

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

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## UAS cited in top 20 Cyber U's

The Sitka campus is identified as one of "Forbes Magazine's" 20 Top Cyber U's" in the June 16 issue. The list is part of the magazine's feature on "cyber-universities." The top 20 listing is described as a "sampling of the biggest and best known of the degree-granting schools" and is based on "a survey of cyberexperts."

The Forbes Magazine article also features a photograph of Juneau resident Laura Ralston, a recent graduate of the UAS distance-delivered Health Information Management program. In addition to print distribution, the article is currently available on the magazine's web page at <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/97/0616/5912084a.htm>

The article was written by Lisa Gubernick and Ashlea Ebeling. They wrote, "Just four years ago Peterson's, the venerable college guide, tallied 93 'cyberschools.' The 1997 Distance Learning guide includes 762. Robert Tucker, who heads an Arizona-based higher education research firm called InterEd, keeps tabs. He estimates that 55% of the U.S.' 2,215 four-year colleges and universities have courses available off-site. Over 1

million students are now plugged into the virtual college classroom, which compares with 13 million attending brick-and-mortar schools. That number of cyberstudents will more than triple by the turn of the century."



*Juneau resident Laura Ralston is a Cyber U graduate.*



## Tuxedo Junction changes coming

The date and location for Tuxedo Junction are changing according to Tish Griffin. The new date is October 4th and the new location is being finalized.

Previously Tuxedo Junction, Juneau's dress-up night and a UAS scholarship fund-raiser, has been held at Centennial Hall the first Saturday in November. Griffin says the new locations will be announced in another week. "I'm thrilled at a chance to create a new experience. Prices will remain virtually the same and I think we'll have a tremendous new event."

*Tuxedo Junction is Juneau's evening of elegance.*

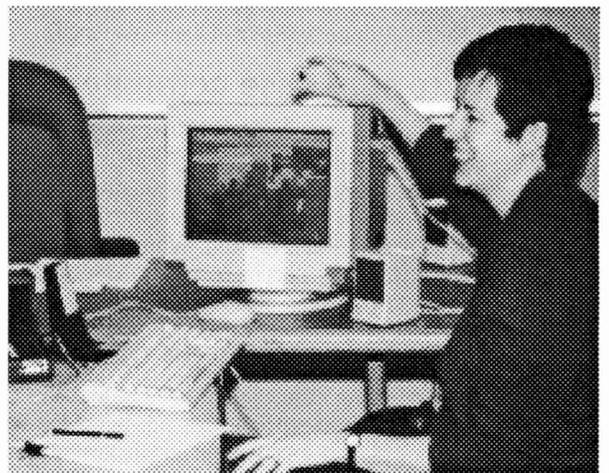
## Juneau's next 50 years previewed

Trends from Juneau's last 50 years may help determine the next 50. A UAS class, "A Juneau Century, 1946-2046" during the 1996-97 academic year considered trends from Juneau's last 50 years and explored possibilities for the next 50.

Students and faculty from the UAS Business and Public Administration program and North Carolina State University, Department of Landscape Architecture, worked together to take a comprehensive look at how the Juneau environment has and will change in response to human activity.

A presentation of the class findings will be made Thursday (June 26), 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Ray Center. Subjects will include transportation, community revitalization, waterfront and harbors enhancement and more. For more information contact Jackie Timothy at 465-8798 (w) or 789-1526 (h) or look at the homepage at [http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/sod4/landsc\\_dept/alaska/juneau.html](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/design/sod4/landsc_dept/alaska/juneau.html)

The homepage reports, "The class intent was not to develop a 'plan for the future,' but rather to develop an understanding of why things are the way they are, what are some of the most likely possible futures and what are some of the implications of these futures on the quality of environment and life in the Juneau area. The focus will be on physical change and on the economic, cultural and legal mechanisms that can drive such a change."



*Juneau Century students worked with their NSCU colleagues using computer video.*

## Ketchikan hires new math faculty member

The new math faculty member at Ketchikan campus took a non-traditional track to his career, giving him an edge in upcoming work with a largely non-traditional student body.

**Robert Baker's** occupational background ranges from electronics to retail and his educational role as a working graduate student will sound familiar to Ketchikan students. Baker accepted the Ketchikan campus math job after an early-June visit to the First City. He'll move from Missoula, Montana in August.

