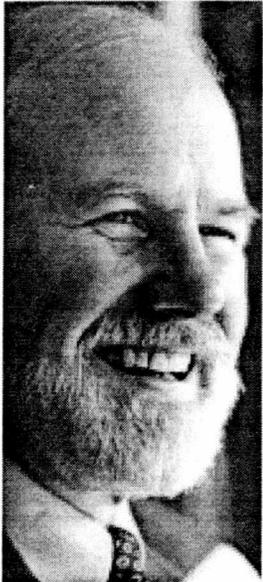


# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

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UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind

## Open Letter from Marshall Lind

I am honored to have served as chancellor at the University of Alaska Southeast since 1987. I want to publicly thank the faculty, staff, and alumni with whom I have worked during that time. Your commitments to excellence in the classroom and service to students has elevated this university.

I leave to accept new opportunities on the Fairbanks campus knowing UAS is strong, invigorated and healthy. We have established a realistic plan for the future that will capitalize on our location and our ability to respond rapidly to changing local needs while at the same time retaining our traditional strengths of outstanding faculty and staff, small class size and personal attention to students.

Over the last 12 years we have successfully worked through university restructuring, program assessment, accreditation and much more. Of course challenges remain for the future, and I know UAS is poised to successfully meet the challenges and excel.

The success will come because of our student's success.

Throughout Southeast, UAS graduates working in every walk of life are advancing themselves and their communities. Because we provide higher education opportunities throughout the region, UAS is part of the basic economic foundation of each community we serve.

Although I will be working on the Fairbanks campus starting August 2, a part of me will always be here. Just this week, for example, as I was packing boxes in my office, I looked out my window at a flat calm Auke Lake. That mirror-like reflection will remain in my mind as a perfect memory of Southeast Alaska.

My best to the UAS family and my profound thanks to each of you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marshall Lind".

Marshall Lind  
July 15, 1999

## Bread Loaf reaches half way point

More than 50 students from Alaska and across the country are on the Juneau campus for Bread Loaf School of English summer program. The second three week session began this week.

One of the classes just starting is John Elder's Writing and the Sense of Place. Several days of the class will be spent on a kayak/camping trip in Berners Bay.

Olga Pestrikoff, a teacher in Old Harbor near Kodiak, is taking two classes. "It's very invigorating with lots of information and a lot of work in a little bit of time." She is tak-

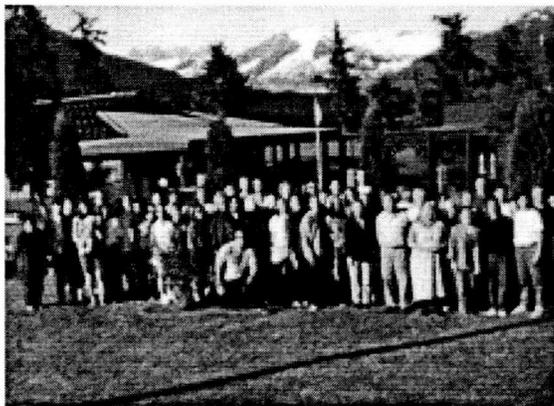
ing Native American Literature and Sustaining Indigenous Languages and will use the classes to help in efforts to revive Native languages in Old Harbor.

Judy Andree is one of three UAS faculty members taking Bread Loaf classes. "The discussions are wonderful. The classes are challenging. Every instructor is nurturing." She will use her Bread Loaf knowledge in the freshman seminar she is teaching in the fall. Sue Koester and Jo Devine are also taking the class. Several UAS adjunct faculty members attended a Bread Loaf workshop, Staging in the Class.

A free public reading series is taking place as part of Bread Loaf. The schedule includes: July 15, John Elder, "Literature, Education, and Environmental Stewardship;" July 22, Richard Nelson, "Celebrating the Wild in Southeast Alaska: Selected Readings;" July 27, Courtney Cazden, "Contributions from Indigenous Languages and Cultures to Education for All." All the readings take place at 7 p.m. in Egan Library.

On Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. *Prospero and the Killer Whale* will be presented in Egan Library. The production is a David Hunsaker adaptation of *The Tempest* and Tlingit legend.

UAS was named a permanent Bread Loaf site last fall and joins three other locations. Students take graduate classes and may work toward a master's degree in English from Middlebury College in Vermont.



Bread Loaf students pose on the Juneau campus.

## Travel raffle underway

The three UAS campuses are taking part in a travel raffle in cooperation with Coast Alaska public radio. Tickets are available from Dave Kleinpeter in Juneau, Luda Konshin in Sitka, and Gail Klein in Ketchikan. The top ticket seller will receive a trip for two to Seattle and more. The money raised by UAS will be used for scholarships.

## Catalogs available

The UAS 1999-2000 catalogs are on all three campuses and have been distributed to faculty and staff. In addition the catalog is available on the UAS web site at <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/catalog/1999-2000/index.html>



## UAS student appointed to Board of Regents

Gov. Tony Knowles has appointed Josh Horst, 22, a Juneau campus junior majoring in business administration as the next student regent. He replaces Annette Nelson-Wright, also a Juneau student, whose term has expired.

