

University of Alaska Southeast

Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Convocation '98

UAS is one of the 153 institutions accredited by the NW Association of Schools and Colleges. The reaccreditation visit takes place in October, 1999. "The evaluators will check to see if you're doing what you say you're going to do," Dr.



Convocation speaker Dr. Margaret Kaus.

Margaret Kaus, of the association, told UAS faculty at convocation. "Evaluators will look for clearly defined educational objectives and described in the self-study now being conducted."

Kaus said the results of assessment should be used for continuous planning. "The study shouldn't be something you gear up for every ten years." The process, she said, is a good management practice for the classroom and "a matter of survival in private industry as well as education."

The convocation emphasized UAS reaccreditation. Faculties worked on their self-studies. "The challenge now," Vice Chancellor **Robbie Stell** said, "is for every faculty to look at services and programs, gather information about their strengths and weaknesses, and feed them back into their plans for the following year."

New UAS faculty

David Love (biology) received his M.S. from UAF and his bachelor's in biology from Colorado State University. He has several years of part-time teaching experience at UAS and previously worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Forest Service. Areas of expertise include fisheries biology, pathology and management. Love will teach classes in biology and chemistry.

Gregor Welpton (marine technology and welding) received his B.A. from Evergreen State College with an emphasis in law, boatbuilding, and energy engineering. He also studied at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding in Port Townsend, WA. He is a master kayak builder and has owned a shipwright services company in Homer. Welpton will teach various boat repair/construction and welding classes.

Campuses will be closed Sept. 7 for Labor Day and no classes will be held.

Sitka receives grant

The US Department of Health and Human Services has approved grant funding for a three-year program between the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium and the Sitka Campus. The program provides Community Wellness Advocates training for rural communities, with courses delivered both on-site in Sitka and through the UAS distance-delivery system. The goal of the 4-course sequence is to establish village level expertise in promoting prevention of disease.

Registration weekend

The Juneau campus holds regular registration at the Auke Lake campus Friday and Saturday. A downtown registration takes place Friday at the Bill Ray Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. On Saturday a special vocational/technology registration will be held at the Nugget Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday registration on the Auke Lake campus is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



New students take part in orientation activities.

Student orientation held

More than 75 students took part in orientation this week on the Juneau campus. "Orientation was designed by returning students for new students," according to coordinator **Lori Exferd**.

Orientation activities included mixers, tours, dinner at the homes of 15 faculty and staff, a taco/movie night, hikes, use of boats on Auke Lake, and a Friday evening BBQ at Auke rec. About 30 new students signed up to help clear the Mt. Jumbo trail Saturday. "This means there's a lot of interest in doing community service work," Exferd said.

Student leaders who helped coordinate orientation week were **Clancy DeSmet, Don Mercer, Dave Jackson, Suzan Fitzgerald, Danielle Bernard, and Wonder Russell**.

Information Technology resources

Tutorials and research resources are now available for UAS students, faculty, and staff through a partnership with Gartner Group. Materials are accessible via the Internet, disks, CDs and other delivery methods. UA is one of five US universities working with Gartner Group, an information technology authority.

In an agreement with the state, training is also available to state employees and by special arrangement to Alaska's business and industry. Lt. Governor **Fran Ulmer** Thursday sent a voice mail message to state employees about the program that UAS also received on some university phones.

The university portion of the Gartner partnership includes the Enterprise Learning Center (ELC), an online resource containing over 150 information technology tutorials and the Gartner Research Notes, a collection of reports covering trends in the information technology industry.

The ELC and the Research Notes are both available at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/gg>. For additional information on access or support contact the UAS Help Desk at (877) 465-6400 or 465-6400.

New Juneau web page

The Juneau campus has redesigned its web page. It is available at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/>

Faculty-in-Residence established

Kevin Krein, Juneau philosophy faculty, has accepted the position as Faculty in Residence at Banfield Hall. He will assist students with academics while he lives in student housing. Housing Manager **Timi Hough** said Krein will help set the academic tone of the building, provide a faculty resource on site, share the on-call responsibility with the housing manager, handle emergencies, work with the community advisor staff and become the liaison between the university faculty and the housing staff.

Partnerships announced

UAS Career Education is involved in several partnerships. One is working with Cornerstone Home Health Care Inc. to provide education and training as part of their State Training and Employment Grant (STEP) to offer nursing classes in Juneau.

Another partnership is with the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Tlingit and Haida Housing Authority and the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. **John Bowman** will train up to 10 local students for a month for Yakutat housing construction jobs.

A third partnership is with Kake Tribal Corporation which has received a STEP grant. **Chuck Craig** will teach commercial driver's license training. **Lorene Kapler** will offer Alaska Host training and **Nick Meacher** will offer Basic First Aid and CPR. All students are being trained to support tourism activities in Kake.

