

# University of Alaska Southeast

# Soundings

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## Sunde resigns as Sitka Director



**E**laine Sunde

Sitka Campus Director **Elaine Sunde** has announced her resignation effective in January. **Kathie Etulain** has been appointed acting director while a national search is conducted.

Sunde resigned for personal and professional reasons. On the personal side, Sunde said, her husband has recently retired and is "ready to play." Profession-

ally, she said, "I feel satisfied with what the campus has accomplished and with its strong future."

Chancellor **Marshall Lind** said, "Elaine has helped develop UAS Sitka into a statewide model of excellence for extended campuses. She has also helped create a distance education program that is recognized around the country."

Lind also said he hoped to continue to use Sunde's expertise and skills on special university projects in the future. This semester she accepted a special assignment for the chancellor and U.A. President **Mark Hamilton** to design a statewide outreach program.

Sunde came to the UAS Sitka campus as a faculty member in 1988. She served as assistant director from 1989 to 1991 when she was appointed director.

*Kathie Etulain*



## UAS closed for Thanksgiving

No classes will be held on Nov. 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday and UAS offices, including Egan Library, will be closed. Food Service will, however, be open on Friday from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Egan Library and the computer center will be open regular hours Saturday and Sunday.

## Student show at Egan

The first solo art show of works by a UAS student who studied overseas is now open on the lower level of Egan Library. UAS senior **Mark Duran** spent last year as an international exchange student studying at an art institute in The Netherlands. His public show continues through November 26.

"Mark was an excellent student when he went away for his year," **George Parker** said. "I've had a chance to review what he did, and he came back with some really fine things." The show, with about two dozen pieces, features different facets of Duran's year of overseas study. Printed information near the works explain some of the background. Duran describes the show as, "Figures, drawings, paintings of spaces, and experimental art forms."



*Alumni President Ruth Danner and Vice President John Lepore talk during the Alumni Celebration at The Hangar.*

## Active alumni organize events and raise money

The UAS Alumni Association organized three days of activities to celebrate higher education in Alaska. They included requests for people to wear shirts from their alma mater on Friday, a birthday party at the Hangar on Saturday, and announcing the fall raffle winner on Sunday.

**Barney Norwick** won 1st prize, two round-trip tickets on Alaska Airlines, at the Alumni Fall Raffle. Second prize, \$150 cash and dinner for two at the River Rock Restaurant went to UAS grad, **Shawn Cary**. **Obren Davis** won third prize, dinner for two at the Breakwater Inn, and fourth prize of ten rentals from Valley Video went to **Mary Ann Dierckman**.

The alumni association sold all 500 tickets and, according to President **Ruth Danner**, after expenses netted approximately \$4,600. The money will be used to fund UAS scholarships and other alumni sponsored events.

## Native American Heritage activities continue

**Byron Mallott**, executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund and former AFN president, spoke on the Juneau campus Nov. 16 as part of Native American Heritage Month activities. He said Alaska needs a vision for the future. "We must decide where we want to go as a people." Mallott said groups need to come together and create a framework for the debate. Mallott also questioned budget cuts to education in a state with great wealth in the Permanent Fund.

Wooch Een is presenting a Native Film and Talking Circle at 8 p.m. Nov. 23 and 24 at the housing lodge and a Native Arts and Crafts show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lake Room on Nov. 30.



Chancellor Lind attends a gifted/talented meeting.

## Gifted/talented classes

UAS and Juneau School District officials met with about 75 parents of gifted/talented students Monday evening. The goal is to determine how the school district and UAS can collaborate to improve options for gifted and talented youth. "We do have a number of high school students already taking UAS classes," **Robert Sewell** said. "This would formalize the process." UAS participants included **Marshall Lind, Robbie Stell, Bruce Gifford, Scott Christian, Elizabeth Schelle** and Sewell.

## Volunteer in Mexico

An alternative Spring Break trip is being planned. Housing Manager **Timi Hough** is leading a group to Oaxaca, Mexico for a service project. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 12:30 p.m. in the Mourant Cafe. The total cost will probably be about \$1000. Space is limited, call Timi at 465-6389.

## Peer mentoring

Student Government is sponsoring a Peer Mentorship Program. Returning students can volunteer to connect with incoming students each semester and introduce them to UAS. Informational meetings will be held December 1 at noon in the Lake Room and 7 p.m. in the Student Housing Lodge. For more information please call Lori at 465-6456 or Josh at 465-6517.

