

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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## Thanksgiving Closure

There will be no classes and most offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 25-26. Juneau food service will be closed Thursday and open Friday from 11-1 p.m. and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Egan Library is closed Thursday and Friday. The housing staff will prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday for housing residents. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up at the Lodge desk so organizers can get an accurate count.

## Native American Month

Wooch Een has organized events on the Juneau campus to celebrate Native American Awareness Month. Native faculty will be honored at 1 p.m. in the Lake Room on Nov. 19. Story telling takes place at 2:30 p.m. in the Lake Room on Nov. 24 and features Ishmael Hope from JDHS and Ernestine Hayes, a UAS student. A potluck dinner takes place at 5 p.m. at the SAC on Nov. 30. Drum dancers will entertain.



Students learned about eagles during the Haines visit. Photo by Martha Hill.

## Students visit Haines

Nearly 40 students, faculty and staff took part in the third annual Haines Eagle Festival. Student Tom Lawson coordinated the trip. "Everyone had a good trip," he said. "A lot said they got really tired because there was so much to do." Events included watching eagle releases, lectures, slide shows, cultural presentations, dancers, museum exhibits and more.

## Ketchikan panel

Mike Dunning has a panel session, "Tourism and Ketchikan: The Urban Economic, Social and Cultural Impact" accepted by the American Society for Environmental History for March 18, 2000, at their annual conference.

Presenters include: Dunning, "Ketchikan's Historic Unfolding and Dismemberment;" Dan Monteith, "From Captured Heritage to Heritage Tourism: An Ethnohistorical Examination of Tlingit Identity and Tourism;" and Priscilla Schulte, "Totem Poles for Tourists: Competing Cultural Values."

## Computer use

During October, 521 different students used PC computers in the computer lab according to Mike Ciri. On average, each person signed on 21 times for about an hour. In response to requests from students and TLTR, the computer lab is now open ten additional hours a week.

## Juneau events

**CONCERT:** Students and faculty will entertain at the UAS Songwriters Concert, Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in HB 113.

**ALASKA SCHOLARS:** A reception to honor current and future Alaska Scholars will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lake Room Dec. 9. The program provides a four-year scholarship to any UA campus for Alaska students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** The Staff Council off-campus party is Dec. 10 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Buoy Deck. Make reservation by Dec. 5 at Student Activities for this over 21 event for faculty, staff, alumni and spouses/significant others.

**BOOKSTORE:** A 20 percent off sale on new clothing, study aids, etc. A Thanksgiving sale will be held Nov. 22-24.

**TURKEY BOWL:** Bowl with a frozen turkey for prizes Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 2:30 p.m. in the Mourant Courtyard.

**MOVIES:** Discount night at Glacier Cinema, \$6 for students with ID. "Tango," will be shown at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at JDHS.

**DANCE:** The UAS Holiday Formal takes place Friday, Dec. 4, at the SAC with live music from Fleet Street. Open to students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

**RANGER RICK:** Egan Library needs the Nov. 1998 issue. Send it to Val Sterns.

**GLORY HOLE:** Holiday donation boxes will be placed around campus starting Dec. 1 for non-perishable food, clean clothes and toys in good condition. Those willing to help sort the gifts for the Glory Hole on Dec. 17 should contact Karen Cummins, 6409.

## Erbeck services

Robert Erbeck died earlier this week after a brief illness. Services will be held Sunday, Nov. 28, at 4 p.m. in the Tlingit Haida Center. He is survived by his wife, Anna, and two children. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Erbeck family at 12410 Glacier Highway, Juneau 99801.

Erbeck was the lead carpenter for Juneau Physical Plant. Some of his larger projects were the Hendrickson Annex remodel to faculty offices, the second floor Hendrickson classroom remodel project, the Hendrickson pedestrian deck roof replacement and the Whitehead photography lab remodel project. He has worked at UAS since April 1998. He was president of the UA/CEA custodian, crafts and trades union.

## Biology faculty/ students present

UAS faculty and graduates will be presenting papers at the 13th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals to be held in Hawaii Nov. 28-Dec. 3. Those presenting include Brendan Kelly and Beth Mathews plus UAS biology graduates Lara Dzinich, Shannon Crowley, and Raychelle Daniel.

Topics of the papers include harbor seals on Tugidak Island, in Johns Hopkins Inlet, and in Glacier Bay; walrus and ringed seals.

Jan Straley, Sitka biology, will also attend the conference and present results from her humpback whale research. Straley, who holds a joint appointment from UAS and UAF was funded by the UAF provost and College of Rural Alaska and the UAS Sitka campus.

## Sitka helps cemetery

After the Russian Orthodox Cemetery was vandalized, the Sitka campus student government volunteered to help clean the headstones and the cemetery. Linda Southwell said students plan to have regular Saturday work sessions.

## Funding proposals sought

The UA Natural Resources Fund has added new funding priorities that include education to K-12 students in areas related to natural resources and collaboration between senior and junior faculty. Proposals are due Dec. 15. For information contact Scott Foster, 465-6530.



UAS students are rebuilding a second gravehouse.

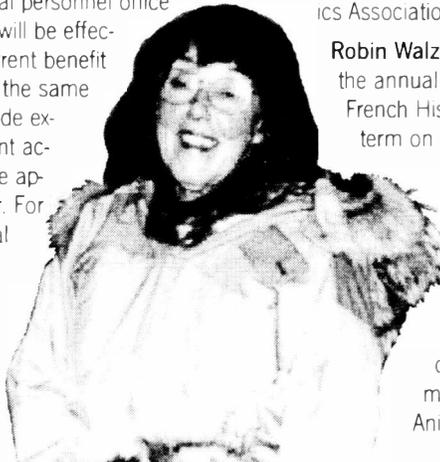
## Gravehouse project

Students in John Bowman's Hands-on Construction class are near completion rebuilding a second gravehouse from the Douglas Indian Cemetery. The first gravehouse was rebuilt and dedicated last spring. The new one will be placed in the cemetery next spring.

