

# soundings

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## UAS Staff David Walker Takes Top Wearable Art Prize in New Zealand

from the Otago Daily Times:



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An Alaskan carpenter's 17th century-style ball gown made entirely of wood has won the top prize at the World of WearableArt (WOW) awards in Wellington.

David Walker's Lady Of The Wood was comprised of mahogany and lacewood with 52 strips of maple and cedar veneer for the hooped skirt and a wig made from wood shavings.

Along with the supreme award, the gown won the avant garde section, as

**"I can still hardly believe that I won, it all seems to be a dream. A dream come true."**

**—David Walker**



the winners of the 21st WOW were announced at the TSB Centre in Wellington, New Zealand September 25th.

It was Walker's third year in the show and 10th making wearable art.

Judge Max Patte said Walker's design was a "beautifully executed" original design which worked on every level.

"Once again, it raises the game and expectations for next year's WOW."

[Read the full story here.](#)

## Accreditation Exhibit Room Open House

The Provost's Office invites all staff, students and faculty to an Open House to view the Exhibit Room of evidence for the Self Study report for accreditation on Tuesday, October 6, from 3-4 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room. Examples of items on display include the academic catalog, performance based budgeting reports, academic program reviews, faculty and student handbooks. The room will be only open to representatives of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities during their October 7-9 visit to UAS. UAS was last accredited in 1999 and the last interim visit from the NWCCU was in 2004.

## Thomas Talks on Palin Phenom

On September 24, Clive Thomas, Professor of Political Science, presented a talk titled: "The Sarah Palin Phenomenon: "An Alaska and a National Perspective" at the University of Utah's Hinckley Institute of Politics in Salt Lake City. Thomas says his talk got a mixed reception in the most conservative state in the United States. "People either loved it or hated it," Thomas said.

In his talk, Thomas touched on the enigmatic fascination with Palin, the contrast between those who like her and those who do not and what she tells us about American politics.

He gave similar talks in Brazil, Uruguay and Chile during a research trip to South America this summer and received very good receptions to his analysis of the Palin phenomenon. In the next few months he will present talks on Palin at several other universities, conferences and group meetings including at Oregon State University and in Victoria B.C.

"Palin is a hot topic all over the world at the moment," Thomas says "even more so with her book coming out in November."



*Jessie Grant, Kolene James, and Lyle James at the Alumni and Friends reception for the Eagle Totem Campaign September 18.*



*Ray Troll addressed a standing room only crowd at the Egan Library September 18.*

## Statement to UA Board of Regents

*by John Williams, Chair of the UAS Campus Council, September 25, 2009*

Finally, the Southeast region has something that's growing. And not because it's been lavished with outside stimulus or artificial fertilizer. The growth on our regional campuses is akin to the organic process in nature wherein the struggles realized by food crops to compete for their nutrients and to fight off pestilence generates a healthier, more micro-nutrient rich source of sustenance to the omnivores that feed on them. In a similar way, UAS is providing to Southeast an economic sustenance that pervades pretty much every aspect of our economy.

In the six years I've been privileged to participate as an outside advisor to the Chancellor and to have an insider's access to the programs, staff and faculty of UAS, I've witnessed the struggles behind the growth and achievements. The growth is not without its growing pains.

The economic fabric of our region would be comparatively tattered cloth without UAS. We the members of the business community commend all at UAS who strive to continue to provide the training and accreditation required in our mining, health-care, transportation and construction industries. No one else provides the kind of intellectual laboratory required to investigate and expand the understanding of our resource rich waters and forests. No one else provides the academic opportunities to fulfill the skill-building required to fill the needs of our public sector. No one else creates an environment that allows for the universal appreciation and integration of our rich cultural diversity. Only UAS opens its arms to students from around the State and nation

and welcomes those who choose to partake of our unique environment.