Horst, who has been student government president on the Juneau campus the past year, will serve a two-year term as student representative to the 11-member board that sets policy and oversees finances for the statewide university system.

*Student Regent Josh Horst appointed*

member board that sets policy and oversees finances for the statewide university system.

"Josh Horst has the experience and skill to make an excellent regent," Knowles said. "He is respected by students and represents them effectively with faculty and staff. Josh has a proven track record of leadership including his work with a new peer mentoring program at the Juneau campus and his help to establish a student ambassador program to assist with recruiting."

The regents meet six times per year and receive no monetary compensation.

## Coastal Science students study SE variety during field trips

Top high school science students are attending the third Southeast Alaska Coastal Science Institute on the Juneau campus until July 18. On Sunday they flew to the Mendenhall Glacier. Monday the students studied lab techniques with Randy Stahl and took Auke Lake water samples and measured water quality. On Wednesday and Thursday the students were in Berners Bay area, lead by Carl Byers, and camped in the state cabins.

Thursday and Friday Beth Mathews took the group on a marine mammal survey cruise to Icy Strait. "The students will be trained to use field methods similar to those used during actual vessel surveys for marine mammals," according to Mathews. The group planned to overnight in Gull Cove and also help former UAS student Shannon Crowley, now working for ADFG, establish his base camp on Lemesieur Island.

"The Institute is an opportunity for students to be exposed to a broad range of disciplines," Stahl said. "Students get a chance to acquire practical skills they would expect to be proficient in as they go to college." The institute concludes July 18.

## Faculty/State news

Randy Stahl will be part of the Juneau Icefield faculty July 21-Aug. 25. He will work with students studying soils and red algae. This is his second year on the icefield.

Cathy Connor is currently teaching geology on the icefield.

Timi Hough will be working on the Universe Explorer from July 13-27 as an Elderhostel instructor/coordinator. The trip goes throughout SE, into Glacier Bay and on to Valdez and Seward.

John Pugh, Robin Walz, and Timi Hough attended the Noel Lovitz National Retention Conference in San Francisco, July 10-13.

Bill Brown's opinion column on the proposed cruise ship tax was published in the Juneau Empire on July 12.



*Mike Stekoll and Rich Morris get ready for another research dive. (Photo by L. Champagne)*

## Students conduct Berners Bay research

Mike Stekoll has been awarded a contract to conduct biological research in Echo Cove by Goldbelt who has tentative plans to build a floating dock near Cascade Point. Goldbelt wanted a quantitative description of the site. Stekoll hired UAS students Greg Paquette, Louise Champagne, and Rich Morris (UAS 99) to help.

Using scuba, Stekoll and Morris spent four days in June diving and quantifying fish living near the bottom of the water, invertebrates and seaweeds. In addition, underwater videos were made of the site. Paquette ran the UAS vessel "Kelp Pig," and Champagne worked as deckhand. Stekoll said he was pleased with the operation of the project and gave high praise to the work done by all the UAS students.

## Online Training

NETg online training is available to UAS students, staff, and faculty at

<http://www.netg.alaska.edu/>

Courses cover hundreds of topics including Microsoft Office, web page creation, and more. Courses can be accessed directly on campus or downloaded to your home PC for fast off-line study. They will soon be available on CD-ROM for a nominal price. Anyone with technical difficulties should contact the UAS Help Desk in Juneau at 465-6400 or toll free at (877) 465-6400.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

Thursday, July 15

- Bread Loaf reading series, John Elder on "Environmental Stewardship," 7 p.m. Egan Library.

Sunday, July 18

- Coastal Science Institute concludes

Thursday, July 22

- Bread Loaf reading series, Richard Nelson on "Celebrating the Wild in Southeast Alaska," 7 p.m., Egan Library.

Tuesday, July 27

- Bread Loaf reading series, Courtney Cazden on "Contributions from Indigenous Languages and Cultures," 7 p.m. Egan Library.

Monday, Aug. 2

- *Prospero and the Killer Whale*, 7:30 p.m., Egan Library.

## Student studies walrus in Chukchi Sea

Brendan Kelly and UAS student Karen Blejwas left Monday for nearly a month of walrus studies in the Chukchi Sea. Blejwas, who took the behavioral ecology class last spring and the field course this summer, joined Kelly and others including UAF researchers, a Russian walrus biologist, USGS biological researchers and a walrus hunter from Savoonga for the project that is a continuation of similar walrus work conducted along the ice pack last year.

The research involves a survey of the walrus herds across the ice edge and determining their age and sex. Kelly received a grant from the North Pacific Marine Research Program to help cover the cost of the cruise and data analysis.

Last year Kelly and UAS students conducted research in September and determined the survival of juvenile walrus was lower than expected for at least the last three years. That was the first survey of walrus by age class in 15 years. The ice edge in July is expected to be smaller and the animals will be more concentrated.

## Housing filled

Student housing on the Juneau campus is filled during July with Bread Loaf and Coastal Science students.