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Soundings

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David Thomas and Joel Kafka pose for Juneau Empire photographer Brian Wallace for a story about spring break.

Spring break pulls students north

Instead of heading south to warm beaches for spring break at least one Juneau student headed north **David Thomas** went caribou hunting by dog sled near the Arctic Circle. A group of 11 students also headed north. Student Activities organized a trip to Kluane National Park in the Yukon. Other students planed a ferry tour of Southeast and a road trip from Seattle to Mexico and back.

Several students staying in Juneau planned hiking and camping, but not everyone had play plans. **Leonard Gone** says he would use the break to catch up on school work.

Fall graduates

Forty UAS students earned certificates and degrees at the end of the fall 1997 semester.

There were four from the Sitka campus, three from Ketchikan, and 33 from Juneau campus. In Juneau, degrees included two graduate, 20 baccalaureate, nine associate, one AAS and one certificate.

UAS connection with Cinderella

Wonder Russell, who plays Cinderella, is just one of several UAS students, faculty and staff working on the joint Lyric Opera and Juneau Symphony production. **Joyce Perry Moore**, who teaches private voice at UAS, is directing the play. The assistant director is student **Melissa Nell**. **Me! Flood**, a retired associate professor of music who teaches part-time, is directing the symphony. **Steve Tada**, Facilities Planning and Construction, is symphony concert master and first violin. **Robin Walz**, assistant professor of history, plays cello.

Other current or former students in the production include **Katrina Tibbles**, **Cathy Pashigan**, **Cinnamon Simpson**, **David Jackson**, and **Brennan Halterman**. Cinderella's last performances are March 13, 14 and 15.

Alumni banquet March 27

The annual spring banquet and auction for the UAS Alumni Association will be held Friday, March 27, at the Baranof Hotel. The evening includes dinner, door prizes and the auction. Proceeds support alumni scholarships and sponsored events. Make reservations and select a dinner choice at the Student Resource Center.

Women's health series begins

A free, four week series on women's health issues will be offered Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. starting March 24 on the Juneau campus. Subjects include: Women's Self Esteem Building, March 24; Women's Hormonal and Life Changes, March 31; Women and Cardiac Disease, April 7; and Women's Health Promotion Activities, April 14. Instructors will be nurses from Airlift Northwest. Any session may be attended on a drop-in basis.



Don Greenberg demonstrates new equipment during the multi-disciplinary lab open house. Displays included projection of microscopic images onto a screen.

Business candidates visit Juneau campus

Four candidates are interviewing on the Juneau campus for two business positions. Dr. **David Olson** has about 10 years banking experience and an MBA with an emphasis in finance. Dr. **Brad Zehner** has graduate degrees in marketing, finance, and counseling and has worked in industry for 25-30 years as vice president and president of firms/divisions. **Joann Krauss** is finishing her Ph. D. and has an MBA plus industry experience. Dr. **David Ackerman** has lived in Juneau and Kodiak while with the Coast Guard and has varied industry experiences.

Prizes offered for writing and art

\$500 each will be awarded to a poet and a writer by *Explorations '98*, the UAS literary magazine now in its 17th year of publication. Submissions must be post-marked by March 21. In addition three prizes totaling \$175 will be offered for black and white art selected for the publication from Juneau campus students only. Contact **Art Petersen** on the Juneau campus for contest guidelines at 465-6418 or jfamp@acad1.alaska.edu The "blind juried" writing contest is open to all. Pulitzer Prize nominee **David Ray** is this year's judge.

UAS at science fair

Angie Fowler, a sophomore at JDHS, won a one year UAS scholarship at the school's science fair. There were 115 entries. Faculty members **Cathy Connor**, **Don Greenberg**, and **Randy Stahl** served as judges. **Lori Exferd** presented the scholarship.

Alumni help university

The UAS Alumni Association is distributing post cards encouraging people to contact their legislators about declining university budgets. "Stop the Drop" is the theme of the card that also offers contact information.

Faculty, students, staff

Linda Halfon has a solo exhibition titled "From the Earth of the Earth" at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage that runs until March 29th.

Dave Marvel has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998." To be eligible teachers must be nominated by former students who themselves have been cited for academic excellence.

Brendan Kelly assisted the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service to draft a co-management plan for harbor seals in Alaska during an Anchorage meeting in February.

Carol Liberty is a candidate for a position on the Council on Certification for the American Health Information Management Association. The council sets the standards for the professional credentials.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker made a presentation, "Leadership-Spanning Two Centuries," at the Howard Marston Smith Distinguished Lecture Series at The College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia on March 6.

Dorothy Webster, who earned her masters in business administration at UAS, has passed the examination for Certified Public Accountant. She works as an accountant at Elgee, Rehfeld and Funk.

Brian Blackwell completed a nine week accounting internship with the Permanent Fund last fall and **Christy Leer** began a nine week internship with investments at the Permanent Fund in January. Both students are in the BBA accounting program.