To all of you who have provided guidance and assistance and who understand the role of UAS within our communities — to all that continue to persevere in keeping the goals of the university clearly focused on its mission of fulfilling our critical employment training, cultural appreciation, and analytical investigation of our rich and unique environment, we the communities of Southeast acknowledge our indebtedness to you and continue to seek your enduring support of this vital element that makes us all richer and healthier in every way.

## UA Regents Approve Tuition Hike

**Increase will be implemented for fall of 2011; more financial aid sought.**

*from the Juneau Empire and UAS Whalesong*



*Ketchikan campus director Cathy LeCompte and Arts and Science Dean Administrative Assistant Heather Hadley organized the reception for the UA Board of Regents*

The University of Alaska Board of Regents met for the first time in three years on the UAS Auke Lake campus September 24-25.

The Board approved a 7 percent tuition hike beginning in 2011, despite objections by student leaders and some regents.

“We have a lot of students who are in need, not only in rural Alaska but in urban Alaska,” Regent Carl Marrs of Anchorage said during the meeting.

An effort by Regent Bob Martin of Juneau to cut the increase in half failed 4-5. It required six votes to pass.

The vote also was accompanied by some tough words for the Alaska Legislature. Both sides said the state should have

a financial aid system similar to other states that is based on need.

[Read the full story \*Juneau Empire\* story here.](#)

[Read the full \*Whalesong\* story here.](#)

Representatives from several academic programs and campus organizations set up displays and were on hand at a reception featuring international appetizers held in the Egan Library Thursday evening.

[See a slideshow of the event here.](#)

## UAS Sitka Campus Welcomes Jon Martin

Jon Martin joins the UAS Sitka Campus faculty as an Assistant Professor of Biology. Jon grew-up in Sitka and has lived in a variety of states over the past 15 years including Oregon, Washington, Virginia, and Georgia. Following his service in the United States Army he attended school at Washington State University/Portland State University where he completed his BS in molecular biology and a minor in chemistry. He studied biology (physiology) in graduate school at PSU under the guidance of Dr. Stan Hillman focusing on the comparative physiology of Anuran (frogs & toads) urinary systems. He has taught Human Anatomy & Physiology to college students for the past 5 years and has also taught courses on cell and general biology. He enjoys running, cycling, snowboarding, fishing, and reading.



*Jon Martin*

## UAS Sitka Campus Welcomes Lori Hart, ANP, Ph.D.

Lori Hart, ANP, Ph.D. has joined the faculty at UAS Sitka Campus as the Associate Professor for the Certified Nurse Aide courses. Lori is licensed as a women’s health care nurse practitioner with a primary area of interest in women’s / infant’s mental health issues. She has been in nursing for 25 years, working through the ranks of CNA/LPN/RN/NP. She taught in the Nursing and Family and Human Development departments for 13 years at Weber State University and Utah State University. She most recently taught in the online nurse educator MSN program at WSU. Lori has a love for teaching and learning about why and how individuals learn. She has designed numerous online and distant education courses. She



*Lori Hart*

completed her Master's degree in nursing at the University of Utah and her doctorate in education from Capella.

Lori and her family moved to Sitka in January of 2005 from Northern Utah, but she has also lived in California, North Carolina, and Tennessee. She has been married for 28 years and has four children (only one left at home) and a beautiful granddaughter! Lori's husband is an optometrist at SEARHC. She loves hiking, cooking, traveling, theater, and walking her spoiled labradoodle.

