

# Soundings



Comedian  
Greg Fitzsimmons

## Rain damages trees

Heavy rains and high winds in Juneau did not cause any major damage on campus. However, one ornamental tree near Egan Library was lost and a second one had to be replanted and staked. "We won't know for another year whether we saved it or not," Bob Etheridge said. Physical plant staff worked to keep drains open during the unusually heavy rains. "We had a few building leaks, but we came out pretty good compared to some places around town," Etheridge said.

## Assistance to Markey

The home of former UAS basketball coach Claire Markey was destroyed by a mudslide on Fritz Cove Road. Monetary donations are being accepted at the Student Resource Center to provide assistance for the Markey family. Contact Georgia Sepel 6366.

## Faculty reads horror stories

"Stories on a Dark Night" features half a dozen faculty reading horror stories on Wednesday, Oct. 28, starting at 9 p.m. in the housing lodge and open to all. Chris Weaver says the selections will be "eclectic" ranging from traditional Gothic to Edgar Allen Poe to poetry. In addition to Weaver, other faculty readers include Don Cecil, Sue Koester, Judy Andree, Rick Bellagh, and Adam Moles.

## UAS part of \$7.3 million grant

Juneau educational organizations, including UAS, have received a \$7.3 million dollar federal grant to raise the level of technology instruction in classrooms across Alaska. The Juneau group was one of 20 nationally to receive a grant from among the 487 who applied. Among other things, the grant will pay tuition for teachers to attend a summer institute on the Juneau campus. The five year grant was awarded to a new group, Alaska Reform in the Classroom through Technology Integration and Collaboration (ARC-TIC).



Candidate Jim Duncan  
answered student  
questions.

## UAS on TV

KJUD-TV sent a news crew to cover the presentation by congressional candidate Jim Duncan. His appearance on the Juneau campus was sponsored by student government. Incumbent Congressman Don Young was unable to attend.

Anchorage TV station KTVA ran a news story based on video of Brendan Kelly and students studying walrus in the Chukchi Sea. The report was prepared by Juneau-based reporter Kathy Dye. It showed a video of walrus on ice flows, student research and interviews with Kelly and UAS student Jennifer Pilby.

## Classroom technology exchanges Oct. 28/Nov. 12

Faculty using various technologies in their disciplines, such as POLIS, websites, etc., will exchange information with other faculty, students, and staff Oct. 28 and again Nov. 12 at brown bag lunches at noon in HB 110. "It's a forum for discussing techniques currently being employed," Sherry Taber says, "and for getting perspectives on what works and what doesn't." Presentations at the Oct. 28 exchange will be made by Jason Ohler, David Ackerman, Chris Weaver, Sue Koester, and Shannon Seifer. Soda and cookies will be served.

## Students request news

A petition by Juneau students has requested more access to news. As a result student government and student activities are planning installation of a TV in the cafe and making local, state, and national newspapers available. Tish Griffin says the TV would be mounted in the cafe and devoted to a news channel.

## Regents meet Oct. 28

The Board of Regents holds a special meeting of its Finance, Facilities and Land Management Committee on Oct. 28, in Anchorage to discuss budgeting procedures. The agenda is available at <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

## Comedian performs

The last in a three performance comedy series takes place Friday (Oct. 23) starting at 9 p.m. in Hendricksen 113. Greg Fitzsimmons has been host of MTV's "Idiot Savants," and has appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman," "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," the "HBO Comedy Showcase" and more. He is a frequent performer on college campuses. Tickets are available at the door. Other comedians performing in the series were Cary Long and Scott Faulconbridge.

## Communications

All three UAS campuses suffered e-mail and internet problems earlier this week. Mike Ciri said service was restored after a broken device at PTI was repaired. "There was a limit to what we could do," Ciri said, "because this was outside our area of control."

The lack of communications also affected students at remote sites and prevented anyone from gaining access to the UAS website. "We got lots of calls," Ciri said, "up until the time the phones broke."

The Juneau campus was without phone service from 4 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday. "The connector on the microwave dish broke," Bob Etheridge said. Temporary repairs were made and the specialized fitting that ties the cable to the microwave dish was ordered.

## Juneau news

**Blood Drive:** Student Activities is working with the Red Cross for the fourth time to coordinate a blood drive on Oct. 30. Donors should register for donation times at Student Activities.

**Author readings:** Irving Warner, author of "In Memory of Hawks and other Alaska Tales," will present readings at noon in the Lake Room on Nov. 2.

**Play:** "Faces of America" emphasizes diversity with eight different roles all performed by one person. The Nov. 15 performance at JDHS and will be free to UAS students, faculty and staff.

