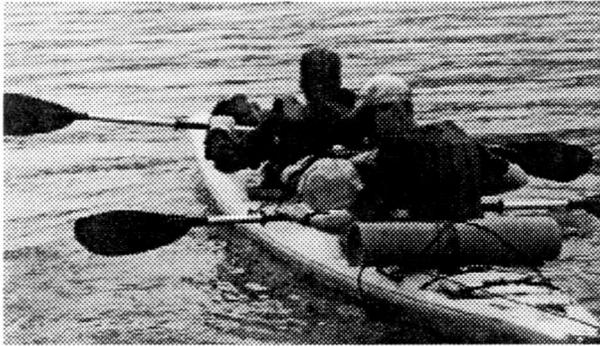


# Soundings

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Kayaking was one of the new student orientation options.

## "First Week" in Juneau

New student orientation on the Juneau campus for the first time included "experience" options. Eleven students signed up for the four-day wilderness kayak trip, 19 took part in the two-day challenge course at SAGA, 60 took part in the campus-only experience involving workshops, and 11 attended the graduate student orientation.

"The orientation program went extremely well," Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford** said. The kayak students paddled down Gastineau Channel to Oliver Inlet and hiked to Seymour Canal on Admiralty Island. "They got very wet," Gifford said, "but they had a good time."

"We kept the students very busy," First Week organizer **Shirley Grubb** said. "It accomplished some of the goals we had in mind of bringing students together. One likened the orientation to summer camp. Except after summer camp, he said, 'You go home. Here the year is just beginning.'"



New students had to solve problems and deal with group dynamics while taking part in the challenge course.

## Juneau remodel update

The new food service kitchen and serving area on the top floor of the Mourant Building is expected to be completed by mid-September according to **Mike Greene**. He also expects the Lake Room dining area and the new coffee shop to be finished about the same time.

At present, the reconfiguration of the space is complete, the new flooring is laid, the beverage island counter is being installed, and food service equipment is being installed as it arrives. "We're working to get them running as soon as we can," Greene said. Workers are still waiting for the arrival of some food service equipment, light fixtures and carpets.

The first floor of the Mourant Building is being remodeled into an expanded bookstore. That's expected to be completed in a week or two according to Physical Plant Director **Bob Green**. Bookstore workers are still waiting for the counter and the pull-down wire curtain that will be placed nearby. Bookshelves are being installed this week.

The Soboleff Annex remodel is about three to four weeks from completion according to Green. The sheet rock is up and finish work including painting, trim, and carpets still remains. The Soboleff Annex will be the chancellor's new office. "When the chancellor moves we'll do the changes required on the Mourant lower level," Green said.

In addition to the bookstore, the lower level will include student government, student activities and a student center "That mostly involves moving walls," Green said. "We can't do that until the chancellor moves. The domino is still falling."

## UAS students from 24 states

Undergraduates enrolling on the Juneau campus represent all corners of the U.S. from Maine, to Florida, to California, to Hawaii, to Washington and 19 states in between. California leads the way with 13. Six students are from Washington and Colorado, five are from Texas and states with three students each include Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Oregon and Tennessee. In addition six international students are enrolled. Director of Admissions **Greg Wagner** said 70% of the enrolled students are from Alaska. *new*

## Full-time students increase

UAS Juneau has a 10 percent increase in the number of full-time students for fall semester and a nearly five per cent increase in the total number of students as of Wednesday. "The numbers are looking real good," according to Director of Student Services **Bruce Gifford**, "particularly in the area of full-time students."

Gifford said as of Wednesday night 650 full-time students had enrolled compared to 590 at the same time last year, there were 1,081 part-time students compared to 1,069, and total enrollment was 1,731 compared to 1,657.

Fall semester late registration continues through Friday on the Auke Lake campus. After that instructor approval is required.



Juneau campus new student orientation attracted 119 students for the first meeting.

## Oil spill book available

**Bruce Wright**, visiting instructor of biology in Juneau, was one of four editors for a new book, "Proceedings of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Symposium." The 926 page scientific book contains 61 papers and comprises the most comprehensive collection of scientific papers published to date on the oil spill. "I think for the next decade this will be considered the bible for explaining the effects of oil spills on northern environments," Wright said.

Wright and other editors spent more than two years reviewing papers prior to publication. The \$35 book is being sold by the American Fisheries Society and may be ordered by calling (412) 741-5700.

## Student activities set in Juneau

Wednesday, Sept. 4 "Older than Average" student social at the Alaskan Hotel. 8-10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7, "Welcome Picnic," 12-3 p.m. Auke Lake campus. Free BBQ, volleyball, kayaks, music for students, staff, faculty and their families.

Sunday, Sept. 8, guided hike on West Glacier Trail, 10 a.m. trailhead start. Hikers should bring lunch and water.