## Open House at UAS Sitka Campus



*Auriella Hughes, art student and Seth Echlin, UAS Ceramics Instructor demonstrate making bowls on the pottery wheel to Open House attendees.*

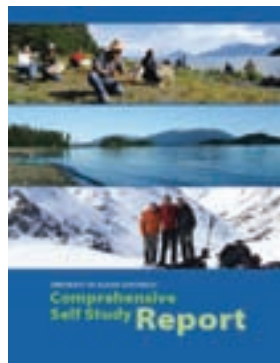
The Sitka Campus held an Open House on September 12 to celebrate twenty years at their location on Japonski Island. The campus moved to their present location in a renovated World War II hangar in 1987 from the building that now serves as the Raptor Center on Sawmill Creek Road. The campus also revealed expansion plans to the community for the new Health Science wing construction that will be starting soon. The grill was fired up with hamburgers hot dogs, chips and drinks served to over 300 people. Demonstrations abounded throughout the building including cow's eye dissection in the biology lab, construction and welding demos in the hangar, learning Tlingit language from audio files, drawing and pottery demos in the art room, and blood pressure and hand washing by the Certified Nurse Aides and the Nursing students in the Nursing room. Information and brochures about Health Information Management courses, PITAAS and Community Education and Professional Development were available. A garage sale was held in the hangar with a wide variety of surplus inventory for sale. The Russian Archangel Dancers gave a short performance towards the end of the afternoon activities. Drawings for UAS clothing, a 3 credit hour tuition waiver, and an iPod were held.

## UAS Sitka Golf Tournament



*Golf Tournament Winners*

The University of Alaska Southeast Alumni & Friends sponsored a Best Ball Scramble 18 hole Golf Tournament at the Sea Mountain Golf Course in Sitka. Money raised at the event supports UAS Sitka scholarships. The tournament took place on Saturday, July 25. David George, Kirk McAllister, UAS Personnel Director; Brian Bergman, and Pat Gorman swung through as the winning team and were presented with golfing jackets. Two other UAS teams participated consisting of Chancellor John Pugh, Bob Love, RRANN Recruitment and UAS Student Success Coordinator, Dan Keck, former Mayor of Sitka, and Joy Branson, UAS Sitka Media Specialist. The other UAS team consisted of Sitka Campus Director Jeff Johnston, Betty Thornhill and Jesse Ricketts, both Registration/Instructional Support Specialists at UAS Sitka



*Come and give your input. This is **your** time with the Re-Accreditation Team*

**OPEN MEETINGS**  
*Meet with the Accreditation Team & Give Your Input About UAS*

**Staff** - Wednesday, October 7, 11:30am-12:30pm  
**Faculty** - Wednesday, October 7, 3:30-4:30pm  
**Students** - Thursday, October 8, 3:30-4:30pm

*In Juneau at Egan 104 & via audio conference on the Ketchikan, Sitka Campuses, and the Bill Ray Center.*

If you have any questions please contact the Provost's Office. HA 101 or 796-6486  
To view the UAS Self Study Report:  
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/accreditation>

and Debby Sonneburg, UAS Sitka Business Office Manager. Jesse Ricketts and Brian Bergman won the roundtrip Alaska Airline tickets. A fun time was had by all and it was a great way to spend a sunny Sitka afternoon.

## PR Office Corner

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### New Content Management System (CMS) Tutorial Videos Available Online

There are several (very short) new training videos on the CMS help site. The videos were created specifically for UAS CMS users. These videos cover some common issues that have been confusing folks

- [Publishing \(most important, please view\)](#)
- [Event Form Submission](#)
- [Calendar Advantages](#)

For best results when viewing:

1. Select play
2. Select HD\*
3. Open in "full screen" view\*

\*buttons are next to each other on bottom right of viewing window.

## New Soundings Portfolio in UAS Online!

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We are transitioning from sending mass e-mails to utilizing a special Soundings *UAS Online!* portfolio for requesting submissions from staff and faculty. This new notification system will allow you to opt in or out of receiving mass emails regarding *Soundings* in the future. For the time being, we are continuing to send *Soundings* notifications via mass e-mail.

We will also be posting photo slide shows of campus events and accomplishments in the *Soundings UAS Online!* portfolio.

