

University of Alaska Southeast

Soundings

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Hamilton to address JDHS seniors

JDHS seniors will spend Friday, October 9, on the UAS campus as part of Senior Day activities designed to help them prepare for college, explorer career possibilities and get ready for life after high school. University of Alaska President **Mark Hamilton** will deliver the keynote welcome at 8 a.m. at Chapel by the Lake. During each of four different morning sessions, seniors will attend different presentation topics.

UAS distance ed reported in magazine

The Sept/Oct issue of University Business carries an article describing UAS distance education. **Elaine Sunde** is quoted about how UAS offers distance classes in different formats to better meet student needs.

Editorial praises Ketchikan

The Ketchikan Daily News praised the Ketchikan campus in an editorial on Sept. 26. "Throughout the campus there is an air of excitement," the paper said and it praised Director **Mary Lou Madden**. "She's knowledgeable, efficient and determined to revitalize a campus that had been in decline. Enrollment figures testify to her successful start."

Candidates on campus

State senate and house candidates met on the Juneau campus for a forum organized by student government last week. The candidates responded to many university questions including one about support for a new recreation facility. **Don Abel**: "I'd encourage the Board of Regents to put it at the top of their list." **Kim Elton**: "If we had a legislature willing to invest rather than cut we wouldn't be having this discussion." **Bill Hudson**: "Get the governor to put it in his budget." **John Clough**: "This is a veto proof legislature; they create their own budget."

UAS United Way campaign begins

Pledge forms are being distributed to all UAS faculty and staff for the 1998 United Way campaign. The completed forms should be returned to **Ginny Mulle** or **Todd Turek** on the Juneau campus. In a memo accompanying the pledge form, Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "Please pause to consider helping other residents in our communities that struggle to make ends meet and keep their families together."

Sitka staff

The new Admissions/Records clerk in Sitka is **Lan Roy**. Lan holds a BS and MEd in Business Education from the University of Hawaii. Before moving to Sitka, she was employed at Dutch Harbor and Anchorage as an administrative manager for Alaska Maritime Agencies.

Bulb planting Oct. 17

Several thousand bulbs will be planted at Juneau housing and the campus starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Master gardeners are being invited to help campus volunteers. Participants should bring their own trowels, shovels and gloves. The planting revives a campus beautification effort started several years ago. "We had a bad year when no bulb came up," coordinator **Tish Griffin** said. "I really missed them. The planting also gives students ownership in the campus."

Anderson travels to students

In addition to teaching some public administration students by distance delivery, **Jonathan Anderson** is traveling to the sites to meet them personally. Two thirds of his students are taking classes at eight different sites. "If we're going to deliver a quality distance program," Anderson says, "we need to be very much service oriented. And that's what I'm trying to do."

Anderson has traveled to Whitehorse and is now in Fairbanks to visit three military sites. He'll visit students at Southeast sites in the near future and hopes to get to Kodiak. While at the sites Anderson advises students and holds public meetings with people interested in the public administration program.

While in Juneau, Anderson frequently bikes to campus. On a recent ride he saw what he thought was a dog on the bike path near the Mendenhall Mall. It turned out to be a bear who scampered into the trees as he peddled past. While visiting colleagues at UAA recently, Anderson was bike riding and almost ran into a moose.

Gossip wanted

A "Good Gossip Grapevine" bulletin board has been started in the Juneau housing lodge. "It's to highlight the good things students do," manager **Timi Hough** says. She requests faculty and staff to send "good gossip" to her at jntch@am@acad1

Ketchikan students featured

Two students taking classes from **Priscilla Schulte** have been quoted in an article in *We Alaskans*, the Sunday magazine of the Anchorage Daily News. **Yarrow Varra** and **Dona Kaiyala** were involved in anthropological studies with Schulte on Prince of Wales Island. The Sept. 13 article, titled "Caves of the Oldest Alaskan" said the discovery of early remains suggests that sophisticated marine hunters are now firmly established in Southeast more than 9,000 years ago.

Katie doing well

Katie Boham, a sophomore from Omaha living in Juneau student housing, was involved in an auto accident near Pt. Bridget trailhead last weekend. Housing manager **Timi Hough** says after the accident Katie walked over two miles to find people who phoned for assistance. She was taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle Sunday where they found neck and back fractures. Katie is stabilized and doing well. She may be contacted at Harborview Medical Center, 9 East Hospital, Room 905, 325 9th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104.

Health Fair Oct. 16

The second annual health fair for students, faculty and staff will be offered Friday, Oct. 16 in the Lake Room from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Blood draws, for 25 different tests, will be available for a \$25 fee and requires 12 hours of fasting (water only.) A prostate test is available for an extra \$30. Free basic health screenings and information will also be available. Those willing to help during the fair should contact **Kirk McAllister** at 6473.

President appoints chief of staff

UA President **Mark Hamilton** has appointed **Jim Johnson**, director of labor relations, as his chief of staff. Johnson will deal with day-to-day management decisions. Hamilton said, "The role of chief of staff will be to: maximize the effectiveness of my time and efforts; extend my office's capabilities by ensuring that my agenda is moving forward; keep me informed on the status of university initiatives and to represent me and act on my behalf as appropriate."

