

# University of Alaska Southeast

# Soundings

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*John Carnegie described the environmental technology program to the Regents.*

## Sitka receives new degree

The Board of Regents approved a certificate and Associate of Applied Science degree in environmental technology for the Sitka campus. The program emphasizes water and wastewater operations and management. **Elaine Sunde and John Carnegie** made the presentation to the board. UA President Jerome Komisar said, "The program meets a fundamental need across the state."

Keith Kelton of the Department of Environmental Conservation told the board that \$40 million a year is spent on water/wastewater and the criteria for allocating the money is whether the community has personnel to maintain the systems. "If they don't we won't fund them." Carnegie said he expect to train about 24 students per year.

The project has received a \$600,000 NSF grant and Carnegie said the campus is writing another three year grant.

## Graduate brunch Sunday

In honor of 1996-1997, summer, winter and spring graduating classes, the UAS Alumni Association is sponsoring a brunch on Sunday, April 27, from 10:30 to noon, in the Maurant Cafe. There is no charge to graduates. All faculty and staff are invited. The charge is \$11 and reservations help prepare for demand. Call the Student Resource Center or 465-6439 immediately.

## Thomas receives Fulbright

**Clive Thomas** has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to conduct research on American interest groups lobbying in the European Union. Thomas, who has taught at the Juneau campus for 17 years, will be attached to Catholic University in Belgium and will also teach a graduate level class in American-European relationships since 1945. Thomas will be on sabbatical from UAS for a year. He expects to write papers and eventually a book based on his Fulbright research in Europe.

## New housing manager selected

**Timi Hough** begins as Juneau housing manager June 1. She will supervise the day-to-day operation of the housing facility. This is a full-time, live-in position on 24 hour call.

Director of Student Housing **Tish Griffin** said, "I think she'll bring a whole lot of energy and fresh ideas." She also said students that participated in the selection seemed inspired by her vision of how residential life links with academia. "She had lots of ideas on bringing the living/learning environment and community together."

Hough has worked since March on the Sitka campus in housing, advising and student activities. She has a masters in student affairs from Michigan State and was director of student activities at Aquinas College in Michigan.

The current housing manager, **Lynette Campbell**, has extended the date of her resignation through June 30. She has held the position for eight years. "That's an extraordinarily long time for a live-in professional," Griffin said. "She has brought us a wonderful consistency."



*Crystal Huskey and Chris Tolvo talk with Regent Sharon Gagnon during a student reception in the Maurant Cafe. The regents, who were in Juneau for a regular meeting, also had dinner in the Lake Room.*

## Change in food service considered

The Juneau campus is considering contracting food service next year. A Request for Proposal has been issued. It's due in May. If accepted the new service would begin July 1.

**Tish Griffin**, food service director, said "We're looking at more economical ways to provide food services while maintaining high quality. We're not doing this because there's anything wrong with the current organization. The staff has done a fine job taking food service to the next level by serving the residence hall. We're just looking at our options."

Griffin also said depending on the proposals, the university may continue providing its own food service. "Whichever way we go," Griffin said, "the university is committed to use a declining balance meal plan next year." The new payment system allows students to deduct each meal's cost from their balance and is in response to student requests. Residence hall students will still be required to purchase the meal plan next fall, but the cost of \$1,190 is \$100 less than the current fee.

Food service manager **Linda Rugg** is retiring July 1, after eight years at UAS. "Her expertise will be hard to replace" Griffin said.

## Benefit program explained

The university's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be described Friday, (May 2) at 1:30 and again at 3 p.m. in Hendrickson 206 by **Lauren Champagne**, of Champagne and Pavitt Family Counseling Associates of Juneau.

The EAP is a free counseling service designed to help university employees and their families resolve personal problems. The program is part of the university benefit package. Help is offered to employees and their families in dealing with personal or work-related problems in areas such as stress; depression; alcohol/drug abuse; marriage and family issues; children and elder care; legal questions; financial problems; and retirement planning. Assistance is available 24-hours a day at 800-227-1060.

## Assessment '97 update

Convocation '97 will deal with developing assessment models for degree programs, and other related issues. Co-chair of the Accreditation Self Study Steering Committee **Dave Marvel** says faculty can get a head start on developing their program and degree assessment models by contacting friends or colleagues at other universities and obtaining copies of their assessment plans.