Raychelle Daniel, senior in biology, and **Brendan Kelly** will both present talks at the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission meeting in Kodiak later this month.

Ray Watkins was featured in an article about his Northwest Coast carving in the March 4 edition of the Capital City Weekly. A photo that accompanied the article showed Watkins and his brother-in-law **Charles Abbott, Sr.**

Tax seminar offered

A seminar to explain changes in the federal tax laws, particularly IRAs, will be offered Monday, March 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Bill Ray Center. Topics will include the new Roth IRA; new contribution, deduction, and withdrawal rules; the new education IRA; and changes in capital gains taxes.

Research funding

Brendan Kelly has received a \$19,850 award from the Natural Resources Fund to help place undergraduates in the field studying sea otters, harbor seals, ringed seals, Steller sea lions, and Pacific walrus.

Ketchikan math conference

Jan Parmalee is one of the presenters at the fifth annual Southeast Alaska Mathematics Conference held in Ketchikan for the first time. She is one of the faculty the campus brought in as part of their Eisenhower Grant to teach local K-12 teachers. Campus director **Fran Feinerman** said, "There is a close connection for us between what we've been trying to accomplish through the grant and the conference."

Mountain film festival

The Banff Festival of Mountain Films will be shown Sunday, March 29th, at 2 p.m. at Centennial Hall. The UAS sponsored "Best of the 97 Festival" features eight short films about ice climbing, mountain climbing, kayaking, snow boarding and more. Tickets are available at the door.

Juneau student activities

"The Dance of the Decades" will be held Friday, March 20, in HB 113 at 9 p.m. There will be prizes for best costumes of the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. **Tish Griffin** says, "All students, faculty and staff are invited. Find those tie-dye shirts, those leisure suits or your moshing outfit and come ready to dance!"

A free, open swim will be held Sunday, March 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for students, faculty, and staff.

The week of March 23 is student government's "Faculty -Staff Appreciation Week." There will be a special dinner and mime performance March 28th.

The Spring Formal will be held at the Baranof Friday on April 3rd.

Housing CA's wanted

Applications are available for housing community advisors for the 1998-99 school year. **Timi Hough** said, "Housing is looking for individuals that have the energy and excitement to plan activities, develop leadership skills and be part of a great team." Applications can be picked up at housing lodge, housing office and personnel and are due on April 3.

A current CA, **Carl Westphal**, and about 15 other students recently volunteered to pick up trash on the trail from housing to campus and filled three large garbage bags.

Summer art workshops set

Several special art workshops will be held on the Juneau campus this summer. June workshops include: Ceramic Workshop, Outdoor Landscape Painting Workshop, and Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. Other summer workshops include Painting Workshop, Northwest Coast Basketry, Northwest Coast Carving: Bear Masks, Computer Graphics with Native Design Application, Natural Dye Workshop, Northwest Coast Root Harvesting and Preparation of Basketry Materials. Details are in the summer schedule.

Sea lion talk Tuesday

Beth Mathews will speak at the weekly, free, public, biological seminar Tuesday at noon in Anderson 221. Her topic is "Reactions of Sea Lions to Vessels in Glacier Bay National Park."

Juneau Calender

Saturday, March 14

- Egan Library closed

Sunday, March 15

- Egan Library open 1-8 p.m.

Monday, March 16

- Tax seminar including IRA's, noon, 2nd floor conference room, BRC.

Tuesday, March 17

- Biological seminar, "Reactions of Sea Lions to Vessels in Glacier Bay," noon, Anderson 221.
- Farewell to Julia Ross, Egan Library staff room, 1-5 p.m.

Friday, March 20

- Dance of the Decades, HB 113, 9 p.m. costume prizes.

Sunday, March 22

- Free, open swim, pool, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

March 23-27

- Faculty-Staff Appreciation week.

Tuesday, March 24

- Free, Women's Health Series, "Self Esteem" Lake Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

- Pension investment seminar, Novatney 102, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Friday, March 27

- Alumni banquet and auction, Baranof Hotel, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

- Banff Festival of Mountain Films, 2 p.m. Centennial Hall.

Friday, April 3

- The Spring Formal, Baranof Hotel.

April 15-17

- Regents meet in Juneau

MAT deadlines near

Deadlines for submitting application packets for the elementary or secondary Master of Arts in Teaching program are due March 16. Classes begin in July. Those needing deadline extensions for secondary may contact **Dave Marvel** at 465-4679 and for elementary contact **Mary-Claire Tarlow** at 465-6435.

Pension workshop

A workshop in how to wisely invest UA pension funds will be offered Thursday, March 26, from 10:30 to noon and 1-2:30 p.m. in Novatney 102. Topics will include assessing retirement needs, selecting an investment portfolio, setting goals, and how a pension plan works with tax deferred annuities and IRAs.

Regents meet in Juneau

The Board of Regents will meet in Juneau April 15-17 at the Baranof Hotel. Agendas will be available at campus libraries about five days prior to the meetings and at the BOR home page at: <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>.