Michael Hostina, who has been working with Johnson, has been named director of labor relations.

Juneau campus events

Global Connections meets Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Mourant Student Lounge to listen to **Clive Thomas** talk about the European Union. The club is also looking for "good stuff" to sell at the Community Garage Sale on Oct. 10. Contact **Elizabeth Schelle** at 6455 or bring items cleaned and priced to Centennial Hall Saturday morning.

The alumni are conducting their fall raffle. Tickets are \$10, and the grand prize is two Alaska Airlines round-trip tickets. Alumni board members have tickets or contact **Chris Phillips** at 364-3557.

A campus lost and found is located in the Student Resource Center. Call 6457.

The UAS Latin Rhythms dance at Centennial Hall was a success according to **Tish Griffin**. "I had more people than I knew what to do with." A color picture of the event was on the front page of Sunday's Juneau Empire.

Textbooks orders for spring semester are due now at the bookstore, and the store has received a new shipment of clothing.

VALIC offers RIP seminar

The financial implications of the Retirement Incentive Program will be the subject of a seminar presented by VALIC, one of the university's four pension and ORP vendors from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 in Novatney 102. Individual appointments will be available through 3 p.m.

Women's series starts

A free, five week women's personal growth series begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. in the Lake Room. "We're asking for ten women to sign up and stay with it for five weeks," **Tish Griffin** said. The series is co-sponsored by Student Activities and the nurse of Air-lift Northwest. Topics include healing past wounds, listening to your intuition, creativity, and personal power. Preregister by phoning 6529.

Housing activities

"Life Lessons" are held each Thursday in the Lodge. Volunteer opportunities with Juneau residents with disabilities will be discussed Friday, Oct. 9, at 3:30 p.m. in the upper Lodge lounge. CPR and First Aid Training for students will be held in the Lodge. There is a \$10 fee. Contact **Michelle Wheeler**, 6953.

The first Student Staff Appreciation Day will be held Oct. 21 to highlight the excellent students working at UAS. Contact **Timi Hough**, 6389. Other activities include tie dye shirt making Oct. 11, Henna Workshop, Oct. 16, bulb planting, Oct. 17 and fimo bead making, Oct. 19.

Grad tests to be given

Computer based tests for those wanting to attend graduate school will be given in Juneau on Oct. 20 at the Goldbelt Hotel, 51 Egan Dr. The registration deadline is Oct. 15. For GMAT call 1-800-GMAT-NOW (462-8669); for GRE call 1-800-GRE-CALL (473-2255); for TOEFL call 1-800-GO-TOEFL (468-6335); for PRAXIS call 1-800-853-6773; to register for all other tests, call 1-800-772-9476. Contact **Roya Ansari**, 465-6348, with questions.

Regents action

A summary of actions from the Oct. 1 and 2 Board of Regents meeting is available at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/> under "Minutes".

Subsistence debate

Tom Thornton guest edited the fall issue of Cultural Survival Quarterly which is devoted to the Alaska subsistence debate. He also wrote the introduction. The magazine includes 18 different articles including one by **Rosita Worl** about the politics of fish and game allocations

Banner down

There will be a banner outage from 5 p.m. Oct. 15 to 8 a.m. Oct. 22 for an upgrade. That means transcripts, grades, advising reports, financial aid transactions, class lists, etc will be unavailable.

JUNEAU CALENDAR

- Friday, Oct. 9,**
- Clive Thomas at Global Connections, 12:30 p.m. Mourant Student Lounge.
 - National Denim Day Cancer Research drive
 - JDHS Senior Day with welcome by President Hamilton, 8 a.m. in Chapel by 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12,**
- VALIC offers RIP seminar, 12:30 p.m. Novatney 102.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13,**
- Women's Personal Growth Series begins, 7 p.m. Lake Room, preregister at 6529.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14,**
- free ice cream social, 2 p.m. Mourant Cafe
- Thursday, Oct. 15,**
- registration deadline for graduate tests, see related story.
 - Guitarist Cindy Pearson, 7 p.m. Chapel by the Lake.
 - Banner down from 5 p.m. to Oct. 22 at 8 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 16,**
- Health Fair, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Lake Room. Blood test requires 12 hour fasting.
- Saturday, Oct. 17,**
- Bulb planting, 10 a.m. Mourant Building and housing.
- Sunday, Oct. 18,**
- Family film series, Abbott & Costello, 2 p.m. JDHS auditorium.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21,**
- Student Staff Appreciation Day.
- Friday, Oct. 23,**
- Crab Night, 7 p.m. Mourant Cafe. Advanced tickets only, available at food service.
 - Comedian Greg Fitzsimmons, 9 p.m. 48 113.

Students work in Yakutat

Students in **John Bowman's** Construction Technology class are building a ferry shelter for Yakutat tourists while they wait to go to the Hubbard Glacier. When students complete the four week, hands-on class, they will work for a housing contractor.

Housing lodge project

Work will begin in a few weeks to replace the student housing lodge stairs and place a new roof system over them according to **Mike Greene**. The project is expected to take about three weeks and is being done for student safety and convenience.