## Benefit changes due this month

It's time to add, drop, or change your benefit elections during the annual open enrollment period, which continues through November. All employees should have received an information packet in the mail to make any changes such as adding or dropping dependents, supplemental life insurance, accidental death or dismemberment insurance or reimbursement accounts for health or dependent care. Completed forms should be turned into the regional personnel office by Nov. 30. Changes will be effective Jan. 1, 2000. Current benefit selections will remain the same if changes are not made except for reimbursement accounts, which must be applied for each tax year. For questions or additional forms, call 465-6473.

Pat Denny presented her one-woman show about Mary Joyce, an early Juneau resident, to an audience of about 50 at the Housing Lodge Monday evening.



## Faculty news

**Lawrence Lee Oldaker**, Juneau professor emeritus, has accepted an invitation to attend the Sir William Blackstone Colloquium on Public School Law to be held at Oxford College in July. Invitations were sent to 40 lawyers having a particular interest and knowledge in the academic area of public school law.

**John Bowman**, Juneau construction, has been nominated as Alaska Engineer of the Year by Southeast branch of Alaska Society of Professional Engineers.

**Jason Ohler**, Juneau education, makes a presentation and signs his new book at the downtown library, 7 p.m. Dec. 3, and signs books at Hearthside in the Valley from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 4.

**Todd Turek**, Juneau art, has had two hand-built teapots exhibited in the "Wichita National 1999" craft exhibition. In addition his "Black Spotted Teapot" is featured in the November issue of Ceramics Monthly magazine.

**Chuck Craig**, Juneau diesel, was featured in a front page Empire story Nov. 12 about growing up on a boat in Juneau.

**Gregor Welpton**, Juneau marine, made a presentation to the Juneau Yacht Club about the UAS marine tech programs.

**Pat Fitzgerald, Shelly Theno, and Mary Lou Madden**, Juneau, will attend the Circumpolar Women's Conference sponsored by Yukon College Nov. 18/19. While in Whitehorse, they will meet with faculty from Yukon College, University of British Columbia and Aurora College about setting up a gender studies minor at UAS.

**Sue Koester** presented "'I Said-You Said' Gender Communications Skills" at the Juneau Diversity in the Workplace conference. She was assisted by communications major **Rosie Gilbert** who "Presented her piece of the workshop with poise and professionalism not often seen in the best of trainers."

**Tom Thornton**, Juneau anthropology, has an article, "What's In a Name? Indigenous Place Names in Southeast Alaska" in the current (Spring/Summer) issue of Arctic Research.

**Susan Fair**, Juneau adjunct, has an article, "Place-Name Studies from the Saniq Coast: Shishmaref to Ikpek, Alaska," in the current issue of Arctic Research.

**Marjorie Fields**, Juneau education, made a presentation regarding the role of phonics instruction in emergent literacy at the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in New Orleans last week.

**Robert Baker**, Ketchikan math, is making a presentation on "Using pedagogic techniques as carriers of mathematical content" to the national conference of the American Mathematics Association of two-year colleges in Pittsburgh.

**Robin Walz**, Juneau history, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Western Society for French History in CA and was elected to a 3-year term on the WSFH Governing Council.

**Randy Stahl**, Juneau chemistry, presented a paper at the Soil Science Society of America meeting in Salt Lake City in Nov.

**Dennis Russell**, Juneau biology, is one of the authors of paper about the connection between sea turtles and tumors published by the Journal of Aquatic Animal Health.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

**Thursday, Nov. 18**

- Poetry open Mic, 9 p.m. SAC

**Friday, Nov. 19**

- Global Connections, meets with JDHS exchange students, noon, Lake Room
- Native professors honored, 1 p.m. Lake Room
- Bead working, 2 p.m. Cafe
- Songwriters Concert, featuring faculty and students, 7 p.m., HB 113.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**

- Thanksgiving lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mourant Cafe
- Turkey bowling, 2:30 p.m., Mourant Courtyard
- Student movie discount, Glacier Cinema

**Wednesday, Nov. 24**

- Wooo Ee'n presents storytellers, 2:30 p.m., Lake Room.

**Thursday, Nov. 25**

- Thanksgiving closure, no classes.

**Friday, Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving closure, no classes.

**Sunday, Nov. 28**

- Robert Erbeck services, 4 p.m., Tlingit Haida Center.
- Free bowling, 9 p.m., Channel Bowl.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**

- Wooo Ee'n potluck, 5 p.m. SAC.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1**

- Movie, "Tango," 7 p.m., JDHS.
- Timi's Craft Corner, 8 p.m., Housing Lodge

**Friday, Dec. 3**

- Jason Ohler appears on KINY's Capital Chat 8:15 a.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

- UAS Holiday Formal, live music, 8 p.m. SAC

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

- Timi's Craft Corner, 8 p.m., Housing Lodge

**Thursday, Dec. 9**

- UA Scholars reception, 7 p.m. Lake Room

**Friday, Dec. 10**

- Campus holiday party, Buoy Deck, 8 p.m. Make reservations by Dec. 5 at Student Activities.

## Sitka whale watching

About 60 took part in the Sitka campus student government sponsored Allen Marine whale watching cruise on Nov. 14. UAS interpreters on board included Jan Straley, Naomi Fischer and Mamie Chapman. Luda Konshin reports, "Whales were thick, but not overly active. Also spotted was a large number of sea otters."

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