Check out our first [slide show of the Board of Regents reception](#) in the *Soundings* portfolio on *UAS On-Line!*

## UAS Ketchikan Faculty Participates in Updating National Welding Curriculum

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The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) has recently recognized UAS Ketchikan faculty member Steve Brandow for his contributions in revising and updating the national welding curriculum which supports the American Welding Society's (AWS) standards and guidelines. Specifically, the revisions support the publishing of the fourth edition of Welding Level One, a trainee guide.

Mr. Brandow has dedicated time to this project for the last 18 months. He was one of a variety of experts who participated in this nation-wide project and the only representative west of the Rockies. Mr. Brandow has taught welding at UAS Ketchikan for twelve years. He is an AWS Certified Welding Educator and AWS Certified Welder. He served a 4 year apprenticeship at Ketchikan Pulp Mill and worked construction for 23 years, including 15 years with his own welding business.

The NCCER is a not-for-profit education foundation established in 1995 by the world's largest and most progressive construction companies and national construction associations to address the severe workforce shortage facing the industry and to develop a standardized training process and curricula. According to the Department of Labor, 600,000 to 700,000 welding professionals currently work in the United States, but as many as 250,000 additional welders will be needed by 2010 to keep pace with current demand.

## Library Open House Report

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The Egan Library held its First Annual Open House on September 16th.

It was a great success with more than 200 participants attending the event!

Many students attended as a requirement for a class, taking their completed certificate to their professor for credit. Tours of the Pacific Coast Native Art were given as well as demonstrations by some of the artists featured in the Library. In addition to the games and tours, participants visited stations where they could learn about valuable library resources to assist them in their coursework. Others participated through the virtual tour on the Library homepage or by tuning in for broadcasted brown bag sessions on how to use Refworks, taught by Elise Tomlinson and Jennifer Ward. The Library is looking forward to hosting the event again in Fall 2010!

[See a slideshow of the event here.](#)

## UAS Flu Update

*by Justine Emerson, Family Nurse Practitioner,  
UAS Health Services*

All UAS faculty, staff, and students will have the opportunity to be immunized for the H1N1 vaccine for free. The vaccine will be provided by the State of Alaska Immunization Program. Like all sites, UAS will receive several shipments, probably beginning in mid to late October, as apportioned by the State. People up to age 24 and those with certain medical conditions will be the priority for the initial immunizations. Immunization clinics will be set up on campus and notification about them will be sent out. Some seasonal flu vaccine will be available as well. It can be given at the same time as the H1N1 vaccine.

So far this autumn there have only been a few cases of influenza like illness (ILI) at UAS. "Flu packs" in zip lock bags, to be picked up by a friend at the Student Resource Center front desk, are being assembled for ill students. Included will be face masks, disposable thermometers, cough drops, analgesics and information on the care of and when to seek medical care for the flu.

Vice Chancellor for Student Services Bruce Gifford has already asked the faculty to remind students that they should stay home if ill and also that no excuses for missing classes should be required by professors.



*Kevin Krein teaches a Perspectives on the Natural World class on the Auke Lake dock on a sunny fall day.*



*New banners designed by Alison Caputo brighten the Egan Classroom wing hallway and serve as reminders of our student core competencies.*



*Communications faculty Jen Vernon prepares to read from her just published poetry collection, "Rock Candy" at the UAS Bookstore by the Bay, October 1.*

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# EVENING AT EGAN

## FALL LECTURE SERIES

SEPT. 18 — NOV. 20

**SEPTEMBER 18 | EGAN LIBRARY**  
**FURTHER ADVENTURES IN SCIENTIFIC SURREALISM**

*Ray Troll, Author & Artist*

Ray Troll will show slides of new work completed in the last few years, including large public art installations and collaborative works, his latest offbeat T-shirts, and new book projects. He will also unveil a large oil painting commissioned by UAS entitled *Deep Forest*.

**SEPTEMBER 25 | EGAN LECTURE HALL**  
**PREDATOR AND PREY MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA: IT'S COMPLICATED**

*Kim Titus, Chief Wildlife Scientist, Alaska Division of Wildlife Conservation*

Kim Titus will review the recent history of the predator management programs currently underway by the State of Alaska, discuss relevant laws and regulations, and present the state of science on a complicated issue.