Faculty and staff news

Roman Motyka, Even Thoms, Luke Tabor, Glenn Juday, Jeff Freymueller, Cathy Connor and R. Woodward will present the preliminary results of a Dendrochronology and GPS Study of Northern Southeast Alaska in a poster session at the American Geophysical Meetings in San Francisco this December.

Randy Stahl attended the 15th Biennial Conference of Chemical Education in Waterloo Canada, presented a paper and attended a workshop on lab safety.

Lawrence Lee Oldaker's paper, with **David Dagley** was published in the 1998 National Council of Professors of Educational Administration Yearbook. He is also co-author of papers for the next edition.

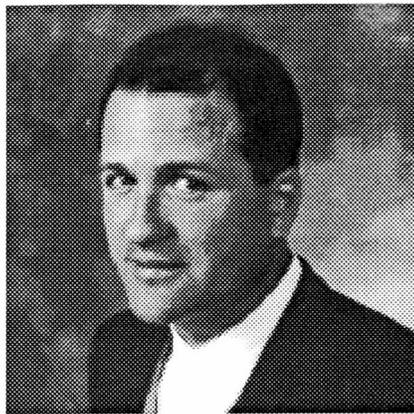
Todd Turek's sculpture has been exhibited in the "Ceramics USA 1998" exhibition at the University of North Texas Gallery of Art. It's the third time he has been juried into this exhibition that surveys clay work produced by US artists.

Marjorie Fields and student **Margo Hanson** have a refereed article in Dimensions of Early Childhood, published nationally by the Southern Early Childhood Association.

Robert Sewell has transferred to Student Services where he is doing advising, counseling, institutional research and training focused on retention and disability issues. "I'm absolutely delighted to be in this new role," Sewell said.

Mary Bowen is the new administrative secretary for the education faculty. She replaces **Leanne Pilcher** who resigned.

Jason Cornelius is the new UAS electronic learning center help desk coordinator at 465-6400 or (877) 465-6400.



Comedian Cary Long appears Sept. 1.

Comedian on campus

Cary Long will perform on the Juneau campus Tuesday (Sept. 1) at 9 p.m. in HB 113. The comedian has appeared on HBO and Showtime. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for general admission.



Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer spoke on the Juneau campus.

Ulmer addresses alums

The University of Alaska budget was not cut by the last legislature in large part because of the work of alumni Lt. Governor **Fran Ulmer** told the August UAS Alumni Association meeting. She also encouraged alumni to be thinking of names for future members of the Board of Regents and said she's aware of the Juneau campus' need for a physical education facility.

Juneau Bookstore news

Free campus trial paks will be available to students at the bookstore from Aug. 28 to Sept. 8. Expanded hours are Saturday (Aug. 29) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and until 5:30 p.m. through September. Extended hours will be tested Wednesday and Thursday nights by staying open till 6 p.m.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

Friday (Aug. 28)

- UAS on KINY, 8:15 a.m.
- Registration, Auke Lake campus 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Bill Ray Center 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday (Aug. 29)

- Registration, Auke Lake campus 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Nugget Mall 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for technology classes.

Sunday (Aug. 30)

- Housing BBQ, 5 p.m./housing meetings.

Monday (Aug. 31)

- First day of fall classes.

Tuesday (Sept. 1)

- Comedian Cary Long, 9 p.m., HB 113.

Saturday (Sept. 5)

- Beat the Odds, run/walk, 9 a.m., Mendenhall River School.

Monday (Sept. 7)

- UAS closed for Labor Day holiday.

Wednesday (Sept. 9)

- Ice cream social, 2 p.m., Mourant Cafe.
- Free film, "Reason to Believe," 7 p.m., Housing Lodge.

Thursday (Sept. 10)

- Chancellor Lind, KINY, 8:15 a.m.

Friday (Sept. 11)

- Film, "Titanic" 7 p.m., JDHS.

Saturday (Sept. 12)

- Welcome picnic, noon, Mourant courtyard.

New food payment installed

Rather than carry cash or write checks, faculty and staff may use a new system and start a Meal Deal account with Juneau campus food service. Accounts may be set up in \$50 increments. The system was installed to allow better tracking of Food Service transactions and inventory and is also tied into the new ID system. Faculty, Staff and Students are asked to get the new UAS IDs that tie into food service and electronic access to many campus doors. Contact **David Kleinpeter** or **Roxy Felkl** at 6528.

Learning Center available

The Learning Center can help students produce quality writing for coursework. Faculty can also require students to work through the writing process by putting the requirement into course syllabi. Learning Center staff provide faculty a mini-workshop relating to writing for their courses. Contact **Roya Ansari** or **Natasha Zapata** at 6348 or **Jo Devine** at 6411.

