

# Soundings

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## Rotary Club to help address Juneau campus housing shortage

The housing shortage at the Juneau campus is expected to continue next year but a local Rotary Club plans to assist UAS in an effort to solve the problem.

"We're going to form a special committee and take on the challenge of finding new student housing for the Juneau campus," said Peggy Ann McConnochie, a member of the Gastineau Rotary Club and owner of Alaska Coastal Homes. McConnochie is also a member of the university's Juneau Campus Council.

McConnochie said her club will examine a full range of potential solutions, including public/private partnerships. More housing could spur growth at the Juneau campus, which would be an economic boost for the entire community, she said.

"The university is an important part of our economy - economically and so-

cially," she said.

The assistance of the Gastineau Rotary couldn't come at a better time. The Juneau campus is already flooded with housing applications for next fall, more than twice as many as can be accommodated.

As of May 24 the Student Housing Office on the Juneau campus had received 162 applications, including 116 with deposits. Nineteen of those applications have been filed by families.

The Housing Office anticipates openings next fall for about 81 single students and there are no anticipated openings for families.

"We don't want to discourage people from applying because people tend to apply and then cancel out later," said Tish Griffin, assistant director of student services. "This year we're a bit ahead of schedule in numbers but we never know how it's going to fall out."

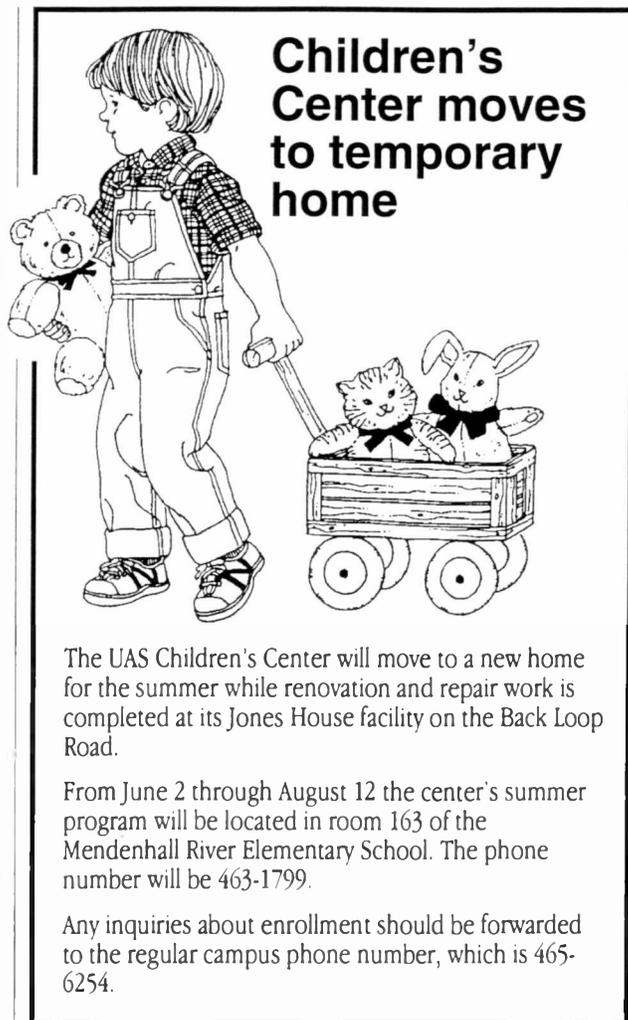
## UAS music students shine at statewide voice competition

Two Juneau singers who are students of Professor of Music John d'Armond recently captured honors in competitions sponsored by the Alaska chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Soprano Kathleen Kappler won first place in the Master's Division of the 10th Annual State Competition sponsored by the organization. In addition, soprano Catherine Pashigian placed third in the senior division of the competition.

The competition consists of four divisions: high school, college, senior and master's.

Kappler performed two opera arias, one oratorio aria and three art songs at the April 23 competition in Anchorage. Her competition performance followed by just one week her title role in the Juneau Lyric Opera's production of "Carmen." Kappler won first prize in the senior division in 1991. In 1993 she was given a special award for her outstanding performance in the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions in Anchorage.



### Children's Center moves to temporary home

The UAS Children's Center will move to a new home for the summer while renovation and repair work is completed at its Jones House facility on the Back Loop Road.

From June 2 through August 12 the center's summer program will be located in room 163 of the Mendenhall River Elementary School. The phone number will be 463-1799.

Any inquiries about enrollment should be forwarded to the regular campus phone number, which is 465-6254.

