

# University of Alaska Southeast Soundings

Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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## Juneau School District hires 15 UAS grads

The Juneau School District this fall hired nine elementary and six secondary UAS graduates. The elementary teachers went through the Elementary Education BEd or Credential programs. The secondary teachers went through the Secondary BEd or MAT programs.

The elementary teachers hired were **Katherine Bader, Douglas Badilla, AnnMarie Barnack Janes, Monika Haygood, Kathy Iliev, Elizabeth Miyasato, Dawn Pisel, Cinda Stanek** and **John Wahl**. The secondary teachers were **Mary Capobianco, Mia Costello, Mary-Lou Gervais, James Marks, Carol May** and **Kathleen Wiest**.

## Feinerman finalist for college presidency

Ketchikan campus director **Fran Feinerman** is one of three being considered for the presidency of Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming. The finalists were selected from a field of 68. "One of the nice things about the process of looking is that you appreciate very much what you have," Feinerman told the Ketchikan Daily News. She said from a professional perspective there was nothing unusual about her decision to look into other openings. Feinerman has a doctorate in history and has been Ketchikan campus director since 1990.

## Ketchikan library staffed

A college librarian from Oregon who focuses on public service and electronic library resources will take charge of the UAS Ketchikan campus library in mid-October. **Kelly Skogseth** is working now in the library at Southern Oregon State University in Ashland. She has a masters degree in library sciences. Ketchikan's public library now operates the UAS library under contract.

## Learning center hire

**Dawn Montgomery** will direct the Ketchikan Learning Center starting in mid October. She is completing a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. Montgomery has also worked in computer networks, computer-assisted instruction, and international student tutoring.

## Comedian Sunday night

"An Evening with Comedian **Cary Long**" will be presented by UAS Sunday at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Long has been a guest on the Tonight Show, Evening at the Improv and the MTV 1/2 hour Comedy Hour. Tickets are available at the cashier and at Hearthsides Books.



*Shannon Crowley and Raychelle Daniel discussed seal research at Tuesday's seminar.*

## Biological seminars held weekly

A series of public seminars are being held each Tuesday noon to provide information about biological research in Southeast. "There's a lot of interesting research being done," **Brendan Kelly** says. "This is a way researchers can communicate with the public." The seminars are held in Anderson Building, room 221.

This week **Raychelle Daniel** and **Shannon Crowley**, both seniors in biology, reported on their summer harbor seal study in Tugidak Island. Upcoming subjects include: Oct. 7 sea urchins, Oct. 14 sea otter diving behavior, Oct. 21 evolution of brown bears, Oct. 28 sea otter populations and Nov. 4 marine vertebrate predators.

## Coming Soon!



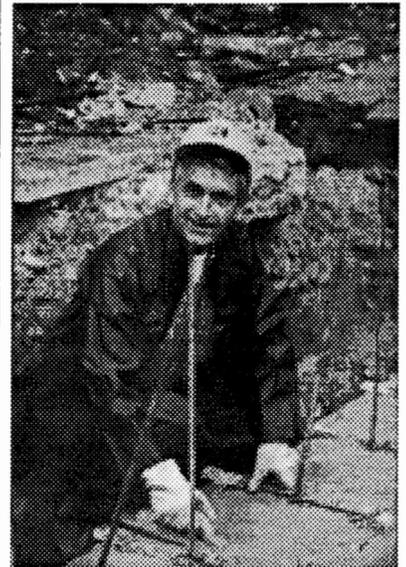
**OCT. 4**

Tickets at the bookstore, Hearthsides Books, or over the phone at 465-6267.

*Sail Away*

## Students help with skate board park

UAS students in **John Bowman's** construction technology class are helping with construction of Juneau's skate board park. Earlier this week they poured concrete for the foundation. In addition, the class will work on a house construction project with the high school.



*John Bowman helps his class pour concrete*

Associate Dean **Gary Bowen** said, "The construction class is an opportunity for students to get into the field and work with someone who knows what's going on." Bowman is a registered civil engineer who retired from the Forest Service. He has a contractor's license and had a home inspection business.

Bowen also said five student from Kake will be taking the construction technology class spring semester under a grant they are receiving.

## Global Connections holds weekly talks

Bonnie McDonald will discuss her year studying art in Wales at the Global Connections meeting Friday (Sept. 26) at 1 p.m. in the Lake Room. Each week different speakers will make presentations. On Oct. 3 Julia Ross will talk about Namibia.

## Archeology work set

Priscilla Schulte is coordinating archaeology investigation at a cultural site in October with Forest Service archaeologists and Ketchikan-based anthropologist Dan Monteith. Classroom sessions in Ketchikan and Craig lead to a six-day field expedition on Prince of Wales Island. Students will map, survey, collect and catalog on-site before writing reports.

