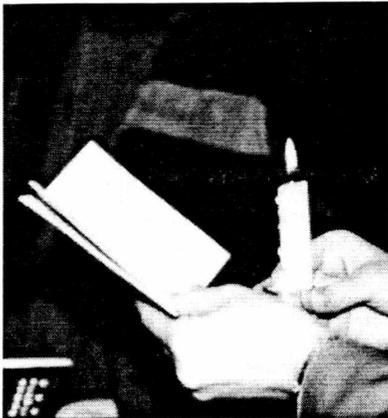


University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

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Participants read each of the 30 points in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights during a candlelight vigil.

Human Rights Day observed

The Juneau campus Amnesty International student group organized activities for International Human Rights Day. Samira and Doug Samimi-Moore spoke at noon about religious persecution in Iran. The speech was taped and broadcast on KATH-TV. A candlelight vigil was conducted at 3:30 p.m. outside Egan Library. Photos of the vigil were printed in the Juneau Empire, the Capital City Weekly, and the Whalesong.

Rec Center plans

Juneau campus officials held an informational meeting with contractors and businesses seeking creative ways to build a recreation center according to **Bruce Gifford**. A number of alternatives were discussed including a private company building the structure then entering a lease/purchase arrangement with the university, a trade of land for the building, selling a building such as the Bill Ray Center and more. "We were successful in getting information out," Gifford said. The campus is now waiting for specific proposals.

Tentative plans call for a basic building costing about \$4.5 million, to include basketball/volleyball courts, and space for weights, aerobics, a running track and climbing wall in addition to lockers and showers.



Holiday closure dates

The UAS campuses will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3. The 10-day closure will have five paid holidays and the other five days should be taken as annual leave or leave without pay. The holiday dates are Dec. 24-25, Christmas; Dec. 28, spring break; and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, New Year's.

Change voice mail

Since the campus will be closed for two weeks, noting that closure on personal voice mail is important. Without an explanatory voice mail, callers may be frustrated at not receiving a return call.

Invite a student to dinner

About 15 single students and 15 families will remain in campus housing during the two week holiday break. "If anyone has an extra seat at your holiday table, please let the housing staff know so they can match up a homeless student with a warm meal at your home," manager **Timi Hough** requests. Leave a message at 465-6443 or call Timi at 6389.

Holiday giving

The Student Services staff held a holiday party at **Barbara Burnett's** home. Instead of a traditional gift exchange, Juneau staff members brought items for the AWARE shelter.

Juneau campus donations for the Glory Hole will be accepted in boxes placed around campus until Dec. 17.

Payroll and leave reminders

The last pay day of the year will be Dec. 31, 1998 making December one of those nice months with three pay days. W-2 forms to be used with tax forms will be sent out at the end of January so make sure the payroll office has your correct address by mid-January so the form will go to the proper address. Employees with annual leave balances close to or over the 240-hour annual limit should plan their leave usage soon so it won't be lost. The deadline for using annual leave in excess of 240 hours is February 12, 1999.

Students speak at Rotary

Three Juneau students described the campus, programs and student life to a Juneau Rotary club last week. **Nicole Laeger**, a freshman from Idaho, said she liked the personal nature of the campus and hoped to stay in Juneau. **Josh Horst**, student president from California, described how students have become involved in the community in such areas as theater, sports, and volunteer work. **Wonder Russell**, a sophomore from Juneau, praised faculty for their support.

Rotary president **Jim Collard** told the gathering. "Sometimes I worry about where the world is heading. Seeing students like these makes me feel a lot better."

"Get Smart" promotion a success

Three Juneau businesses joined in a promotion that benefits UAS students. Residential Mortgage, Vintage Park and KINY radio sponsored the promotion that offered several prizes including a \$1,200 UAS scholarship. KINY played the promotions that asked listeners to fax their name, phone number, and the words "Get Smart" to the station.

"The reaction was very enthusiastic," according to **Beth Galea**, Residential Mortgage branch manager. "Education is a tool by which people can improve themselves and change their lives. I believe in education personally and so does Residential Mortgage."

Spring semester

The Juneau campus spring class schedule was placed on the UAS web site by **Jason Cornelius**. It's at <http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/sched.shtml>

New student orientation will be held on the Juneau campus Jan. 7. New students will meet from 10 a.m. until noon, transfer students from 2-4 p.m., and returning adult students from 6-8 p.m.

UAS distance ed publicized

The Dec. 4 issue of USA Today carried a story about distance education and mentioned UAS as a cyberschool, described UAS distance learner **Paul Lingley**, and printed his picture. **Elaine Sunde** said she worked with the article's author, **Soledad O'Brian**, last summer while she was conducting research.

The article said Lingley, 53, takes a full course load, cares for two teens, and lives 150 miles from the UAS campus. "He's able to work on his degree," the article said, "only because he can do it all from home."



