

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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## New UAS organization



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Vice Chancellor  
Carol Griffin.



Dean of Students  
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UA President Mark Hamilton has approved the new organizational structure for UAS proposed by Chancellor John Pugh. "In an effort to have an efficient organizational structure with an emphasis on accountability," Pugh said, "UAS will have five positions with line authority that report directly to the Chancellor."

Those positions follow: Provost Robbie Stell, Dean of Students Bruce Gifford, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Carol Griffin, Sitka campus Interim Director John Carnegie, and Ketchikan campus Director Russ Poppen. This group, plus the Dean of Faculty, will comprise the Executive Committee. The Chancellor's Cabinet will include all executive/senior officer positions and the Faculty Council Chair.

### Provost Robbie Stell.

Robbie Stell has been named Provost and will be the chief academic officer for UAS. The Dean of Faculty and director of Library and Technology Services will report to the Provost. The Dean of Faculty will be responsible for the Juneau campus faculty and will supervise the Associate Dean who will directly supervise the vocational education faculty in Juneau. The campus directors in consultation with the Dean of Faculty and the Provost will supervise the faculty on the extended campuses.

The Provost's Council will include the Dean of Students, Sitka and Ketchikan campus directors, Dean of Faculty, Associate Dean, two assistants to the Dean of Faculty, director of Library Services,

manager of Media Services and manager of Computing Services.

### Vice Chancellor Carol Griffin.

Carol Griffin has been named Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services and is responsible for all administrative functions within UAS regardless of campus. The positions reporting to the Vice Chancellor will be a Chief Budget Officer, Director of Facilities, Director of Business Operations and Director of Personnel Services. The Administrative Services Council will include the above staff plus the Sitka and Ketchikan campus directors.

### Dean of Students Bruce Gifford.

The Dean of Students, Bruce Gifford, is responsible for all student services within UAS regardless of the campus. The extended campuses have employees responsible to the campus director for aspects of student services, however policy will come from the Dean of Students. Student Services will be organized into five units: Health Services, Career Services, Student Activities and Auxiliary Services, Records and Registration, and Enrollment Management. The Dean of Students will temporarily assume the additional responsibilities of enrollment management until a new position can be funded and recruited. The Dean of Students will establish a Student Services Council composed of the Sitka and Ketchikan campus directors, the three campus student body presidents, the Registrar, director of Student Activities and Services, managers of Financial Aid and Recruitment.



Alaska Scholars chat with Gary Bowen during a Lake Room dinner.

## First Alaska Scholars honored

UAS students who were the first to receive scholarships under the Alaska Scholars program were honored at a dinner Tuesday evening with campus officials.

"We want the students to know our administration," Vice Chancellor Robbie Stell said. "We want them to feel connected to our campus, and we want to know them by name and by face when we see them on campus."

The Alaska Scholars program offers a four-year, \$10,800 scholarship to any UA campus to Alaska high school students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class. Sixteen Alaska Scholars are attending UAS in Juneau.

Mindy Montage, from Juneau, said the Alaska Scholars program, "made me work that much harder my senior year and not let my grades slip."

Crystal Hayden, from Anchorage, said, "I came to Juneau for the marine biology program."

Michelle Pedersen, from Gustavus, called the Alaska Scholars program "A great opportunity for me. I'm going to be here (at UAS) for four years."

## Helping students early

Faculty are requested to help students at the start of the semester. If a student is on the class list but not attending class contact Registrar Lori Exferd (6239). If students are having trouble in class contact advisor Teri Smith (6456). In addition, students struggling with classroom basics might be encouraged to enroll in College 101, a five week, one credit course that highlights study skills, test taking, note taking, time management, etc. The class begins September 21 and meets Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. for one month.

## Holocaust presentation

Priscilla Schulte will speak about her grandfather, Eduard Schulte, as part of the "Varian Fry: Assignment Rescue, 1940-1941" exhibition on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5:00 p.m. in Egan Library. This is the second in a series of three faculty-led discussions relating to the exhibition.

Eduard Schulte was an important German industrialist who leaked information about the Nazi death camps to the Allies during WWII. He is recognized as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" by Vad Yashem in Israel. His life story is presented in Walter Laqueur, *BREAKING THE SILENCE* (1986) on reserve in the Egan Library. Schulte will be discussing her grandfather's life from a personal and family perspective.

On Sept. 25, Pat Fitzgerald will lead "Weapons of the Spirit" at 5 p.m. in Egan Library. More than 80 attended Robin Walz's presentation Sept. 4. An audience of about 200 attended Varian Fry exhibition opening Aug. 30.