**OCTOBER 2 | EGAN LECTURE HALL**  
**ROGUE COPS, ELEGANT CRIMINALS, AND THE POPULAR FRENCH CRIME NOVEL**

*Robin Walz, UAS Associate Professor of History*

Forget about mastermind detective Sherlock Holmes, leave mild mannered Miss Marple to solving crimes in country villages! What French popular crime readers loved in the late 19th and 20th centuries were stories about flamboyant rogue cops and sophisticated criminals. In this presentation, Robin Walz talks about two such real life individuals. **EXTRA!** Come to the pre-lecture UAS Bookstore by the Bay Event: 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

**OCTOBER 9 | EGAN LIBRARY**  
**NOT ONE DROP: WHY IT IS NOT OKAY TO DRILL, DRILL, DRILL**

*Dr. Riki Ott, Author*

Dr. Riki Ott experienced first hand and on many levels the devastating effects the Exxon Valdez oil spill had on her hometown of Cordova, Alaska. Armed with courage and a PhD in Marine Biology she retired from fishing, founded three organizations to deal with lingering harm, and wrote the seminal book, *Sound Truth and Corporate Myth*. Now from the vantage point of two decades, Ott shares the long-ranging effects.

**OCTOBER 16 | EGAN LIBRARY**  
**ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, AND DESTINY: CLUES FROM THE DEEPEST SEA**

*Dr. David Gallo, Director of Special Projects, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution*

New undersea technologies have allowed us to explore the underwater world with unprecedented clarity and resolution, revolutionizing the way we think about life on earth and other planets. This presentation will use high resolution video to share some of the most recent discoveries.

**OCTOBER 23 | EGAN LECTURE HALL**  
**15 YEARS OF CLAY**

*Jeremy Kane, UAS Assistant Professor of Art*

Jeremy Kane will speak about his artwork and what has influenced his vision and process in the past 15 years. He will present images of his most recent show at the Alaska State Museum as well as images from his Fellowship at the Archie Bray Foundation.

**OCTOBER 30 | EGAN LIBRARY**  
**SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE IN 'POST-TALIBAN' AFGHANISTAN:  
WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHY?**

*Dr. Nazif Shahrani, Professor of Anthropology, Central Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, Bloomington*

UAS and Juneau People for Peace and Justice are happy to welcome Dr. Shahrani to Juneau. Dr. Shahrani, highly respected in his field, is a main academic analyst and commentator on the current situation in Afghanistan. He will share his insights on U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan.

**NOVEMBER 6 | EGAN LIBRARY**  
**WHERE COLD IS HOT: A MURRELET'S EYE VIEW OF GLACIER BAY**

*Matt Kirchhoff, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Alaska*

Join Matt Kirchhoff as he describes the unusual life history of Southeast Alaska's signature seabirds — the Marbled Murrelet and the Kittlitz's Murrelet. Join us for a peek into the day-to-day life, both above and below the water's surface in Glacier Bay.

**NOVEMBER 13 | EGAN LECTURE HALL**  
**AN EVENING WITH ALEXANDER TUTUNOV**

*Alexander Tutunov, UAS Artist in Residence*

First Prize winner of the Belarusian National Piano Competition and winner of the Russian National Piano Competition, Tutunov's playing was described by Soviet Culture, Moscow, as "exhilarating and inspired, and which demonstrated a unique talent."

**NOVEMBER 20 | EGAN LECTURE HALL**  
**PREDATOR CONTROL IN ALASKA:  
IS SOUND SCIENCE CONSTRAINED BY POLITICS?**

*Victor Van Ballenberghe, Wildlife Biologist*

This talk will review the scientific basis of the current wolf and bear control programs in Alaska and examine the political constraints that inhibit application of sound science.

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