

# University of Alaska Southeast

# Soundings

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## Ketchikan director candidates to visit

Three finalist candidates for Ketchikan campus director will visit Ketchikan and Juneau May 11-15. The candidates are Dr. **Kenneth Brauchle** of North Pole, Alaska; Dr. **Nicolas Piccolo** of Caldwell, Idaho; and Dr. **Robert Warren** of Wentworth, South Dakota.

The successful candidate will replace **Fran Feinerman**, who will be stepping down June 30 after eight years to become president of Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming.

The three finalists were selected from an original pool of about 30 applicants.

Screening of the candidates was done by a seven-member local committee headed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly member **Phyllis Yetka**.

Each of the three candidates will meet with community, local officials, campus faculty and staff in Ketchikan and with Chancellor Lind and his cabinet in Juneau. A final selection for the Ketchikan campus director position is expected to be made by Lind before the end of May.

Biographical sketches:

**Kenneth Brauchle**: residence center director for the University of La Verne, School of Continuing Education, CA. They offer degree programs to Alaska military. He is retired from the Air Force and is a 13-year Alaska resident. Ph.D., administration of adult education, UAF.

**Nicolas Piccolo**: dean of student affairs at Albertson College, ID. He served as dean of students at Western State College of Colorado and as director of student programs and services at the Pennsylvania State University Mont Alto Campus. Ph.D., education, Indiana University.

**Robert Warren**: a professor in the College of Education at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. He headed the secondary education program at UAS Juneau from 1990 to 1995 and has been acting dean of the College of Education at Texas A&I University. Ph.D., educational administration, University of Utah.

## Reception/commencement

**Jerome Komisar**, who is retiring as UA president, will be honored at a public reception Friday (May 8) in the Lake Room between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Presentations will be made at 4 p.m.

More than 180 Juneau students have earned degrees and certificates. They will be awarded at commencement beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday (May 8) at Centennial Hall. Faculty are asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m.

## Ketchikan students excel

At the top of the 20 Ketchikan graduates are three students all within eight hundredths of a point of a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Commencement is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Ivan Sultan** has been student body president for two years. In addition he worked in the public information office, tutored, and volunteered at Ketchikan General Hospital. He is married and plans to attend UAF to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree on his way to a masters in physical therapy.

**Danny Chan** graduated from a Hong Kong school and spent eight years working in banking. When he moved to Ketchikan, Chan worked to improve his English at the campus Learning Center. He has been admitted to a honors program at the University of Arizona with a dual major in Management Information Systems and Operations Management.

**Adeline Geldenhuys** was a Ketchikan high school exchange student from South Africa who decided to return to enter UAS. She was president of the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, worked as library student assistant, has been active on student council, and tutored other students. She enrolls at UAA next fall in the pre-med program.

## Sitka Campus is Puzzling!

A tension-releaser hit Sitka campus students at Sitka Campus during the final days of the semester. On tables throughout the campus there were—jigsaw puzzles! Complicated, difficult 250-1000 piece jigsaw puzzles. They sat there, tantalizing passers-by to put in at least one piece! Mysteriously the pictures developed and as soon as a puzzle was completed another took it's place! Puzzle workers hoped that puzzle-solving 101 was one of the final exams.



*Ed Caine was one of several faculty and staff taking part in the pie toss during the Juneau campus' end-of-the-year picnic.*

## Faculty Council news

Members at the final Faculty Council meeting of the 1997-98 academic year named **Don Cecil** as chair-elect for the 1999-2000 year. He joins **Janet Dye**, 1998-99 chair, and **Anna Salyer** on next year's UA Faculty Alliance which is composed of representatives from the three MAUs.

In other action, the Council reaffirmed BOR policy proposals to attain uniform course numbers and grading scales and student disability procedures. They rejected a proposed BOR student grade appeals policy that would have included establishing a faculty appeals committee to review changing a student's grade for reasons other than mathematical error.

## Ketchikan history

**Mike Dunning** has received a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum to plan and develop a history of Ketchikan as the community approaches its centennial in the year 2000. The grant envisions a multi level history project that researches for and creates a scholarly outcome, such as a book, while maximizing community involvement and participation.



*Josh Horst was elected student government president on the Juneau campus.*



*Clancy DeSmet is the new Juneau vice president.*



Juneau students look for whales in Stephens Passage.

## Whales identified

Four humpback whales were sighted and three photographed for later identification on a three day field trip in Stephens Passage taken by 12 Biology of Marine Mammals students in late April. They also observed 40 Dall's porpoise, two harbor porpoise, over 200 sea lions, and more than 150 harbor seals.

**Beth Mathews**, who led the late April trip said, "Although other schools offer marine mammal classes, I would guess than less than five percent of them get to do a trip like this and have the likelihood that we do to see such a range of marine mammal species."