Baker earned a master of arts in teaching from the University of Montana last year, nearly a decade after claiming dual bachelor degrees in math and education at the school. Baker ran a Missoula retail store, taught in secondary schools, ran summer Upward Bound tutoring programs and taught UM college students while completing his master's program.

The native of Ohio earned an electronics technology diploma and did research at Hughes Aircraft Co. before starting his academic career and taking the education path. Baker has a strong interest in theater and took a minor in dramatics in his B.A. program.

## Debate Institute in Sitka

The Sitka Campus, cooperating with the Sitka School District and Gonzaga University, will sponsor the new Sitka Debate Institute August 18-23. The focus of the six-day program is to prepare students to debate the 1997-98 high school topic through improved library research, presentation, skills, and mastery of argumentation theory. Lead instructor for the Institute is **Jamey Dumas**, Director of the Gonzaga University Debate program; college debaters from the Gonzaga debate team will participate, along with Sitka School District debate coaches.

## New executive secretary in Sitka

UAS Sitka welcomes new employee **Diane Anzivino** into the position of executive secretary to the campus director. She is a new Alaskan, recently relocated from Boston. Anzivino has a paralegal certificate from Northeastern University and completed coursework in the Burdett Executive Secretarial program in Boston. Since 1989 she has been employed as a legal secretary and administrative assistant in the Boston area.

## Griffin to supervise computer services

While **Sherry Taber**, director of Library, Computing and Media Services, takes a leave of absence next academic year there will be some short term changes according the Chancellor **Marshall Lind**. **Carol Griffin** will work with computer services, **Rita Dursi Johnson** will be acting librarian, and media services will report to Vice Chancellor **Robbie Stell**.

## Juneau hosts statewide conference

For the first time, the Juneau campus will host the 1997 State-wide Student Affairs Conference August 3-5. This is the eighth annual gathering of Alaska student services professionals. **Tish Griffin** and **Timi Hough** are the conference co-chairs. There will be pre-conference activities on the weekend of Aug. 2 & 3rd.

## Linda Rugg to retire

UAS Food Service Manager, **Linda Rugg** is retiring June 30. A farewell reception will be held in her honor Friday (June 27) from 3-5 p.m. in the Lake Room-Mourant Building. All UAS faculty, staff, students and friends are invited and are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert dish. For information call **Linda Snyder** at 465-6401.

## Juneau student activities

A "BBQ by the Bay"(Auke Lake) will be held Saturday (June 21) starting at noon for all summer students and staff. Activities include a picnic, kayaking, hydrobikes and music.

A hydro bike is available for rent through the end of the month at \$2 an hour per person for use on Auke Lake. Call 6528 to reserve a bike.

There are extended desk hours at student activities on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 10 - 4 p.m.

## Youth productions

In cooperation with UAS, the Alaska Theatre of Youth is presenting a Summer Theatre Conservatory program in Juneau. *The Greeks: The Adventures of Perseus* will be performed at Dzantik'I-Heeni Middle School Friday and Saturday (June 20 and 21) at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. The Juneau performances are part of more than 80 throughout Alaska this summer featuring more than 600 students.

## Bookstore closes for three days

The Bookstore will be closed for annual inventory June 26, 27, & 30 and there will be no transactions. It will reopen July 1. The cashiering area will be open during the bookstore inventory. Payment of accounts, tuition and fees etc. will be the only transactions occurring during that time.

## Juneau Calender

### Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21

- Alaska Theatre of Youth performances, Dzantik'I-Heeni 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 2 p.m.

### Saturday, June 21

- "BBQ by the Bay"(Auke Lake), noon.

### Thursday, June 26

- "Juneau Century" 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Ray Center.

### Friday, June 27

- Linda Rugg retirement party, 3-5 p.m. in the Lake Room-Mourant Building.

### Thursday-Monday, June 26-30

- Bookstore closed for inventory.

## Mona's computer tips

How to manage your account password is the subject of computer tips from **Mona Yarnall**.

- Change your password on a frequent basis.
- Never write down your password. Bad marks to those who write their password AND tape it to their computer.
- Do not use personal information like your name, social security number, your spouse's name, your children's names, pet names, birth dates or telephone numbers.
- Use a different password for each account if you have accounts on several systems.
- Don't share your password with anyone including Computing Services staff members.