Saturday, Sept. 14. River rafting on the Mendenhall, 10 a.m. \$25 students, \$45 for faculty/staff and family members. Sign up at student activities.

Saturday, Sept. 14, UAS city museum tour and gold panning demonstration, 2 p.m. with the van departing student housing at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 15, family tidal walk conducted by **Ed Caine** leaves the Pt. Louisa Auke Rec. campground at 8:30 a.m. The van leaves student housing at 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21, overnight and day hike to John Muir Cabin. Overnighters must sign up in advance.

Sunday, Sept. 25, the first of the UAS/JAHC film series: "Antonia's Line" 7 p.m. at JDHS.

## Studying berry use in Glacier Bay

The harvest and use of berries by Tlingits in Glacier Bay National Park is being studied by **Tom Thornton**, assistant professor of Anthropology. He says berries are a neglected resource in anthropological literature. More often researchers have studied salmon or deer in regards to Tlingit culture.

Thornton, who has a National Park Service grant, spent last weekend in Glacier Bay with elders from Hoonah and Sitka. He will study berry picking traditions, picking locations, processing, distribution, and trading. Thornton said one early conclusion is that Glacier Bay was a special spot for berries, and it attracted Natives from throughout Southeast.

"Boatloads of people went from Hoonah to Dundas Bay to harvest berries in August," Thornton said. Sometimes it was a family or clan activity. The berries were highly coveted as food, were used in ceremonies, and were trade items.

## Restructuring work continues

Dr. **Bill Masy** will return to the Juneau campus September 12 and 13 to work with faculty on implementation of UAS's restructured academic organization. All faculty are invited to participate. Masy will discuss establishing work plans and timelines for the recommended changes. The sessions will be held in Egan Library.

## Health and counseling hours set

Students on the Juneau campus may take advantage of counseling and health services located in the Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building. Appointments may be made with **Rita Bowen** at 465-6439.

Health services are available to full-time and part-time students Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Personal counseling is a free benefit to students enrolled in six or more credits.

## Faculty Senate meeting Sept. 13

The first fall meeting of the UAS Faculty Senate will be September 13, from 3-5 p.m. in the Egan Library conference room for newly elected council chairs and faculty senators. Faculty Senate President **Phil Slattery** said the two groups will come to some understandings on the implementation of the new one dean model for UAS and the work of the Faculty Council. Other agenda items include establishing an implementation committee, setting the calendar, and developing goals for the Faculty Senate this year.

## Dinners with students planned

Part of new student orientation included faculty and staff hosting students for dinner. "It was a great success and the students are still talking about it," according to **Tish Griffin**, student activities director. "Thanks to the those who hosted." Griffin said a similar "Guess who's coming to dinner" is being planned for Thanksgiving. Those interested in hosting a student for the holiday or on the holiday weekend should contact her at 465-6528.

## Sitka student wins scholarship

**Elizabeth A. Watanabe**, a student on the Sitka campus, has received a \$1,000 national New York Life Foundation Scholarship for Women in the Health Professions through the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Watanabe will be taking general education classes while working toward a bachelor of science degree. She expects to receive her degree in May 1999.

## Juneau Calendar

### Monday, September 2

- Labor Day holiday for UAS

### Thursday, September 5

- Sitka Campus Council

### Saturday, September 7

- New student Welcome picnic: Auke lake Campus

### Wednesday, September 11

- Healthy lifestyle meeting: 1:3 p.m., HB 206

### Friday, September 13

- Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Egan Library

## Halfon makes presentations

**Linda Halfon**, associate professor of art in Sitka, will make presentations at the Community College Humanities Association meetings in San Francisco in October and in Salt Lake City in November. The first presentation will be based on the "Ways of Being, Ways of Seeing" course she has taught in Sitka, the second is titled "Transformations: Land Shapes and Visual Forms."

## Knapp attends Asia conference

**Marilyn Knapp**, visiting assistant professor of history in Sitka, took part in the Asia Pacific conference held at the East-West Center in Honolulu. Topics included the changing nature of Asia and the Pacific, trends, reforms, and initiatives. This semester Knapp is teaching The Chinese: Adapting the Past, Building the Future.

## New hires in Juneau

Several new faculty and staff employees began work recently at the Juneau campus. They include:

**Randal Stahl**: assistant professor of chemistry.

**Tim Powers**: assistant professor of Business Information Systems.

**Vickie Williams**: assistant professor of accounting.

**Douglas Peel**: assistant professor of construction technology.

**Jeane Breinig**: visiting assistant professor of English.

**Dale Staley**: interim director of career education.

**Margaret Grogan**: administrative clerk ELAS.

**Tiffany Van Bussum**: receptionist, chancellor's office.