## Save e-mail

Don't lose that e-mail! **Mona Yarnell** suggests archiving any old mail before Teamlinks/DEC Mailworks is inaccessible after January 1st. For assistance, call 465-6452.

## Students visit Haines

About 30 Juneau students took part in the Bald Eagle Festival in Haines Nov. 13-15. Organizers included students **Mark Duran** and **Martha Hill** and faculty members **Kevin Krien** and **Dennis Russell**. Students attended lectures, observed eagles in the Chilkat Valley and watched the release of three rehabilitated eagles. In addition eight students from Yukon College in Whitehorse, led by **Dave Mossop**, also joined the group.

Russell said, "We want to coordinated research projects and educational programs with Dave and Yukon College." Several students said they want to volunteer with Chilkat Valley research projects. Russell called the trip, "Very, very positive. Students were enthusiastic. I'd encourage all faculty members to do things like this with students."

## Student loans

Students may refinance their federal student loans for a lower interest rate before Jan. 31. Contact Financial Aid for more information, 465-6255.

## Regents update

The Board of Regents' 11/5/98 Summary of Actions (through "Minutes") and the 11/19-20/98 Agenda is available at: <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>

## Juneau campus news:

Violinist **Kim Angelis** is playing Saturday, Nov. 21, at Chapel by the Lake at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 general admission in advance. There is a special \$11.95 ticket that includes the concert and a prime rib and shrimp cocktail supper in the Lake Room. Those dinner tickets are available at Food Service.

**Mike Ciri's** correct phone number is 465-6570. It is incorrectly listed in a campus directory, and the incorrect number rings at Interlibrary Loan.

**Vesna Kilibarda, Amelia Jenkins** and **Elizabeth Schelle** have become board members of the Juneau World Affair Councils. Contact them with ideas for potential speakers.

**Robin Walz** presented a paper on the private detective as burglar in early twentieth century France at the Western Society for French History annual conference in Boston in early November.

## Kake classes

Career Education in Juneau will be offering a non-credit class in refrigeration in Kake starting Nov. 30. The class will run for 40 hours and is intended to help employees in the Kake fisheries so they may legally handle CFC refrigerants on fishing vessels and in the processing plant. Another Career Education partnership to train nurse assistants has been completed, and most of those taking part were offered jobs.

## JUNEAU CALENDAR

**Thursday-Friday, Nov. 19-20**

- Board of Regents meet in Anchorage.

**Friday, Nov. 20**

- Global Connections, Germany topic, 12:30, Mourant Student Lounge.
- Mary Kay Glamour makeup session, holiday photo, pre-register at Student Activities.

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

- Kim Angelis violin concert, 8 p.m., Chapel by the Lake. Dinner/concert ticket at Food Service.
- Student dance, HB 113.

**Sunday, Nov. 22**

- Free bowling, 9 p.m., Channel Bowl.

**Monday, Nov. 23**

- Native Film and Talking Circle, 8 p.m., housing lodge.

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**

- Mexico service project meeting, 12:30 p.m., Mourant Cafe.
- Native Film and Talking Circle, 8 p.m., housing lodge.

**Wednesday, Nov. 25**

- UAS night at Glacier Cinema, \$5.50 for students with ID.

**Thursday, Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving closure including Food Service.

**Friday, Nov. 27**

- Thanksgiving closure. Food Service, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 30**

- Native Arts and Crafts show, 11 p.m. Lake Room.

**Tuesday, Dec. 1**

- Peer Mentorship meeting, noon, Lake Room and 7 p.m. Housing Lodge.

## Bird grant

A \$15,000 grant to support research on bird species is available. Applications for the Angus Gaven Migratory Bird Research Grant are due Feb. 1. Contact Scott Foster for an application at 465-6530.

## Juneau student events

The end of diversity week is being celebrated with a dance in HB 113 on Saturday evening (Nov. 21). Music from all backgrounds will be played. The dance is being organized by Community Advisor **Collyn Pilgreen**. Diversity Week was chaired by **Amy Dagley**. Timi's craft corner on Dec. 2 features "toll painting" of wooden snowmen. Register in advance. On Dec. 9, the class will make wind/sun chimes out of beach glass. Participants must bring their own glass.