Brendan Kelly and David Love discussed student research at a Campus Council meeting.

Student research reported

Undergraduate research being conducted by UAS students was described to the members of Juneau Campus Council during their December meeting. Projects included harbor seals, a walrus survey, Montana Creek research, and eel grass studies. Faculty members **Brendan Kelly** and **David Love** made presentations along with students **Shannon Crowley**, **Raychelle Daniel**, **Lara Dzinich**, and **Jo Paddock**.

Ketchikan editorial supports UA president

The Ketchikan Daily News in an Dec. 5 editorial called on "individuals and businesses, communities and state leaders to join him (UA President **Mark Hamilton**) in the battle to educate and preserve Alaska's most valuable resource."

Hamilton recently visited the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses and communities along with Chancellor **Marshall Lind**. The editorial supported Hamilton's plan to provide UA scholarships to the top 10 percent of each Alaska high school graduating class. The editorial also quoted Hamilton's support of rural campuses.



Middle school students and UAS collected loose change in a fund drive to benefit animals.

UAS helps Humane Society

Susanna Gough's 7th grade language arts class at Floyd Dryden started a "Pennies for the Pound" drive. The student project asked for spare change to buy pet food for the Gastineau Humane Society. **Tim Powers**, whose daughter **Kerri** is in the class, joined the project by arranging a challenge between the school, the Career Education and Business faculty, and the United Students of UAS. Together the effort raised more than \$550.

Sitka awards given

The Sitka campus Service Awards Dinner was held last week. Five year awards were given to **Carol Liberty** and **Joleen Johnson**; ten year awards were given to **Abby Cropley**, **Teresa Holt**, **Linda Halfon**, **Elaine Sunde** and **Nicole Rogers**; twenty year gifts were presented to **Denise Blankenship** and **Kathie Etulain**.

Faculty and staff news

Shelly Theno presented a paper on "Depression and Frequency of Recent Injection Drug Use," at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C. in late Nov.

Cathy Connor, **Roman Motyka** and UAF graduate student **Shad O'Neel** attended the American Geophysical Union meetings in San Francisco Dec. 6-10 and presented recent work on LeConte Glacier and landlift studies in northern Southeast.

Mike Ciri is featured in the current issue of The Alaskan Southeaster. The article describes his dropping out of high school and working at a bakery despite recognized excellence in technology.

Fred Sloan has been hired as a vehicle maintenance mechanic at the Physical Plant on the Juneau campus.

Erlito Samonte has been hired as a maintenance service worker on the Juneau campus.

Paul Rippliner has accepted a position as a maintenance service worker at the Ketchikan campus.

Elizabeth Robbins has accepted a position as an instructional technician on the Ketchikan campus.

Peter Colson has been hired as a continuing education coordinator at the Sitka campus.

Civil Rights Day Jan. 18

A series of workshops on diversity and sexual harassment will be scheduled for UAS faculty and staff on Monday Jan. 18, 1999. The workshops will be in room 113 of the Hendrickson Building on the Juneau campus.

Leave donations needed

Leave share donations are needed for Juneau Records and Registration employee **Theresa Windred** who will be having surgery this month. For donation forms, contact the Personnel/ Payroll office at 465-6473.

Holiday maintenance

Several projects will be completed during the campus closure. The stairs for the Juneau housing lodge entryway will be installed and the project finished when students return for spring semester.

About \$40,000 of deferred maintenance projects will be done. Physical Plant staff will remove the dividing wall in Hendrickson 205/206 and replace it with a permanent and sound resistant wall. They will also replace the carpet in Hendrickson 215 and the second floor corridor. In Ketchikan, the Ziegler building second floor will receive new carpeting throughout the entire library and all stacks and books will be relocated to meet ADA criteria.

Bookstore events

The bookstore's 7th annual "12 days before holiday break sale" continues. On Thursday, mugs, stationary, and stuffed animals are 20 percent off. On Friday clothing is 20 percent off.

Used book buyback continues through Thursday. Books will be shipped on Friday. There will be a one day only buyback for distance students and others on January 6. **Linda Snyder** said more than 400 different book titles have been ordered for spring semester.

Accounting students hired

Two accounting students have accepted positions with the State Legislative Audit Division. "Over the last two years they have hired six UAS accounting students as junior auditors," according to **Vickie Williams**. "Legislative audit has been extremely pleased with our graduates. They contact the accounting faculty when they have openings."

Helen Davies, who took UAS accounting courses to prepare for the CPA exam, will be in the Juneau office. **Pauline Henriques**, who graduated spring 1998 with a BBA in Accounting and interned at the Permanent Fund, will work in the Anchorage office.

Board information

The draft of the Board of Regents' Grievance and Dispute Resolution policy is available <http://info.alaska.edu/ua/bor/>