

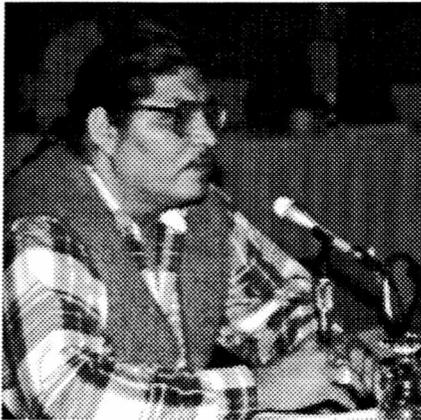
University of Alaska Southeast

Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Students talk to BOR



Leonard Gone, who has been out of school for 18 years, praised the Learning Center. "I just want to have people sitting there taking the saying, 'This is how its done,' makes me feel good."

Students from the Juneau and Sitka campuses were among students from around the state who testified before the Board of Regents during their Juneau meeting.

Gloria Burns from Sitka talked about the big increase in students taking core classes. **Wonder Russell** described a Spanish class visit to Mexico over the holi-

days as "an amazing trip and incredible experience." **Ethan Windahl**, who retired after 23 years with the Alaska Court System, praised the marine technology program. "I've been through lots of educational programs, but I'm delighted with what I found here. The instructors are absolutely top notch. The facilities are great." **Tiffany Sargent**, who spent last year as an exchange student in England, said "It was the best experience I've ever had in my life, so far."



Students described UAS successes at the BOR meeting.

HIM program approved

The Board of Regents approved continuation of the Health Information Management program that is distance delivered from the Sitka campus. Program director **Carol Liberty** told the board about HIM's high graduation rate, successful completion of the national credentialing exam, and graduate employment rate. When initially approved, the Board stipulated a review after five years to determine whether or not a distance-delivered degree is feasible.

In addition, the HIM degree (AAS) is featured in the February issue of "Advance," the professional journal for health information specialists. The program is identified as the only one in the nation which is delivered entirely at a distance.

Student counseling opens

Personal counseling for students is now available in Student Services on the Juneau campus Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 1 - 4 p.m. The confidential service is for students dealing with problems such as stress, emotional issues, relationships, personal issues, etc. Appointments may be made on a first name basis with Rita Bowen at 465-6439.

Lab open house

All are invited to an open house at the new multi-disciplinary lab on Wednesday, March 9 between 1:30 and 3 p.m. in HB 105. **Carl Byers**, lab manager, said some of the equipment will be demonstrated.

CPM program accredited

UAS has become a fully accredited member of the National Certified Public Manager (CPM) Consortium. **Shirley Grubb** received written notification this week from the consortium. "This means we are recognized as offering a viable training program for Alaskans who want to become better managers."

The Juneau campus administers the statewide CPM program and awards certificates.

"Being a good manager doesn't just happen," Grubb says. "CPM offers a chance for supervisors and management trainees to hone up on skills like budgeting, decision-making, policy analysis, effective writing, dealing with the media, and every facet of management."

CPM classes range from one to three days. To date nearly 140 people have taken CPM classes. Contact Grubb for a class schedule at 465-6353.

Regents results

Among the items approved by the regents last week were the HIM program; the Professional Education Coordinating Committee report; Student Affairs Policies; the intellectual property management plan; participation in the design phase of the NOAA/NMFS consolidated facility in Juneau; Coffman Cove #2 Timber Sale; increased AY99 tuition rates; and a public information campaign. Board minutes are at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

Ketchikan campus news

The first-ever Ketchikan Humanities Conference takes place this weekend. It includes students and workshop leaders from Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau. **Rod Landis** and **Taylor McKenna** created the conference.

Gail Klein helped organize the first ever Schoenbar Career Day on Feb. 19. Over 200 eighth graders spent the afternoon in small group discussions organized around 50 community members. The goal was to help students explore career options, set realistic career goals and understand career preparation.

John Mahoney from Kodiak College interviewed faculty and staff about library services and met with **Kelly Skogseth** and others at the Ketchikan Public Library. Kodiak is considering combining the college and public libraries.

The Ketchikan Daily News reported that all 15 students in the basic writing class who sent writing portfolios to Juneau for a required evaluation last semester passed. "It's intensive," is how **Rod Landis** described the class, "all they do is write."

Ketchikan city officials placed two campus items on their request list for state assistance. They are \$900,000 to remodel the Robertson Building and \$850,000 to build student housing.

Sitka science grant

Pacific High School has received a \$5,000 grant from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to study the Mt. Edgecumbe volcanic field. The secondary school is administered by the Sitka campus in cooperation with the Sitka School District. **Megan McCarthy** is leading the project that will have students do field studies, interviews, library research, develop a topographic model of Kruzof Island, incorporate the results into a compact disk and place it on a website.

Faculty candidates on campus

Two candidates for a public administration position will be on campus. Dr. **Jonathan Anderson** will make a presentation Friday in Egan 104 at 12:10 p.m. and will be at an informal reception at 5:30 in Novatney 102. Dr. **Phillip Boyle** will attend a reception March 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake Room and make his presentation at 12:10 p.m. on March 4 in Egan 104. The presentations may be seen on cable channel 37.

Housing news

Juneau student housing activities include a 70's disco dance Friday; students volunteering at the Humane Society and the Juneau Raptor Center; and an anti-drinking program that included an ex-police officer overseeing drinking by students over 21 and discussing coordination and blood alcohol levels.

