

News **NOTES**

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New/Returning Student Potluck Held



A new and returning student "Welcome BBQ" was held August 25 from 5-7pm at Sitka Campus. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served and faculty and advisors were on hand to meet and greet the students. Tours of the facility were offered with door prizes awarded to those who took the tour. Staff members were also on hand to take registrations.

Sitka Campus Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, September 22
7:30-8:30am**

Everyone is invited to attend. Call Denise Blankenship if you have any questions: 747-7714

"Smart Classroom" created at Sitka Campus

Ken Jernstrom and Donna Rohwer, from Information Technology Videoconferencing Services, were on Sitka campus the week of August 14. They were working with Rita Fuller, our technical support manager, to install the most technically advanced videoconferencing room in the state of Alaska. It is the first of its kind in the UA system and is a pilot project for the University.



Room 106 on Sitka campus is being converted to a "smart" classroom using cutting edge technology. Through "bridges," the new video capability can connect up to 120 UA participants or multi-point conferences. After installing the equipment here in Sitka, the duo will be creating similar systems throughout the state.

NW Coast Art classes held in Klukwan



Weavers gathered in Kim Strong's back yard to roast and strip bark off Spruce roots in the Spruce Root Gathering class. Master weaver Delores Churchill taught the class.

In addition, during the summer months, carving instructor Jim Heaton taught a group of seven students who worked on a post for the Raven House. They took the pole from the rough log to completion during the class.

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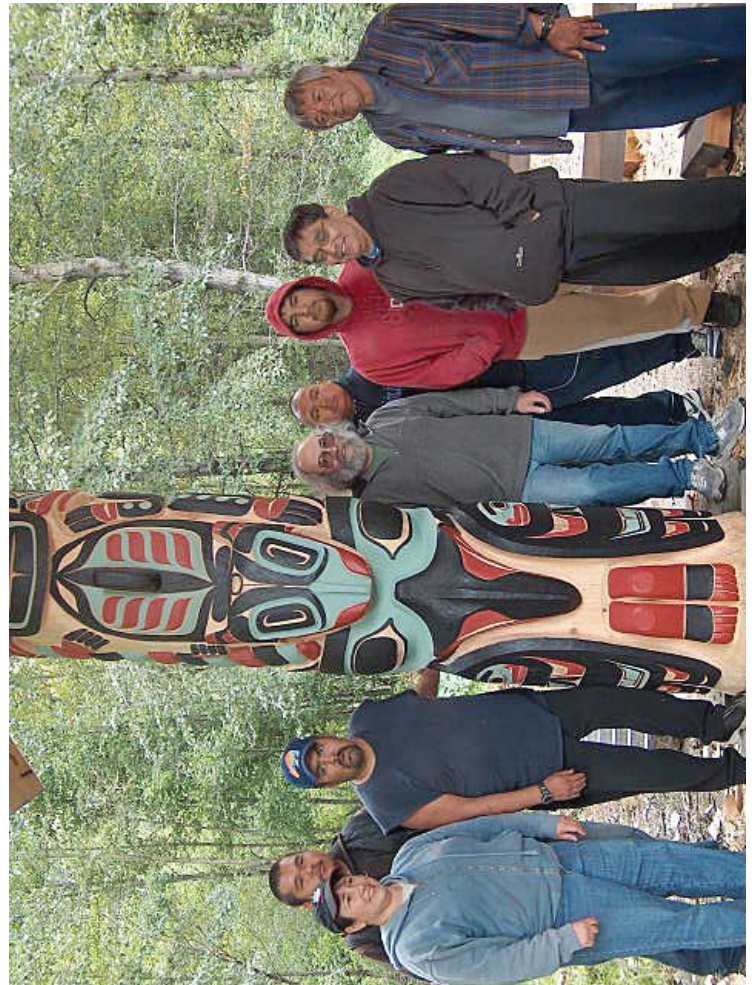
Early June, student carvers Mary Jane Valentine and Jeffrey Klanott work on roughing out the spruce long in preparation for the more intricate carving.



Carving instructor Jim Heaton and student carver Jones Hotch Jr. work on the Raven House Post that is really beginning to take shape at this point.



The Raven House Post is stood up during the carving process to see how it looks from the upright perspective.



Klukwan Carvers pose proudly with the first of the completed House Posts carved this summer. From L to R: Mary Jane Valentine, Jeffrey Klanott, Joe King, Jim Heaton, Daniel Klanott, Andre Stevens, Jones Hotch Jr. and Leonard Willard.



This is from the spruce root gathering class. Weavers gathered in Kim Strong's back yard to roast and strip the bark off the roots.



Student weaver Carrie Valentine strips the bark off her spruce roots by running them through a deeply notched board.



Master Weaver, and much revered elder, Delores Churchill demonstrates the age old method of splitting spruce roots by clenching one end between the teeth and working down the root with your fingers adjusting tension and twisting the root as needed. It is much more difficult than it looks. Delores makes it look easy because her fingers have been doing this for many years.



Student Weaver and budding basketry artist Lorraine Kasko proudly shows the Box Within a Box paper weaving that instructor Delore Churchill had her students do as part of the Basketry Design class. We all had to create or own basket design and tell, or write, the story that the design depicts.



Spruce Roots are roasted on the fire much like one would roast a marshmallow at a camp fire.

Photos courtesy of Lani Hotch