

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

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## UAS reorganization review

**T**he UAS Faculty Council is completing its first full-year of operation. The council and a new single dean academic management model were two key parts of the 1996 UAS reorganization. UAS "schools" were also changed to "faculties."

Faculty Council chair **Lawrence Lee Oldaker** said the council has considered issues related to faculty cohesiveness, instructor and instructional evaluation, graduate study, pupil behavior, TLTR, grading policies, statewide coordination, UA presidential search, etc. "We are working to provide seamless faculty services among the three campus units," Oldaker said, "as more program managing responsibilities are accepted by the faculty."

Dean **John Pugh**, also agrees the reorganization has been operating well. "We've made more progress in evaluating academic programs and recommendations for change than we've ever done in any other year." Pugh also says the reorganization has made UAS more efficient and with increased coordination, "because all the faculties and all three campuses are represented."

The council, which replaced the Faculty

Senate, is composed of representatives from each of the academic Faculties and three members-at-large. It includes representatives from each UAS campus and is the faculty governance body.

The council has demonstrated its abilities to review and recommend adoption of academic programs and proposed revisions according to Oldaker.

"Last Friday's two-hour meeting set a record for adding finality to nearly one hundred academic requests."

The Faculty Council held a retreat last Saturday in Juneau. Oldaker said, "The most meaningful action taken was the reaffirmation of the existing member's structure with the addition of student, faculty and community relations being added to the three campus at-large positions."

**Art Petersen**, a former Faculty Senate president, said he is "very encouraged" by the reorganization. "Our faculty is proving equal to the tasks of academic management as many of us believed we would. There is yet a good distance to go in terms of clarifying processes and protocols, but my impression is that the transition is proceeding well."

## New July 4th holiday dates

In accordance with university regulations, the paid 4th of July holidays in 1998 will be Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6. These are corrected dates from those published in the UAS academic calendar.

## Sitka project completed

**John Carnegie** has completed a year-long project funded by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. The final project, including a planning manual for water and wastewater facilities and household placards promoting hygiene, was presented at the Entrepreneur's Showcase in Juneau, on February 10-11. Almost 6,000 copies of the report and over 26,000 copies of the household placards are being distributed throughout Alaska.

## Ketchikan campus news

First City Rotary Club presented \$1,000 in scholarships to the Ketchikan campus for training to students who plan to go directly from campus to work. Recipients are **Debbie Burrous**, **Murphy Charles**, **Mary Munn** and **Vetah Mutart**, according to **Gail Klein**, campus counselor.

The first Ketchikan cancer symposium will be held in June as a partnership between the campus, the First City Council on Cancer, and Ketchikan General Hospital.

Two vocational training programs are underway and will be offered again from late March to early May. Basic construction carpentry and commercial truck driving are both full-time courses running for seven weeks.



Students plunge into Auke Bay to kick-off Winterfest.

## Winter plunge

Sixteen students took part in the polar bear plunge by jumping from the Auke Bay dock into 38 degree water on Feb. 1 to begin Winterfest activities on the Juneau campus. Student activities coordinated the event and had an EMT on hand, plus warm blankets, a heated van, and hot coffee.

## Education faculty/deans meet

All the UA deans and education faculty will review a comprehensive plan for UA teacher and administrator preparation programs at a two day meeting of the Professional Education Coordinating Council in Anchorage (Feb. 13/14). The group will make recommendations to the Systemwide Academic Council about development of a statewide Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Liberal Arts.

**John Pugh** and all the UAS education faculty will take part in the meeting. "It's exciting," Pugh says, "because it's the first meeting of statewide faculty and administrator in at least the last ten years."

## Presidential search progresses

**Mike Kelly**, BOR president, plans to appoint an evaluation committee composed of representatives of the faculty, staff, and students, to work with the board in reviewing and assessing candidate applications for a new UA president. The Regents have retained an executive search firm to assist them in the search to replace **Jerome Komisar**. Regents hope to have finalists selected in time for campus visits prior to the end of the semester in May.

## CEA agreement announced

UA and the Classified Employees Association, APEA/AFT, AFL-CIO, have reached tentative agreement on a new three-year labor contract covering 250 maintenance, service, crafts and trades employees across the university. The tentative agreement is subject to approval by the union's members and by the Board of Regents. Monetary terms are subject to legislative approval.

## Banner planned outage

Banner Finance will be unavailable from 10 p.m. on Feb. 19 to 6 a.m. on Feb. 26. During that time no documents relating to Banner Finance will be able to be processed. In a memo to all staff, **Milt Fudge** outlined "purchasing power" procedures using different methods. If there are questions contact Fudge at 465-6497. In addition, transcripts and grades will not be available when Banner is down.

## Faculty news

**Lawrence Lee Oldaker**, moderated a school policy-related discussion at the recent COMTECH'98 convention at Centennial Hall last week. The presentation, "Dick and Jane in Cyberschool" was supported by UAS graduates **Anna Salyer** and **Diana Gifford** and current students **Cindy Scholten** and **Ardys Lee Smith**.

**Richard Hacker** has been nominated to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for 1998. The listings are described as "The best teachers in America selected by the best students." The publication will be available in October.

