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UAS holiday closure

A ten day holiday closure at UAS takes place Dec. 22 to Jan. 2. Five of the days will be university holidays: Dec. 25, 26, 29, Jan. 1 and 2. Five days will be annual leave or leave without pay: Dec. 22, 23, 24, 30, and 31. The campuses reopen Jan. 5.

Holiday registration

Juneau campus students will be able to register for spring semester by phone over the holiday break according to **Eileen Franson**, registrar. The phone registration service is available to anyone who has previously taken a UAS class. Registration details are included in the spring class schedules that were mailed to everyone and are also available in Juneau libraries.



Ketchikan Campus Director Fran Feinerman.

Feinerman accepts new position

Ketchikan Campus Director Fran Feinerman has been offered and accepted the position of president of Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming. A field of 68 originally applied for the position. Feinerman said, "It's been a difficult decision, but this is a good time to pass the gavel." She will remain on campus until July.



Greetings from the Sitka campus.

Alumni raffle winners selected

Winners were drawn during the chancellor's reception for the UAS Alumni Association raffle. **Don Novatney** won the trip to Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge. **Berne Miller** won the wildlife/whale watching trip to Pt. Adolphus, and **Tom Blanton** won dinner at the Breakwater.



Bob Etheridge cooks for students.

Breakfast served at night

Faculty and staff on the Juneau campus cooked and served free breakfasts to students between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. the Thursday before finals week. Nearly 60 breakfasts were served. "French toast and eggs were the most popular," according to **Bob Etheridge** who cooked along with **Bruce Gifford**. Students could also choose pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, and juice for the late night meal.

Student Activities organized the pre-finals feed. "I thought it was a great idea for a stress break," **Tish Griffin** said. Among faculty helping with the breakfast were **Randy Stahl** and **Vickie Williams**, who in addition to serving, also went into night classes inviting students to the breakfast.

Sitka campus news

The Third Annual Women and Wellness Conference will be held in Sitka January 9-10. Co-sponsored by UAS and the SE Alaska Regional Health Corporation, this year's conference features national author and wellness expert **Annie Benton**. Concurrent sessions focus on emotional and physical strategies to achieve life balance.

Sitka students, staff, friends, and families gathered for the annual holiday tree-trimming last week. Music included guitar/vocal duets by **Phyllis Clarke**, campus receptionist, and **Karen Johnson**, ESL instructor. Santa also appeared and reports indicate he resembled student services coordinator **Tim Schroeder**.

Sitka Arts Institute set for January

The Northwest Coast Arts Institute, featured annually on the Sitka campus during the interim, will be held January 12-23. Artists **Delores Churchill**, **Ken McNeil**, and **Ernest Smeltzer** will present Northwest Coast Arts classes in design, toolmaking, basketry, two-dimensional carving, and Bentwood box carving.

During the same period, the Sitka campus will feature beginning and intermediate Tlingit language classes. The language project is directed toward parents of elementary students who are learning Tlingit as a part of the Sitka School District curriculum.

The two week annual Northwest Coast Arts Institute culminates in a community-wide potluck on campus featuring subsistence and traditional foods.

Spring schedule on homepage

The Juneau campus schedule of classes for spring semester is available on the UAS homepage at http://www.jun.alaska.edu/uas/Spring98/sp98_index.shtml

Student **Melissa Nell** entered the schedule information.

Grades by phone

Fall semester grades will be available by phone after Dec. 19. They are being entered by records and registration staff as they are received from faculty. Phone 465-6305 or 1-888-547-0440

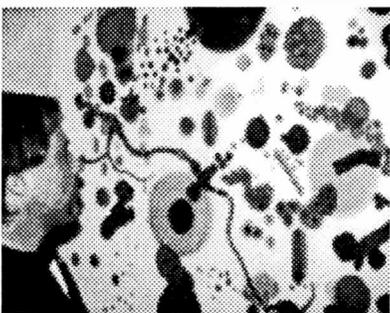
Ketchikan campus

Two academic conferences will be held in Ketchikan this spring. The fifth annual Southeast Alaska Mathematics Conference will be held in March and will be in Ketchikan for the first time. Bob Baker says sessions will be for math educators and for the public. Rod Landis and Taylor McKenna, a Ketchikan teacher, will coordinate a conference at the end of February for the Alaska Humanities Forum.

In other Ketchikan campus news, entry-level carpentry and commercial diving are two new vocational courses that will be offered spring semester, and **Dorothy Armstrong** of the business faculty was married last week.