## Sitka campus events

Dr. David Johnson, representing the US Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), visited Sitka on September 18-19 for a site review of the Sitka project on Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Native Students. The project, now entering its third year, supports student cohorts entering in both fall and spring semester. As a part of the visit, Johnson also met with Bruce Gifford and Pattie Adkisson of the Juneau campus about possible future FIPSE projects at UAS.

Dr. John Carnegie, UAS Sitka, and Dr. Craig Wollard, UAA School of Engineering, co-presented a workshop on 'Process Control' for the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant in Juneau Sept. 22. Engineering faculty from both UAA and UAF have partnered to support development of the statewide UAS program in Environmental Technology.

## Retirement seminar Oct. 10

A representative of Fidelity Investments will offer a program on investing for retirement Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Mourant 103. Lunch snacks will be provided. The program discusses use of pensions, Optional Retirement Program, and tax-deferred annuity investments.

## United Way campaign begins

UAS participation in the United Way campaign begins next week. Information and a pledge card will be given to each faculty and staff member. Last year, UAS employees on all three campuses pledged a record \$8200. United Way helps support 29 non-profit health and human service agencies in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan.

## Student elections held

Five new senators have been elected to student government on the Juneau campus. They are Wonder Russell, Robert Benitz, Michelle Hinkley, Tenaya Hergert and Tia Rose. They join Rosie Gilbert, president, Venietia Caruso, vice president, and previous senators Autumn Lowrey and Melissa Nell.

## Faculty achievements

"What is Traditional Ecological Knowledge" was one of the presentation topics by Tom Thornton, assistant professor of anthropology, at a Glacier Bay National Park workshop last weekend. He also discussed results of his on-going study of harvest and use of berries in Glacier Bay and showed a video of the project.

Assistant professor of chemistry Randy Stahl attended the National American Chemical Society Conference in Las Vegas in early September and took part in a continuing education program on Interpreting IR Spectra.

Jason Ohler, associate professor of education, was part of a panel presentation on structuring technology staff development K-20 at the Fall Institute of the Northwest Educational Technology Center in Portland.

Brendan Kelly, assistant professor of biology, was featured in a full page story about sea otter research in the Sept. 21 Juneau Empire.

## Thanks to Financial Aid staff

Barbara Burnett and Nicole Wery were thanked for their help in dealing with student loans problems in a letter by a student sent to Chancellor Marshall Lind. The student wrote, "These two fine employees exemplify the spirit of understanding and caring I came to a small university to find."

## Health Fair Oct. 10

A health fair for students, faculty and staff will be held Oct. 10 from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Lake Room. Basic screenings for blood pressure, height, weight, vision, and hearing will be available at no charge. Fees will be charged for blood chemistry and prostate tests. Volunteers are needed to help during the fair. Contact Kirk McAllister, 6473.

## Late starting fall classes

Eight different visitor industry classes are some of the delayed-start fall semester classes beginning soon on the Juneau campus. Other career education classes starting in Oct. include Building Construction, AutoCad, Arc Welding, Hard Chine Lofting, and Marine Transmission. Parents as Teachers is a 5-week workshop beginning Oct. 8. It's designed for parents of children ages 3 to 12. The non-graded class meets Wednesday evenings. There is a \$25 fee.

## Juneau Calender

### Friday, Sept. 26

- Scuba diving video, Lake Room, noon
- Global Connections, Lake Room, 1 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 27

- River rafting, 10 a.m. sign up in student activities
- UAS contra dance, Chapel by the Lake, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 28

- Yankee Basin hike, meet at flag pole for a ride, 9:30 a.m.
- Volleyball, Mendenhall River School, 5 p.m.
- Comedian Cary Long, Centennial Hall, 7 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 29

- Basketball, Auke Bay School, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Chancellor's cabinet, Soboleff Annex, 9 a.m.

### Friday, Oct. 3

- Global Connections, Lake Room, 1 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 4

- Tuxedo Junction, 8 p.m.
- Complimentary Tuxedo Junction glamour session, pre-register, 789-1642

### Sunday, Oct. 5

- Free swim, Augustus Brown pool, 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 6

- Student gov. begins Las Vegas trip raffle.

### Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Biology seminar, Anderson 221, noon.

### Thursday, Oct. 9

- Single parenting talk, Mourant 103, 7 p.m. child care provided.

### Friday, Oct. 10

- Health Fair, Lake Room, 8 - 11 a.m.
- Denim Day for breast cancer research
- Retirement seminar, Mourant 103, 11:30 a.m.

## Denim Day

UAS employees may contribute to breast cancer research by participating in Denim Day. Oct. 10. Last year, 122 employees on the three campuses raised \$825, part of the nationwide effort that raised \$1.4 million. Those making a \$5 donation receive a pink ribbon to be worn with blue jeans or casual clothes on Oct. 10. Cost center clerks will have collection envelopes and pins for those wanting to contribute.

## Whalesone staff hired

Alexis Ross Miller has been hired as the editor of the Whalesong. Other student employees are Jennifer Flores, advertising manager and Arlo Midgett, production manager. The first issue of the student newspaper is expected in early October.

