Child Care Center and has worked on the Sitka campus.

**Beth Galea** of Residential Mortgage organized a similar "Get Smart" scholarship promotion in Juneau in December. "I would like to see this become a recurring event for Residential Mortgage," Galea said. "Everyone wins."



*Student David Jackson talks with Regent Chancy Croft.*

## Regents visit campus

Board of Regents members had dinner on campus during their recent Juneau meeting. Each regent was paired with a student ambassador. More than 50 invited guests attended the dinner that concluded with **David Jackson's** storytelling performance.

## Technology impacts

"The Impact of Digital Technology on the Way We Work and Do Business" is tonight's topic for a Thursday series on "Critical Issues in Society and Technology" organized by **Jason Ohler**. Financial consultant **Robert Tonkin** will discuss E cash, telecommuting, doing business on the Internet and more starting at 5 p.m. in the Lake Room. On March 4, at 6:30 p.m. **Mark Badger**, director of Information Services for the state will discuss "Digital Democracy."

## Sitka watches whales

Most of the SE humpback whales have returned to their winter breeding grounds in Hawaii, but a few still linger in Sitka Sound. Over 60 Sitka campus staff, students, family and friends observed whales, seabirds, and glacial geology during a boat trip Feb. 20.

The trip was a requirement for students in **Marnie Chapman's** Natural History of Alaska Class. **Luda Konshin** made the trip available to everyone on campus through Student Government. **Jan Straley**, whale researcher at UAS, worked to document whether whales will stay near Sitka for the entire winter.

## Faculty, students and staff

**Cathy Connor**, Juneau, is featured in the March issue of Alaskan Southeaster. The article describes her educational background, Peace Corp work, being a woman in a male-dominated field, and experiences at UAS including research with students.

**Brendan Kelly**, Juneau, made a research presentation to the Coastal Marine Institute in Fairbanks on "Correction factor for ringed seal surveys in northern Alaska."

**Mike Dunning**, Ketchikan, and **Dan Montieth**, Ketchikan, were two of the judges in a smoked salmon contest as part of the First Annual Taste of Ketchikan food fair. **Annabelles'** won first place and **Cape Fox** was second.

**Richard Hacker**, Juneau, has been working on copyright issues for the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications while on a sabbatical leave. Some of his work is at <http://wiche.edu/telecom/membership/membAdvocacy.htm>

**Robert Sewell**, Juneau, conducted effective parenting training in Gustavus Jan. 15-17 and co-chaired a meeting of mental health experts in Anchorage Jan. 22.

**Jane Terzis**, Juneau, has had her work entitled "Pinocchio" purchased by the Alaska State Council on the Arts for inclusion in the Alaska Contemporary Art Bank. Fifteen works were selected out of 900 entries from 95 artists.

**Rita Bowen** was honored for her work as president of the UAS Staff Alliance in a resolution read at the recent Board of Regents meeting.

**Justin Carro** was sent by the United Students of UAS-Ketchikan to Juneau for a week of meetings with other student government leaders from around the state and with legislators.

## Faculty candidates visit

**Todd Walter**, an environmental science faculty candidate will be on the Juneau campus Feb. 25-26. He will be teach at noon Friday in HB 105. Call Donna Chantry, 6518, to schedule time with him. **Ann Cleveland**, biology candidate, visits March 1 and 2 and will speak at the Biological Seminar at noon March 2 in Anderson 221. **Mark Fisher**, math statistics candidate, will visit March 1, and speak at 4 p.m. in Egan 105.

## Juneau Campus

**Technology Forum** features Dave Love and Brendan Kelly discussing PowerPoint in the classroom at noon on March 3 in the Lake Room.

**Mark Hamilton** spoke before the legislative finance committees. A video of the university president's presentation is available at the Egan Library circulation desk.

**Bookstore:** Commencement orders are due now at the bookstore. All caps, gowns and announcement orders for students and faculty are due no later than March 10th. There is also an announcement display.

**Global Connections:** Becky Cook describes her time in Brazil at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Mourant Student Lounge. The South American dinner/movie is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28, at Schaible House. March 5, Clive Thomas will talk about Belgium at 12:30 p.m. in the Mourant Student Lounge.

**Summer internships** as Forest Service naturalists on the state ferry will be described from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafe March 1 and 3. A job fair for summer jobs will be held at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 13. The career center will be closed for two weeks while Karen Waldrip is in Costa Rica.

## Leader passes

Longtime Native leader **Cy Peck Sr.**, who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from UAS in 1980, passed away last Sunday at age 92. He was elected ANB Grand Camp president in 1949. He fought against racial segregation and worked on issues such as subsistence and land claims. A memorial service will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the ANB Hall.

## Forestry conference set

UA President **Mark Hamilton** and Chancellor **Marshall Lind** will be among those attending a forest products industry/UA conference in Ketchikan March 5 and 6. "Winds of Change" is sponsored by the UA Natural Resources Fund.

Session topics include plans for the newly created Sitka Wood Utilization Center, marketing, manufacturing, technology, business development and ways that a university can assist a natural resource based industry.

