

Soundings

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Karen Polley, interim director of Career Education was one of many advisors talking to students during registration.

Juneau enrollment up 14%

Enrollment for the Juneau campus spring semester is up more than 14 per cent over one year ago. "We're up in both full-time and part-time students," according to **Bruce Gifford**, director of student services.

By the first day of class, 1,928 students enrolled for spring semester compared to 1,682 last year. There were 546 full-time students compared to 527 a year ago and 1,382 part-time students compared to 1,155. "We've had growth in full-time students over the past several years," Gifford said. "The real encouraging thing is the growth in part-time students."

Statewide NSF conference

The National Science Foundation Conference will be held in Sitka January 21-24. The conference will begin the planning process for the Rural Sanitation Education Project and develop the statewide environmental technology curriculum.

The statewide conference will include faculty from extended UA campuses, secondary teachers from village high schools, staff from Native health corporations and representatives from state and federal agencies.

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

Chinese proverb 500 BC

Native Student Retention

The Sitka campus is working in partnership with Sheldon Jackson College to develop a cultural model to support Native students making the transition to college. The project is funded by a three year grant from the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

The first 12 full-time Native students have arrived in Sitka and are now involved in a two week orientation. As part of the project, between 12 and 15 Native students will be brought to Sitka each fall and spring semester for the next three years.

Speeches on tape

Governor **Tony Knowles'** "State of the State" and "State of the Budget" addresses to the Alaska Legislature were taped by Media Services and are available for check out at the Egan Library.

Personnel directors from Juneau employers were taped as they described what they're looking for in employees. The tape, which may be helpful for students looking for work, is also available at the Egan Library.

Information technology

Alaska's first statewide communications technology conference and trade show takes place in Juneau on Feb. 1-3. It's promoted as an opportunity to learn how to take advantage of new information technology through presentations, discussion groups, hands-on training, exhibits and demonstrations.

UAS credit is available. Among the many presenters are **Jason Ohler** and **Susan Warner** from the Juneau campus discussing "Effective Use of Distance Education." For registration information call 586-6341.

Three year UAS holiday schedule

The following are the authorized paid holidays observed by the University of Alaska Statewide System:

Academic Year 1995-96

(remaining)
Memorial Day May 27

Academic Year 1996-97

Independence Day July 4, 5
Labor Day Sept. 2
Thanksgiving Nov. 28, 29
Christmas Dec. 25, 26
Spring Recess Observed Dec. 27
New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2
Memorial Day May 26

Academic Year 1997-98

Independence Day July 3, 4
Labor Day Sept. 1
Thanksgiving Nov. 27, 28
Christmas Dec. 25, 26
Spring Recess Observed Dec. 29
New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2
Memorial Day May 25

Academic Year 1998-99

Independence Day July 3, 6
Labor Day Sept. 7
Thanksgiving Nov. 26, 27
Christmas Dec. 24, 25
Spring Recess Observed Dec. 28
New Year's Day Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Memorial Day May 31

These holidays apply to all eligible personnel, except those whose special duties are essential to the safety and security of the university as determined by the chancellors.

Shuttle bus

A free shuttle bus is now operating between the Anderson Building and the flag pole bus stop on the Juneau campus between 7:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. The bus leaves the Anderson Building at 10 minutes before the hour and leaves the campus flag pole on the hour. Students have first priority on the bus.



A visitor industry job fair held last weekend in Juneau attracted hundreds interested in summer jobs. **Lorene Palmer**, who coordinates the Visitor Industry Program and helped organize the job fair, talked to many including VIP program student **Tina Della Paz**. UAS and the Mendenhall Mall sponsored the job fair.

World Affairs Council

Tom Thornton, assistant professor of anthropology, and **Shawn Paul**, student body president, have been elected to the board of the Juneau World Affairs Council. JWAC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization providing an open forum for the discussion of international issues.

Upcoming speakers include Senator **Frank Murkowski** (Pacific Rim Trade Issues); HUD Sec. **Henry Cisneros** (NAFTA); and **Gennadi Gerasimov**, former spokesman for Soviet President Gorbachev (Russian Presidential Elections). For information on events and membership contact Thornton (465-6397) or Paul (465-6517).