"There's no sense reinventing the wheel when various approaches have been explored at other universities," Marvel said. For example, Montana State University has all their assessment plans on the Web at <http://www.montana.edu/~aircj/assess/>

Every regional accrediting body in the U.S. has mandated an assessment plan for each discipline according to Marvel. "It would certainly speed the process if faculty members came to Convocation '97 with examples of how other institutions are assessing the effectiveness of their programs and students."

## CPM program

A representative of the national Certified Public Manager program is conducting a certification visit to the Juneau Campus. **Don McKinnon** will meet with university officials, state administrators who are working with the program, students, instructors and review record keeping. Twelve participants have completed 300 hours of instruction in the Juneau CPM program. If the UAS program becomes certified, participants would receive national certification.

## Palmer keynotes convention

**Lorene Palmer** was one of the keynote speakers at the first annual convention of the Bed and Breakfast Association of Alaska, INNside Passage chapter. She discussed developing and delivering quality in bed & breakfasts. Representatives from about 40 B&B's throughout SE attended the April 19th convention.

## Bookstore news

Used book buy-back begins Tuesday, May 6, and continues until Friday, May 9. Instructors must have their book orders in as soon as possible according to manager **Linda Snyder**. The deadline was April 15. Also, graduation items are available for those needing a gown or announcements.

## Computer tips

Do you have the Personal Address Book blues? Do you send e-mail messages to people at UAS but they never receive the messages? Some individuals have old e-mail addresses defined in their Personal Address Book. These old addresses have @alaska@acad1a after the userid. Please delete these from your Personal Address Book

Our e-mail system uses two addressing schemes: one for internal mail and one for outgoing Internet mail.

Use the following forms to contact someone at: UAS (Juneau, Ketchikan & Sitka):username@am@acad1a or username

Anchorage (UAA): userid@uaa.alaska.edu@in  
Fairbanks (UAF): userid@aurora.alaska.edu@in  
Statewide Administration: userid@am@orca

Internet Mail: userid@host\_system@in  
(e.g.jsmith@aol.com@in)

The UAS system requires the addition of @in at the end of outgoing Internet mail.

## Year end B-B-Q

Volleyball, music and food will be featured at the annual year end B-B-Q on the Juneau campus. It will take place Friday, May 2, from 3-6 p.m. outside the Mourant Building and is open to students, faculty and staff.

## Sitka accepts 10 MAT students

All student applicants for the Master of Arts in Teaching program who expressed interest in being placed in Sitka schools have been accepted.

Program director **Dave Marvel** said mentor teachers and principals at four Sitka schools reviewed the applicant's files before making selections.

Marvel will meet with Juneau school officials next week seeking to place another ten MAT students.

"The program wouldn't exist without the cooperation and teaching expertise of the Juneau and Sitka mentor teachers," Marvel said. The MAT is a 12 month intensive teacher preparation program for students with a bachelor degree in a content area. Students teach in the public schools for nine months while also taking UAS classes. In addition they spend two summers on the UAS campus.



*Diana Cote inspects one of the auction items at the Alumni Association's annual banquet. The April 11 gathering helped raise more than \$3,500 for scholarships and other alumni sponsored programs.*

## Juneau Calender

### Sunday, April 27

- Graduate brunch 10:30 - noon, Mourant Cafe.

### Friday, May 2

- 3-6 p.m. faculty, staff, students year-end BBQ, outside Mourant

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- Employee Assistance Program discussion, Hendrickson 206 starting at 1:30 p.m.

### Saturday, May 3

- 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 10 a.m. housing courts

### Tuesday, May 6

- Used book buy-back begins at bookstore

## Sciences at Earth Day celebration

**Cathy Connor** and **Dick Marston** discussed UAS science programs in biology, marine biology and environmental sciences at Earth Day activities at Centennial Hall last Sunday. SAGA organized the community-wide event for groups active in outdoor resources and environmental arenas.

## Library hours change

Egan Library will extend hours during the last two Saturdays of the semester. It will be open from 1 - 8 p.m. on April 26 and May 3.

## UAS Commencement Schedule

### Sitka

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.  
Mt. Edgecumbe High School

### Ketchikan

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., Ted Ferry Civic Center

### Juneau

Sunday, May 11, 4 p.m., Centennial Hall  
Faculty should arrive at 3:45 p.m. to prepare for the processional

### Wrangell

Saturday, May 24, 5:30 p.m.  
Wrangell High School