## LeConte Glacier study

UAS students **Shannon Seifert**, **Luke Tabor**, **Kari Mattocks**, and **April Graves** along with UAF graduate student **Shad O'Neal**, will be traveling to Petersburg May 10-18 to survey the terminus of LeConte Glacier with faculty members **Cathy Connor** and **Roman Motyka**. The group will coordinate with the Petersburg High School science program. KTOO-TV will send a film crew to record the students at work. This class is partially funded by a grant from the UA President's Fund.

## Sitka offers trip

A naturalist program will be featured during a nine hour round trip to Baranof Warm Springs May 31 that is organized by the Sitka campus. A 78 foot catamaran will carry passengers. The cost is \$95 per person. Call **Karen Christner** at 747-7764 for information.

## Travel help offered

A mini travel office is being established on the Juneau campus Tuesdays and Thursday from 8 - 9:45 a.m. in the Soboleff conference room and from 10 to noon in the Maurant Cashier's station. **Bob Brown** will answer travel questions and help complete travel forms. For information call 465-6497.

## New e-mail addresses

The computer center is installing a new e-mail system. It will be tested over the summer and deployed by fall semester on all three campuses. E-mail users may start using and publicizing their new address. The change is that the ACAD1 in the current address is replaced with UAS. A sample new address: [jnsrf@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jnsrf@uas.alaska.edu)

## Regents news

The Board of Regents' home page has been updated to include Summary of Actions of March and April meetings as well as updates on the presidential search. <http://info.alaska.edu/uab/or/>

## Faculty news

**Ginny Mulle** attended the Pacific Sociological Association meetings in San Francisco, was re-elected to two different committees, and presented two papers on family factors and drug/alcohol use in teens and high rates of domestic violence in Alaska.

**Elizabeth Schelle** attended the spring meeting of the Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA), a consortium of Northwest colleges and universities offering term-based study abroad programs in Europe.

**Cathy Connor** attended the Alaska Geologic Society "Cutting Edge in Alaska" Science and Technology conference in Anchorage April 16.

**Robin Walz** will have a May review essay, "Of Cannibals and Prostitutes: Figures of Obsession in Modern French Culture," in H-Net OnLine Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences (<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/>). Walz' May 12 Holocaust presentation has been delayed until the fall.

**Jan Parmelee** attended the "Pathwise Training Institute" on the Kuskokwim campus April 24-26. The institutes are developed for those who supervise student teachers or mentor beginning teachers.

**Carol Liberty** attended the Alaska HIM Association annual meeting in Juneau, is on the American HIM ballot for the Council on Certification, will attend language school in Mexico in June and a national association workshop in Chicago in July.

**Jason Ohler** will start an information literacy course when he returns from sabbatical in the fall to attract adults to technology courses so they will understand what their kids are doing with classroom computers.

## SJC to expand library

Sheldon Jackson College has launched a \$2.8 million campaign to finance expansion of the Stratton Library. The facility is the principal research library for students and faculty of SJC and the UAS Sitka campus.

## Science student jobs

Juneau science students will do science work this summer. **April Graves** received funding from NASA to attend the Juneau Icefield Research Program. **Rebecca Viray** will work as a hydrology technician for the Forestry Sciences Lab. **Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine** will classify lakes for Admiralty National Monument.

## Juneau Calender

### Friday, May 8

- Study Abroad, Tom Mills, noon, Lake Room.
- Public reception, UA President Jerome Komisar, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lake Room
- Commencement, 7:30 p.m., Centennial Hall.

### Wednesday, May 13

- Continental Math League, 6:30 p.m., Egan Library.

### Thursday, May 14

- JDHS student recognition, 7 p.m. Egan Library.

### Tuesday, May 19

- Adjunct faculty reception, 6:30 p.m., Lake Room.

### Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day holiday.

## Student exchange talks

**Tom Mills**, chair of the Northwest Council of Study Abroad (NCSA), will discuss programs Friday (May 8) at noon in the Maurant Cafe. NCSA courses are taught by Northwest and host faculty in Italy, England, France, Spain, Greece, and Austria. UAS faculty may submit course proposals. Contact **Elizabeth Schelle**, 465-6455. **Tony Emerson** from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, an International Student Exchange Program campus, will visit the Juneau campus June 1 - 2.

## Cleaning computer keyboards

1) Shut down the computer and disconnect the keyboard. 2) Use a cloth dampened with water or isopropyl alcohol to clean the surface of the keys. 3) Turn the keyboard over and gently shake to remove loose particles. 4) Use compressed air to clean between the keys and to dislodge the more stubborn crumbs. 5) Consider the purchase of a keyboard surface protector (a keyboard skin). Computer tips are provided by **Mona Yarnell**.

## Personal holiday deadline

Classified employees who are eligible need to plan to use their personal holiday between now and June 20 according to **Tom Dienst**, personnel manager. Personal holiday hours do not carry forward into the new fiscal year.

## Egan Library hours

During May, Egan Library hours will be as follows: May 9-17, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Sat. and Sun.; May 18-31, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Saturday, and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