Ketchikan housing

The biggest local industry is helping the Ketchikan campus move toward providing housing for students. Ketchikan Pulp Co. donated \$500 to the campus in late December.

Mill officials tied the contribution to campus director **Fran Feinerman's** successful efforts to enhance math/science instruction in Ketchikan schools. Feinerman and Ketchikan elementary school principal, **Cindy Middag**, won a federal Eisenhower Fund grant that's expected to provide three years of special training for local teachers.

The KPC donation will go to Ketchikan Housing Corp., a non-profit group independent of the college that's picked student housing as its first project. Housing corporation volunteers earlier received donations of start-up cash from South Coast Inc. and First Bank.

New hire in Ketchikan

Ketchikan campus and local libraries have jointly hired a technical-services expert for computer systems. **Si Kwok Hung** started work at the college and in the municipal/school library network before the holidays. Si, a native of China, has worked for major computer companies and designed and installed computer networks.

Cap and Gown

Juneau faculty and student cap and gown orders are due no later than Feb. 15. Order blanks will be available in the Bookstore on Jan. 22. Payment will be collected when the order is placed. Gowns will arrive by the beginning of May.

Staff Council meets

The UAS Staff Council next meets February 14 with a theme of "A Chocolate Potluck." Topics include job evaluations being conducted by **Jim Kessler**, job evaluation coordinator Statewide; the second annual UAS Staff Development Day; a legislative overview; and an opportunity to talk with **Marie Scholle**, president of the UAF Staff Council and UAS Staff Alliance. The exact time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

Call for submissions

Prizes of \$500 will be awarded to a poet and \$500 to a writer of short fiction by *Explorations '96*, the UAS literary magazine now in its 15th year of publication. A reader/entry fee is required for all submissions. The deadline for submissions is March 21, 1996. This year's judge is **Peggy Shumaker** who teaches creative writing and literature at UAF.

The writing contests are open to anyone. Three other prizes totaling \$175 will be awarded to UAS Juneau students whose black and white art is selected for the publication. Requests for guidelines and submissions should be made to *Explorations* Editor **Art Petersen**, UAS, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801. The fax is 907-465-6406.

UAS and *Explorations '94* was honored in "Poet's Market 1996" for its distinguished cover which was reprinted in this international publication. The artist is UAS student and adjunct instructor of art **Dianne R. Anderson**.

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Juneau Calendar

Wednesday, January 24

- *Burnt by the Sun*: 7 p.m. JAHC/UAS Film Festival, JDHS Auditorium. \$6

Friday, February 2

- Faculty Senate: 5-5 p.m. ZCR

Thursday, February 8

- Juneau Campus Council

Wednesday, February 14

- UAS Staff Council: Time and Place TBA

Thursday and Friday, February 15-16

- Board of Regents: Juneau, Baranof Hotel

February 26

- Board of Regents: Fairbanks

February 27

- Chancellor's Cabinet: all day

Stop payment fee

Because of the dramatic increase in stop payment requests, Statewide is no longer paying the \$15 fee banks charge. Departments or employees, depending on circumstances, will now be charged the \$15 fee for stop payment requests on a university issued check (payroll or accounts payable).

If an Administrative Services error caused the stop pay order they will absorb the cost. If a department or individual is responsible they will be assessed. If a vendor loses a check and requests a stop pay, their reissued check will be \$15 less.

Retreat facilitator

Sitka campus director **Elaine Sunde** facilitated two retreat sessions for the Sitka City and Borough Assembly members and city administrator **Gary Paxton**. The retreats were to develop operating budgets for the next five years.

Paxton said, "We chose Elaine Sunde to facilitate this meeting because of her superb talent...with her facilitating, we had the tools needed to successfully move into the 21st Century with this budget process."

Sitka Citizen's Council

Frank Sutton, director of hospital services at SEARHC, has been elected chair of the Sitka Citizen's Council, and **Bill MacCannel**, editor of "The Island News" of Thorne Bay, was re-elected vice chair. The council is an advisory board to the Sitka campus.