

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Students at Tracy Arm.

## Class cruise

More than 60 students joined faculty and staff for the Sept. 12 Freshman Seminar trip to Tracy Arm. Sights included whales, mountain goats, bear, seals and calving ice. One student said, "I've had a little trouble adjusting, but this showed me why I came here."

Judy Andree said, "We wanted an Alaska experience for the students from which we could generate discussions about the definitions of Alaska as a place and wilderness in general."

Faculty on the trip were Tom Thornton, Robin Walz, Kevin Krein, Cathy Connor, Shelly Theno and Judy Andree. Several faculty gave presentations.

## Last Holocaust talk Saturday

Pat Fitzgerald will lead the final discussion associated with the Varian Fry exhibition Saturday (Sept. 25) at 5 p.m. in Egan Library. He will show the video "Weapons of the Spirit" and lead a panel discussion.

More than 100 attended the second faculty presentation last Saturday. Priscilla Schulte described her grandfather, industrialist Eduard Schulte, who leaked information about Nazi death camps to the Allies. Robin Walz presented the first faculty-led discussion on Sept. 4. The Varian Fry exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum continues through September at Egan Library.



Mayor Dennis Egan speaks at Pugh reception.

## Community honors Pugh

Guests overflowed the Lake Room for President Mark Hamilton's reception for Chancellor John Pugh Sept. 14. During remarks, Mayor Dennis Egan described UAS as a "vital necessity and anchor for the community." Hamilton said, "We expect great things out of John and we will give him great support from State-wide. This is my guy, and he has my total support." Hamilton also said the single greatest message from UAS was "pride and inclusion. This is the one MAU that consistently talks about each of its parts. Faculty and students are bragged about."

## Ketchikan begins student paper

Student government on the Ketchikan campus has begun a monthly newsletter, *A View from the Hill*. Student President Justin Carro is coordinating the effort. Robert Baker is faculty advisor, and Gail Klein is staff advisor. The newsletter will include articles from students, faculty and staff and a monthly calendar of community events. About \$5,000 in advertising has been raised. The money will be used by student government to pay for production costs and to establish scholarships. The newsletter is being distributed on campus, in Ketchikan and to schools on Prince of Wales Island.

## ACCFT/UA reach agreement

The ACCFT and UA have reached a tentative agreement for a proposed three-year pact that would be effective July 1, 2000. It largely continues terms of the union's current although details were not publicly released. The tentative agreement must still be ratified by union members and approved by legislators and the regents. ACCFT represents about 240 full-time faculty members at UA campuses.

## Software for home

The new Microsoft license allows every UAS staff and faculty member to install one copy of Microsoft Office Professional on a home PC or Macintosh computer. Contact the Help Desk at 465-6400 or drop by Whitehead 201.

## New employees

The following have recently been hired on the Juneau campus: Michele Moslak, Business & Public Admin, administrative clerk; Tina DeLaney, Records & Registration, recording clerk-transcripts; Iris Cortez, Student Services, administrative secretary; Ulysses Boluhano, Physical Plant; custodial staff; and Doug Cooper, Physical Plant, custodial staff.

In Ketchikan, Marty White is the new coordinator for the Ketchikan Career Center. White, a long-time Ketchikan resident, replaces Neil Whitehurst as the Training, Business and Human Services Coordinator.

## Permanent Fund hires student

Christy Leer, the student speaker at last year's Juneau commencement, has been hired as an equities investment associate at the Permanent Fund Corporation. She will help Michael Bell, another UAS graduate, manage the Fund's stock portfolio. "I wouldn't be in the position of being offered this job if it weren't for UAS," Leer said.

## Faculty/staff news

Marjorie Fields visited elders, local officials, tribal leaders, and parents of school children during a recent trip to several Alaska villages to determine what constitutes successful and effective teaching in an Alaskan village.

Carol Liberty completed the final module of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Distance Education certificate. Her capstone report will be presented via audioconference Oct. 29. Kris Pearson had her baby Anika on Sept. 14. All are doing fine.

## Juneau campus news

**Career Education:** An agreement has been signed between Career Education and the Shrine of St. Therese allowing students a practical construction project for the Shrine. Other students have dismantled a grave house from the Douglas Indian Cemetery and are now restoring it. Last year John Bowman's class restored the first grave house.

**Spanish speaking:** The Spanish club has informal gatherings at 4:45 every Tuesday in the Lake Room for anyone wanting to practice Spanish.

**Internship:** Students seeking practical work experience may apply for an internship as a mineral data assistant. See Karen in the Career Center for information, 465-2963.

**Harbor porpoise study:** Students may participate in a study of harbor porpoise behavior in Auke Bay. A preliminary meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in Anderson 306. Contact Brendan Kelly, 465-6510.