Students show art

Egan Library is a showplace for student art as part of the annual fall semester show. **George Parker** said representative work came from most of the art classes including sculpture, print making, photography, painting, drawing and ceramics. He said there were fewer pieces on display than in past years in part because so many students sold their art during the very successful student exhibit at the tram terminal during this year's Gallery Walk.



Student art on display in Egan Library.

Ads broadcast in SE

A TV ad promoting UAS spring semester registration will be broadcast Jan. 6-8 on the Superstation throughout Southeast. The 30 second ad will air during Good Morning America and a dozen times in prime time.

Housing news

Nearly 80 care packages were delivered last Friday to wish students good luck on finals. The packages came from staff, families and friends. **Collyn Pillgreen** presented a program on body art (tattooing) last Friday. More than 50 attended. During the fall semester the housing Sunshine Club looked for those on campus to thank for their special works. Club members not been made public until the end of the semester. They included **Amy Dagley, Amanda Clark, Jennifer Marshall, Windy Winsenberg, Risha Wallace, Jennifer Foster, Wello Raidmae, and Venetia Caruso.**

Orientation '98 takes on new look

Spring semester new student orientation on the Juneau campus has been planned by students. Advisor **Lori Exferd** who is coordinating the Jan. 7 orientation said, "It's a very practical program, and it'll give the incoming students information that they need to start off on a good foot. We want them to know their resources."

Faculty and staff will present information during three morning breakout sessions. Subjects include faculty expectations, services for students, library services, financial aid, adult students, transfer students, and campus activities. Representatives from each of the Faculties will attend a "Guess Who's Coming to Lunch" to meet with students.

Faculty news

Tom Thornton has an article entitled "Know Your Place: The Organization of Tlingit Geographic Knowledge" published in the Fall, 1997 issue of *Ethnology*.

Todd Turek has vessel work on exhibit at the "Craft Forms '97" at the Wayne Arts Center in Pennsylvania and on the internet at: http://www.art.unt.edu/sova/galleries/exhibitions/ceramics_usa/turek.htm

Dianne Anderson, adjunct art instructor, will have a mother/son art show at the Juneau Douglas City Museum Jan. 9 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Her son Ryan, a science fiction cartoonist now studying animation, took a UAS summer painting class after graduating from JDHS.

Don Greenberg will make a presentation about using astronomy classes to teach critical thinking at the January meeting of American Association of Physics Teachers in New Orleans.

Stekoll visits Asia

Mike Stekoll has returned from a research trip to China and Korea where he observed sea vegetable (*Porphyra*) research and farming facilities. Stekoll and **Charles Yarish** of the University of Connecticut also made presentations on their research to students and faculty at various universities. In addition, both served on a PhD defense committee, the first time in the history of the Chinese Academy of Science that Americans had voting privileges on such a committee.

Stekoll is on sabbatical leave. He has now returned to Connecticut where he, Yarish and others will conduct research on aspects of seaweed biology and ecology. He said the Asian trip was extremely valuable for acquiring information that will enable his current research projects on *Porphyra* cultivation to be successful.

Juneau Calender

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

- UAS Holiday closure

Monday (Jan. 12)

- UAS Alumni Association board meeting, 5:15 p.m., HA 110.

COMPUTER TIPS

Unable to send an e-mail message?

Not receiving any mail? Your account may be FULL!!! Most accounts receive 4 mbs of file space. Once the file space allocation has been consumed, new messages cannot be sent or received. You can prevent this problem by being proactive in the management of your e-mail account. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Delete old and unwanted e-mail messages.
2. Consider creating a Local mail drawer and moving messages to your hard drive.
3. Unsubscribe from listserv mailing lists if you will not be accessing your account.
4. Purge the wastebasket.

If you require further mailbox assistance, contact Computing Services.

Navigating the Web

Looking to save a few key strokes when connecting to a web site? Many of the newer web browsers (including Netscape & Internet Explorer) automatically insert the 'http://' when you specify a web page address (called a URL). Just type in the www.blah.com part of the address and your browser will automatically insert the http://.

Old way: <http://www.jun.alaska.edu>

New way: www.jun.alaska.edu is automatically converted to <http://www.jun.alaska.edu>

Computer tips are provided by **Mona Yarnell**.

UAS featured in national poster

The new National Student Exchange poster is a photo montage from university campuses. Included is one that shows students beside Auke Lake.



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