## Conference on elderly health care draws 70 people

The Sitka campus' second annual Care of the Elderly Conference doubled its registrations this year when more than 70 people met to discuss holistic health care solutions for the elderly.

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals from such diverse communities as Puyallup, Wash., and Nome gathered in Sitka to attend workshops conducted by 17 presenters. This was the second annual conference on elderly care, sponsored by the Sitka Office of Continuing Education.

## Sitka News

### Computer specialist hired for Sitka faculty slot

Cheron L. Gelber, most recently the manager of course developers and instructors for Microsoft Corp. in Bellevue, Wash., has accepted the position of visiting assistant professor of business information systems at the Sitka campus.

Gelber has also worked as an independent consultant, as manager in the Education department of Sybase, Inc. and as an instructor in the Computer Science Department of the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

She earned a master's degree in computer science from Rutgers University and a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and computer science from Carnegie-Mellon University.

Gelber and her husband have been living in Sitka since early April and plan to make Sitka their home for the summer. She will be at the Sitka campus computer lab during summer lab hours.

## Ketchikan News

### Summer construction to clog Ketchikan campus

Ketchikan students will find improvements throughout the campus when they return next September. A series of construction projects is expected to restrict building use for the public this summer.

Renovation of the Ziegler Building, including new offices and an elevator, is scheduled to begin in late May and continue through the summer. Paul Building users will face dust, noise and occasional utilities outages when control systems and utilities are upgraded.

Contractors will complete construction at the boat shop in the Robertson Building as another part of the deferred maintenance campaign.

## Sitka, Ketchikan campuses award degrees and certificates

The Sitka and Ketchikan campuses awarded a full range of degrees and certificates at their respective commencement ceremonies.

The Sitka campus at May 12 ceremonies awarded 12 associate of arts degrees, one associate of applied science degree and 17 law enforcement certificates. In addition, one student was recognized for completion of the secondary education credential and five students for completion of high school programs through the UAS Learning Resource Center.

Highlights of the Sitka ceremony included the presentation of a University of Alaska Meritorious Service Award to Native educator Gil Truitt. The commencement ceremony was held at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in the Gil Truitt Auditorium, where Mr. Truitt served for almost 30 years as a teacher and administrator.

The Ketchikan campus conferred eight associate degrees and two certificates at commencement ceremonies held at Revilla High School. In addition, one student received a bachelor of education degree from UAS and another was awarded a master's degree in business administration.

In addition, Tlingit elder Esther Shea was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters in teaching. She is a long-time teacher of culture and language in the public schools and at the Ketchikan campus.

Chancellor Marshall Lind and University of Alaska Regents Lew Williams and Eric Forrer assisted with conferring of the degrees at the Sitka and Ketchikan ceremonies.

## Logging industry making use of Sitka training videos

Southeast Alaska's logging community is using resources developed at the Sitka campus for safety training.

Funds from a \$71,000 federal OSHA grant obtained in 1992 helped the campus create a Logging Safety Training Materials Library. A variety of training videos and handbooks are shipped to logging camps upon request.

A unique feature of the program provides 12v./110 v. converters along with the videos, which allow logging supervisors to use the videos for on-the-job training by traveling to where the employees are working with a portable TV and VCR. The supervisors conduct 30 to 60-minute safety training sessions.

Supervisors say that the videos are an excellent safety training tool. They give the employees a welcome break during a long workday. The younger workforce has grown up with television and is receptive to training videos.

## Calendar

### Monday, May 30

- Memorial Day Holiday

### Wednesday, June 1

- UA Foundation: Fairbanks

### Thursday, June 2

- Board of Regents: Fairbanks

### Friday, June 3

- Board of Regents: Fairbanks

## Creative writing students publish anthology

Creative writing students at UAS Sitka have published an anthology of their writings during the past year. The collection features poetry and fiction by Ann Janzen, Paul J. Kerber, Jr., Ramona Hatfield, Yvette Baysinger-Fitzjarrald, Ed Scholz, Roger Wojtasiewicz and course instructor Bob Mayberry.

The anthology is entitled *H. Pitts & Co.*, which is drawn from a poem included in the collection.

"The original line in the poem came from the fact that H. Pitts & Co. is written all over the UAS campus," Mayberry said. "Every fire extinguisher in the building now has a line of poetry attached."

A science fiction story included in the anthology, entitled "Cosmic Rickshaw," by Robert Wojtasiewicz, was chosen for the Clarion West Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers' Workshop, to be held in Seattle this summer. Wojtasiewicz has been invited to attend.

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