**Parking lot courtesy:** "At times we're reaching capacity," Bob Etheridge says of the parking lot. Some cars are being parked at an angle and they occupy two or three spaces. Etheridge says, "Everyone needs to be a bit more courteous." The lot is being patrolled.

**Program:** The first Certified Nursing Assistant program in a number of years began Oct. 21 and will run for a month.

**Textbooks:** The Juneau bookstore needs orders for spring textbooks. Fall textbooks that haven't been re-adopted for spring are being sent back to the publishers.



Dress for Halloween.

## Homecoming activities

Oct. 23 and 24 is homecoming. Events are for students, faculty and staff. Friday there will be Halloween costumes judging at noon in the Mourant Cafe and a Banfield Hall "Haunted House" competition, that encourages children to attend, starting at 6 p.m. On Saturday, half a dozen games are planned and a free dance begins at 8 p.m. at the Baranof Hotel.

## Meeting potential students

**Bruce Gifford** and **Greg Wagner** present UAS and college information during Parents Night at JDHS Thursday, Oct. 22. Wagner attends college fairs in the Pacific Northwest next week. More than 35,000 students will attend fairs in Boise, Seattle, Spokane, and Portland.

More than 130 Southeast high school students attending the World Language Festival in Juneau will visit the campus Friday. Tours in different languages will be given by **Rick Bellagh**, Spanish; **Dominic Allen**, Japanese; **Lisa Lavrushina**, Russian; and **Beatrice Franklin**, French.

## Corporate gift

AT&T Alascom has contributed \$5,000 to UAS. In making the award, **Laurie Herman**, external affairs director, said, "We trust that our participation will assist you in meeting your goals of serving the community."

## Faculty/Staff News

**Jonathan Anderson** attended the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in Boise last week.

**Randy Stall** has had one manuscript accepted for publication in *Photosynthetica* and another in the *Journal of Plant Nutrition*.

**Cathy Connor** will participate in a Citizen Explorer workshop in Boulder Oct. 30, and 31. This program, with a UAF command base, will launch a satellite to collect measurements of ozone levels in the upper atmosphere. Ground stations at universities and schools will collect data to compare with that collected by the satellite and UAS environmental science undergraduate research may be part of the program.

**Carol Liberty** reports the annual national credentialing exam for the HIM graduates was Oct. 17 and 12 graduates wrote the exam including three in Sitka which was a special test site.

**Shirley Grubb** attended the Professional Development Conference in Anchorage for high school counselors and those involved in vocational/technical and adult basic education.

**Robert Sewell** delivered a lecture, "Strengthening Positive Behavior," at the 16th annual Alaska Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

## Students awards

Two beginning painting students were selected to receive gifts from the Art Department, a Juneau arts store. **Lance Vaughn** and **Mary Ann Armstrong** were selected by **George Parker**. The Art Department donated a complete oil and a complete acrylic paint set. "This is a substantial and unique gift," Parker said, "and very much appreciated."

## Students degrees

Fifty-two UAS students earned degrees and certificates at the end of summer session on the Juneau and

Sitka campuses. Of the 39 degrees completed in Juneau, there were 24 graduate, eight baccalaureate and four associate of art degrees. The largest group were 12 students completing the Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education degree. One student from Whitehorse completed work on his MPA degree. On the Sitka campus, 11 completed work on their AAS and two completed certificates.

## Miss NCAI

Former Juneau student **Jody Potts** was named the new Miss National Congress of American Indians in ceremonies in South Carolina. Potts made a presentation about Athabascan fiddle music and showed a Native dress she had made.

## Retirement planning

UAS employees can attend a nationally televised satellite conference on retirement and financial planning Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Egan Library 104.

A representative of TIAA-CREF will be available for individual appointments with UAS employees 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 6 in Novatney 102. Topics may include pension, optional retirement plan, or tax-deferred annuity investment.

## Juneau Calendar

**Saturday, Oct. 24,**  
Bulb planting, 10 a.m., Mourant courtyard and housing.  
Homecoming dance, 8 p.m., Baranof Hotel.  
**Sunday, Oct. 25,**  
Student volleyball tournament, 5 p.m., Mendenhall River School.  
Free bowling, 9 p.m., Channel Bowl.  
Global Connections Scandinavian dinner, 6:30 p.m. Schaible House, call for reservations, 465-6455.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 28,**  
Retirement planning TV conference, 10 a.m. Egan 104.  
Classroom technology exchange, noon, HB 110  
"Stories on a Dark Night," faculty readings, 9 p.m., Housing Lodge.  
**Friday, Oct. 30,**  
Blood drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
**Coming up**  
**Nov. 12,** Classroom technology exchange, noon, HB 110.  
**Nov. 14,** Alumni Night, 8 p.m., Hanger Restaurant.  
**Nov. 15,** "Faces of America" play, JJ