Seals are seminar topic

A report on abundance and eating habits of harbor seals in Elkhorn Slough, CA is the topic of the next biological seminar. **Dion Oxman** of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences will make the public presentation noon Tuesday (March 3) in Anderson 211.

Mardi Gras Saturday

A Seattle Cajun band will be playing for Mardi Gras Saturday at the Nugget Mall. UAS is co-sponsoring the all-age event that features dancing and authentic food. Masks and costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$14 in advance and available at UAS, Hearthside and Tradewinds.

Faculty dinner Tuesday

The next faculty dinner is Tuesday, March 3, in the Lake Room. The social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. George Parker will discuss "Painted Altarpieces" at 5:30, and the no host dinner begins at 6:30.

Medical classes offered

More than 40 medical training classes will be offered on the Juneau campus before the end of 1998. **Gary Bowen** says many organizations have legal requirements for some medical training. The classes will be offered through career education. Call 465-8770.

Library conducts survey

Egan Library wants students, staff and faculty to fill out a survey they are conducting for their self-study report and to improve services. Surveys can be picked up and dropped off at the circulation desk, returned through campus mail or contact **Anna Salyer** at 465-6515.

Radio/TV spots

UAS received nearly \$190,000 of air time on statewide radio and TV stations for an investment of \$15,000. Using money from the UA Foundation, UAS produced and aired spots under a program offered by the Alaska Broadcasters Association that returned a 12 fold increase on investment.

Faculty and Staff news

Lawrence Lee Oldaker and **Timi Hough** will make a presentation, "North to Alaska," Feb. 28 in San Diego at the convention of the American Association of School Administrators to highlight academic and campus living for the NCEA national convention to be held on the Juneau campus August 3-8.

Robert Sewell had three presentations accepted for the upcoming 1998 Alaska Children's Mental Health Conference in Anchorage in April. They are "The Out-of-State Placement Problem," "College Programs in Community-Based Care," and "Parent Education: Workshop Delivery Issues" (with UAS student **Erica Payne**).

Alice Tersteeg appeared on KTOO-FM's "Juneau Afternoon" on Feb. 18 to talk about art classes that will be offered during spring break.

Jane Terzis was awarded the Juror's Choice Award (best of show) in the 1998 All-Alaska Juried Exhibition for an oil painting. Over 700 entries were narrowed to an exhibition of 51 pieces by artists across the state.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker has been elected president of the board of directors of the United Way of Southeast Alaska. He has been chair of the UAS United Way campaign, and this year UAS faculty and staff contributed the highest amount ever for the university.



Students and staff at the Marine Tech Center are refurbishing donated boats to help UAS programs.

Boats for UAS

Staff at the marine tech center have refurbished a 19 foot motor boat, attached a spare engine, and fixed a trailer according to **Gary Bowen**. The boat, donated by the Forest Service, will be used by marine biology faculty and students for field work.

Bowen also accepted the donation of a 36 foot fiberglass fishing boat several weeks ago. The boat had sunk in Gastineau Channel. Students, staff and faculty will replace the engine, repairing fuel tanks, replace wiring, and patch a hole. "The goal is to make it a working vessel for UAS programs," according to **Bowen**.

Juneau Calender

Friday, Feb. 27

- Bon voyage party for LeeAnn Dickson, 4 p.m. Lake Room.
- Public administration candidate presentation, 12:10 p.m. Egan 104.
- 70's disco dance, 10:30 p.m. lodge.

Saturday, Feb. 28

- Mardi Gras, 9 p.m. Nugget Mall.

Monday, March 2

- Peace Corps 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cafe; slide show 7 p.m. Lake Room.

Tuesday, March 3

- Peace Corps information, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Cafe.
- Biological seminar, harbor seals, noon, Anderson 221.
- Faculty dinner, social hour begins 4:30 p.m., Lake Room.

Wednesday, March 4

- Public administration candidate presentation, 12:10 p.m., Egan 104.
- Open house, new multi-disciplinary lab, 1:30 - 3 p.m., HB 105.

Saturday-Monday, March 7-9

- Kayaking & Boating Club trip to Berner's Bay

Sunday, March 8

- UAS/Juneau School District family film, "Little Women," 2 p.m., JDHS

March 8-13,

- Student spring break trip to Kluane.

Wednesday, March 11

- UAS/JAHC film series, "Shall We Dance," 7 p.m., JDHS

March 27

- Alumni banquet and auction.

Alumni banquet Mar. 27

The UAS Alumni banquet and auction takes place March 27. Alumni president **Chris Phillips** promises, "Good food, good friends and great fun!" Contact **Rita Bowen** for reservations and tickets which are \$30 per person for a choice of halibut Olympia or prime rib.

Grad gown orders

Graduation announcement and cap & gown orders are due March 25 in the Juneau bookstore. The bookstore is also conducting a St. Patrick's Day give-away. The drawing is March 17.

UAS grad wins award

Michael Walker, who received a master's degree in education administration (principal) from UAS in 1982, has received an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation. Walker is principal at Thorne Bay School.

Grant opportunity

Proposals for the \$1,000, 1998 Geist Function grants at UAF are due April 3. They are for archeological or paleontological field research. Student proposals are preferred. Contact **Scott Foster** for an application, 465-6530.