**Russian visit:** A group of Russians under the Rotary club's leadership program spent Sept. 17 with UAS faculty. In the morning Jonathan Anderson talked about American Government and Public Education. In the afternoon they visited the capitol where Clive Thomas discussed Alaskan government and Alaskan policy issues.

**Movie:** Wooch.Een is showing "Smoke Signals," an award-winning film dealing with contemporary Native American issues at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the Mourant Cafeteria. Fry bread will be served.

**Free Concert:** Live bands, skateboard demonstrations, concessions and prizes, 1 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Pipeline Skateboard Park.

**Library Fines:** Beginning this fall semester, at the request of faculty, Egan Library instituted fines for overdue Reserve collection materials. These fines are \$1.00 per hour for items checked out by the hour, and \$5.00 per day for all others. The maximum fine is \$20.00 per Reserve item.



*Students learn to trust each other during the ropes course.*

## Students complete Ropes Course

More than twenty students plus Kevin Krein and Timi Hough participated in the SAGA Ropes Course on Sept. 18. "Despite the rain the group had an incredible experience," Hough said. "They stretched personal limits and worked together in groups to achieve goals."

## Sitka videos

Marilyn Knapp has organized a U. S. history video series as a campus activity Tuesdays, 12:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. It supplements work covered in U. S. History 131, but the series is open to all.

## Housing news

Thursday, Sept. 23, Letter writing night at the lodge at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, dance at the lodge open to all students starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25th, a hike led by CA Tom Lawson. Meeting time at the Lodge will be announced and van transportation will be provided.

## Student research

Environmental Science students Ben White, Shannon Seifert, and Bryan Hitchcock (on national student exchange to Montana State University Bozeman) will present the results of their 1999 LeConte Glacier research at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Denver in October. Their travel is partially supported by an Alaska Space Grant scholarship.

## Global Connections

Tia Anderson will describe her studies in Kenya and travel in Africa Friday, Sept. 24, at 12:30 p.m. in the Mourant Student Lounge. On Sept. 26, Global Connections will host their first international dinner at Schailbe House starting at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for the Korean dinner at the Student Resource Center by noon on Friday. Those interested in serving as a board member on the Juneau World Affairs Council should contact Elizabeth Schelle, 465-6455.

## Cuban visit approved

Rick Bellagh has received permission from the U.S. Dept. of Treasury to take 12 UAS students to Cuba for a month during winter holiday break. On previous winter holidays, Bellagh has taken students to Mexico and Ecuador.

## Investment advice

UAS employees may meet individually with investment counselors to ensure pension, optional retirement plan, or tax-deferred annuity investments fit personal goals. TIAA-CREF will be on campus Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Novatney 108. Call (800) 842-2007 for an appointment. Fidelity Investments will be campus Friday, Oct. 8, in Novatney 108. Call (800) 642-7131 for an appointment.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

### Friday, Sept. 24

- Global Connections. Tia Anderson on Africa, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Lounge.
- Movie, "Smoke Signals," sponsored by Wooch.Een, 1 p.m., Lake Room
- Meeting for students interested in studying harbor porpoise in Auke Bay, 1:30 p.m., Anderson 306
- Dance at the lodge open to all students starting at 10 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 25

- Hike, meeting time at the Lodge will be announced, van transportation provided.
- Free concert. 1-7 p.m., Pipeline Skate Park.
- Holocaust presentation, Pat Fitzgerald and panel, 5 p.m. Egan Library

### Sunday, Sept. 26

- Global Connection Korean dinner, 6:30 p.m. Schiabe House, register by Friday noon at Student Resource Center.

### Tuesday, Sept. 28

- TIAA-CREF representative available all day, Novatney 108.
- Biological Seminar, "Walrus Demography," noon, Anderson 221.
- Informal Spanish conversations, 4:45 p.m., Lake Room.

### Tuesday, Oct. 5

- Informal Spanish conversations, 4:45 p.m., Lake Room.
- Fireside chat by the Chancellor and Dean of Students, 8 p.m. Housing Lodge.

### Thursday, Oct. 7

- Free HIV testing, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Resource Center, register ahead of time.

### Friday, Oct. 8

- Denim Day to raise money for breast cancer research.
- Fidelity Investment representative available all day, Novatney 108.

## Denim Day Oct. 8

Lee National Denim Day to raise money for breast cancer research takes place Friday Oct. 8. Each employee making a \$5 donation will receive a pink ribbon pin and is invited to wear jeans or casual clothes to work Oct. 8. Cost center clerks have collection envelopes and pins for employees who wish to contribute.

## Whalesong staff hired

Student employees for the Juneau campus newspaper, the Whalesong, have been hired for 1999-2000. They are Eric Morrison, editor; Robert McNamara, advertising manager, and Wilson Walz, production manager.

## Regents agenda

The Board of Regents' agenda for its Sept. 30-Oct. 1 meeting in Anchorage is available at <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/>