**Chris Weaver** and UAS students will be published in February in a collection of essays on grading entitled "The Theory And Practice Of Grading Writing: Problems and Possibilities," which Weaver co-edited with Fran Zak. Weaver also wrote a chapter. Also included are reactions from UAS students to having their writing graded. The book will be available through the publisher's website at: <http://www.sunypress.edu>



*John Donaldson said 3.4 billion people live on less than \$2 a day and the number will double in the next generation.*

## Presentation fills Lake Room

**John Donaldson**, U. S. coordinator for external affairs of the World Bank, spoke and answered questions on the Juneau campus. He said 45 percent of the bank's \$21 billion annual investment is to improve education, health, environmental mitigation and combat AIDS.

## Students match money

The Juneau campus student government has matched a \$10,000 grant to UAS from MAPCO. The money will be used to buy computers for the cyber cafe and outdoor recreation equipment.

## Whalesong staff hired

**Matt Miller** is the new Whalesong editor. **Michael Heiman** is advertising manager and **Arlo Midgett** continues as production manager.

## Permanent Fund interns

Two Juneau campus students are working at the Permanent Fund. **Christy Leer**, senior in BBA, is in an investment internship. **Paul Hanson**, an MBA student, was accepted into a communications internship and is now working full-time with the agency. UA campuses forward student applications to the Permanent Fund staff who select the interns.

## Alumni activities

UAS alumni are holding a social with state legislators on Wednesday (Feb. 18) starting at 4:30 p.m. in the house speaker's office in the capitol. Alumni plan on testifying during the public comment period of the Board of Regents meeting on Friday (Feb. 20) beginning at 8 a.m. in the Baranof Hotel. The alumni's annual spring banquet and auction will be held March 27, at the Baranof Hotel.

## Bread Loaf deadline

Applications for this summer's Bread Loaf Literature and Writing Institute are due before March 2. Contact coordinator **Scott Christian** at 465-8744 for an application. This is the second year the prestigious graduate program of Middlebury College is being offered on the Juneau campus, June 7 - 26.

## NW Coast classes

Three special art classes will be offered in Juneau during March spring break. Students must register by Friday (Feb. 20). The classes, taught by **Cheryl Samuel**, are Celtic Drawing, Spinning, and Ravenstail Weaving.

## Skiff class set

**Eric Leegard** spent his sabbatical learning the skills he is teaching in an aluminum skiff construction class that begins March 7. The class will build a 20-foot skiff using a reusable jib and manufacturing techniques that are appropriate for mass production by a small business. Call 465-8770 for information.

## Financial seminar offered

A seminar to explain the new federal tax law, particularly IRAs, will be offered Monday (Feb. 23) from noon to 1 p.m. in room 105 of the Egan Library. Topics include the new Roth IRA; new contribution, deduction, and withdrawal rules; the education IRA; capital gains, etc.

## Internship available

The Native American Congressional Internship Program is accepting applications for this summer's program. For details call 703-931-9795.

## Naturalist Institute in Sitka

The Alaska Naturalist Institute will be held in Sitka April 27 - May 1. It's offered by the Sitka campus Office of Continuing Education. Call 747-7763.

## Sitka conference visits Coast Guard

Office of Continuing Education in Sitka added an unusual perk to the 3rd Annual Women & Wellness Conference. The participants were invited to lunch at the Sitka Coast Guard's wardroom. Following the meal, guests were taken on a tour of the hangar. Commander **Wayne Buchanan** coordinated the effort with **Debi Roesch** of Continuing Education.

## Juneau Calender

### Sunday (Feb. 15)

- Family film, "Willie Wonka," 2 p.m. JDHS
- Free UAS swim, 6:30 p.m. swimming pool.

### Tuesday (Feb. 17)

- Biological seminar, "Effects of Bottom Trawling on the Marine Environment," noon, Anderson 221.
- Ice cream social, 2 p.m. Cafe.
- Child series, topic "Parenting Frustrations" 7 p.m. Lake Room.

### Wednesday (Feb. 18)

- Chocolate Potluck, 3:30 p.m. Lake Room.
- UAS Alumni social with legislators, 4:30-6 p.m., house speaker's office, capitol.
- Film, "Latcho Drom", 7 p.m., JDHS.

### Thurs./Fri. (Feb. 19-20)

- Board of Regents, all day, Baranof Hotel.
- Fun Facts Faculty Friday, noon, Lake Room.

### Friday (Feb. 20)

- Public comment, Board of Regents, 8 a.m. Baranof Hotel.

### Sunday (Feb. 24)

- Renaissance Faire, noon - 4 p.m. Centennial Hall.

### Monday (Feb. 23)

- Federal tax law seminar, noon - 1 p.m. Egan Library 105.

### Tuesday (Feb. 24)

- Biological seminar, "Alaska Predator-Ecosystem Experiment," noon, Anderson 221.
- Child series, topic "Attention Deficit Disorders", 7 p.m. Lake Room.

### Saturday (Feb. 28)

- Mardi Gras, Nugget Mall

## Renaissance Faire Feb. 22

The Juneau campus is cosponsoring the Renaissance Faire at Centennial Hall from noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 22. Events include medieval music, entertainment and costumes, sword fighting, children's crafts, a marketplace and more.

## Scholarship applications due

The statewide University of Alaska/University of Alaska Foundation scholarship applications are due March 1st. Check with financial aid for application packets.

## Sitka April conferences

A two-day conference on "Designing and Marketing for Cyberspace" will be presented by authors Robin Williams and John Tollet April 24 and 25 and costs \$99. Call 747-7733.

The American Traffic Safety Services Association—the only National Certification body—is coming to Sitka at the end of April to train technicians and supervisors for National Certification. Call 747