## Peratrovich Day activities

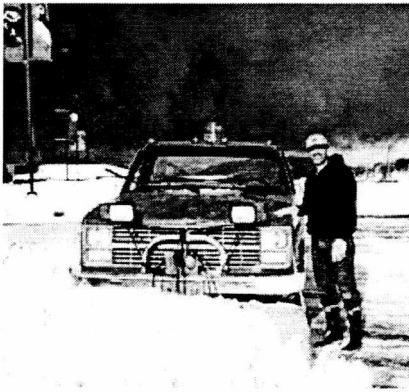
The legal history of Alaska Native land claims was traced by **Frank Clark** as part of the ceremonies marking Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. **Pattie Adkisson** discussed discrimination in Alaska. **Colleen Dunne** described the day the Alaska Territorial Legislature passed the Alaska anti-discrimination bill after a powerful speech by Peratrovich. **Sarah Demmert** read a poem by Maya Angelou.

## UAS in the news

Faculty and staff have been in the news recently. They include **Marshall Lind** appearing on KINY radio's Capital Chat; **Don Greenberg** interviewed in a front page Juneau Empire story about planets visible in the sky, **Cathy Connor** featured in a story in the March issue of Alaskan Southeaster; **Annie Stokes** profiled in the Capital City Weekly; **Alexander Dolitsky** describing his new book in a Juneau Empire article; the Alaska Scholars program with a front page color photo of UAS students in the Capital City Weekly. Ketchikan Daily News stories included the newly remodeled campus library and the campus' role in the local shipyard.

## Grants/Fellowships

Faculty grants are available for web use and collaborative program development from the NW Academic Computing Consortium. They are due April 15. For information contact Scott Foster or see the "For Faculty" site on the UAS homepage. Undergraduate Native Americans interested in a no expense summer program of medicine or biomedical research at Harvard Medical School must apply by March 14. Contact Scott Foster, 465-6530, for the application.



Winner of "Golden Shovel."

## Sitka Campus news

The "Golden Shovel" award was given to **Dave Barlow**, head of maintenance, as part of the Employee Recognition program. Barlow and his student assistant, **Nathan Young**, were recognized for an outstanding job removing the record-breaking snowfall this semester. A Robert's Rules of Order workshop will be held at March 11. The cost is \$149. An Instrumentation workshop/lab for Water/Wastewater operators will be held all day March 22-24. Call **John Carnegie** for details, 747-7755. **Debi Roesch** just returned from a month visiting in South Africa.

## New regents appointed

Governor **Tony Knowles** has appointed four new members to the Board of Regents. **Robert "Bob" Malone** is president and CEO of Alyeska Pipeline and a graduate of MIT. **Brian Rogers** is a former legislator and former UA vice president for finance. **Fran Rose** served as director for adult basic education at Anchorage Community College for 11 years. **Joe Usibelli, Jr.** is president of Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. He earned a degree from UAF in 1981 and has served on the UAF Alumni Board of Directors.

## Wadlow retires

UAF Chancellor **Joan Wadlow** will retire July 1. She and her husband plan to move to the Oregon coast where they can be closer to family. She has been chancellor since 1991.

## JUNEAU CAMPUS CALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 25

- "Future of the Digital Economy" free talk, 5 p.m. Lake Room.
- Fire and Ice bonfire, 7 p.m., parking lot across from Hendrikson

### Friday, Feb. 26

- Juneau Campus Council, 11:30 a.m. Lake Room.
- Faculty candidate Todd Walter teaches, noon, BH 105
- Global Connections, "Brazil", 12:30 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge
- Memorial service for Cy Peck, Sr., 3 p.m. ANB Hall.
- Baby shower, Alfie and Kristin Price, 3 p.m., Lake Room

### Sunday, Feb. 28

- Polar Bear Plunge, 2 p.m. Auke Bay boat ramp.
- Global Connections dinner, Schaible House, 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, March 1

- Summer naturalist jobs described, 11-1, Lake Room.
- Dr. Mark Fisher, math candidate, speaks, 4 p.m., Egan 105.

### Tuesday, March 2

- Dr. Ann Cleveland, faculty candidate, speaks at Biological Seminar, noon, Anderson 221.
- Summer naturalist jobs described, 11-1, Lake Room

### Wednesday, March 3

- "PowerPoint in the Classroom," Technology Forum, noon, Lake Room.

### Thursday, March 4

- "Digital Democracy," free talk, 6:30 p.m. Lake Room

### Friday, March 5

- Global Connections, "Belgium" talk with Thomas, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Student Lounge
- "Searching the Galaxy for Life," free speech by Dr. Jill Cornell Tarter, 7 p.m., Lake Room.

### Tuesday, March 9

- "Sea otter foraging" topic at Biological Seminar, noon, Anderson 221.

### Friday, March 12

- Blood drive, 10 a.m., Lake Room

### March 15-19

- Spring break for students

## Holiday card contest

A \$150 dollar first prize goes to the UAS student whose art is selected for the 1999 Chancellor's holiday card contest. Submissions are due April 16 in the chancellor's office. Submissions may be in any medium. The subject must reflect a winter holiday spirit with a Southeast theme. Art faculty has contest guidelines.

## Letter clarified

All university employees with medical or dependent care accounts received a letter from NCAS Northwest Inc, a Blue Cross subsidiary, listing their flexible spending account benefits for the 1999 plan year. The figure listed is a monthly amount not the bi-weekly deduction or the annual goal amount. If there are questions call NCAS (800) 338-7971 or the UAS personnel office at 465-6473.