## UAS works with DOE

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, in partnership with the Professional Education Center at UAS will be offering small grants for up to \$5,000 for schools to develop K-12 balanced reading programs. Schools will be encouraged to use these funds to support two certified teachers in their pursuit of a reading endorsement from UA. For information contact Sheri Gray (465-8745) or see <http://pec.jun.alaska.edu/>

## Faculty news

Lawrence Lee Oldaker presented the photo album of the August 1998 NCEPA national convention held at UAS to the annual meeting this year held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Richard Hacker was recently appointed to fill the attorney seat on the Sales Tax Appeal Board of the City and Borough of Juneau.

Arne Lysholm has arrived in Norway and reports he is looking for "something else that will make life just as interesting" as working at UAS.

## Local government agreement signed

Career Education has signed a five-year, multi-project agreement with the City and Borough of Juneau to construct buildings. As part of the agreement, CBJ will offer student scholarships, pay part of the instructor's salary, and pay for materials. The first project, constructing restrooms at the skateboard park, is underway. Associate Dean Gary Bowen said a credible construction program requires a field component.

## Exchange students

National Student Exchange students are on the Juneau campus this semester from Colorado, New York, Washington, and Wisconsin. International students have arrived from Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, Germany, Russia, Sweden. In addition UAS students will spend this semester studying in Greece, Spain, the Netherlands, France, Malta, and England. The student group Global Connections holds their first meeting Friday (Sept. 10) 12:30 p.m. in the Mourant Student Lounge to plan for international events during the semester.

## Juneau events

**PF Discussion:** Alaskans take part in an advisory vote Tuesday about use of the Permanent Fund to help pay the costs of state government. On Monday, Jonathan Anderson will lead a one hour informational discussion on the initiative starting at noon in the Lake Room.

**Welcome Picnic:** A free BBQ and activities takes place Sat. from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the Mourant Building for new students, faculty, staff, alumni and families. Events include DJ music, waterbikes, volleyball, free food, and a used outdoor gear sale. It is sponsored by Student Government, UAS Alumni and Student Activities. Chapel by the Lake is hosting a desert potluck at 3 p.m. for students interested in Christian Fellowship.

**Food Service:** Weekend food service for the meal plan students has changed because it had been underutilized on weekends. Mourant Cafe is now open Monday through Friday. On weekends local restaurants will offer deliveries to meal plan students. "We've used KFC, Little Hong Kong, Taco Bell and Subway to rave reviews," according to Tish Griffin.

**Student Government:** Petitions for student senators are due Monday (Sept. 13). A candidate debate takes place at noon Sept 20<sup>th</sup> in the Mourant Cafe. Elections will be held Sept. 21 and 22.

**Career Center:** Many campus and off-campus jobs are available including four CBJ internships. Contact Karen Waldrip (6368) Monday - Friday from 1 - 5 p.m.

**GRE:** Offered on Nov. 20 at the Testing Center. Call 465-6168.

**Thanks:** Sara and Pete Hagen are currently living in their original A-frame following the destruction of their home by fire. "We're warm and dry and working on plan B," Sara said. She also thanked the university community "for all their generous support and love."

**Biology Issues:** A weekly presentation on biological issues, open to the public, is held Tuesdays at noon in Anderson 224.

## Student Housing

New housing students may take part in the Ropes Course Adventure Sept. 18 - 19, for \$10 a day. Contact Timi (6389). All residents must have their parking sticker in their car windows by Monday, Sept. 13, to avoid parking violations. More than 100 students attended the Labor Day BBQ. The event organized by Housing CA's.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, Sept. 10

- PFD Initiative discussion, noon, Lake Room.
- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge.

### Sunday, Sept. 12

- Freshman Seminar Tracy Arm cruise.

### Monday, Sept. 13

- Last day to drop classes or change to audit.
- Deadline for housing residents parking stickers.

### Tuesday, Sept. 14

- Current Issues in Biology, "Research in Norway," by Brendan Kelly, noon, Anderson 221.
- Last day to return textbooks with receipt.

### Saturday, Sept. 18

- Holocaust presentation, Priscilla Schulte, 5 p.m., Egan Library.
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### Monday, Sept. 20

- Student candidate debate, noon, Mourant Cafe

### Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept 21-22

- Student elections

### Friday, Sept. 24

- Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge.

### Saturday, Sept. 25

- Holocaust presentation, Pat Fitzgerald, 5 p.m., Egan Library.

## Students help community

As part of new student orientation on the Juneau campus, freshman volunteered to do a community service project by helping clear a new loop on Perseverance Trail. Coordinator Teri Smith said, "Students are serious about making sure this is something they do on a regular basis." Smith seeks feedback and suggestions for next year's orientation. Call 6456.

## New service provider named

The university Employee Assistance Program is now administered by Magellan Behavioral Health. Call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for confidential help with work, family, personal matters, legal or financial issues. Call 1-800-478-2812 or in Juneau 463-4131. For more information call your campus personnel office.