



Maintenance technician Dean Ojala checks the flame in a coal-fired boiler at the UAF power plant, one of two such boilers that have been in use at UAF since the 1960s.

Achievements

Music student Emerson Eads was one of 10 people nationwide selected to participate in the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra Conducting Workshop for six days in December. Music professor Jun Watabe plans to debut Eads' sonata for clarinet and saxophone at the North American Saxophone Conference in March.

The Office of Sustainability facilitated installation of a new recycling transfer station in the Nenana parking lot with large color-coded trash containers for paper, glass and plastic. Since the recycling program's launch in October, 13.4 percent of the total trash from campus has been diverted to a local recycling company instead of going to the landfill. In December the ASUAF Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy board awarded a total of \$70,252 to 12 student-led sustainability projects. Twice annually the RISE board and the Office of Sustainability accept proposals to support UAF's sustainability initiatives. Preference is given to projects that invest in energy-efficiency programs and renewable-energy projects.

The undergraduate students who participated in the inaugural student phonathon fundraiser on behalf of the annual giving program raised nearly \$30,000 from 173 alumni and friends. Megan Damario, UAF's annual giving coordinator who oversaw the project, received the District VIII Rising Star Award in Philanthropy from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for the program.

Ray RaLonde, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, helped host a four-day shellfish mariculture workshop in Ketchikan attended by more than 350 people. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, a strong supporter of shellfish mariculture, attended a session. The event raised participants' awareness of the importance and potential of dive fisheries and the shellfish farming industry for Southeast Alaska.

Summer Sessions' WINTERmester, a program in January that allows students to earn up to 3 credits in two intensive weeks of study, enrolled 304 students who earned a total of 624 credit hours. This represents a 71.8 percent increase in students and 64.2 percent increase in credit hours earned since the program's inception in 2009. Offerings included courses in anthropology, art, French, philosophy and psychology.

In Progress

The Life Sciences Classroom and Laboratory Facility preconstruction contract for design was awarded to Davis Constructors and Engineers. A ground-breaking event is scheduled for March 30.

The Science for Alaska lecture series in Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage goes through April 6. The series is one of the largest public outreach efforts undertaken each year by the Geophysical Institute.

Photographs by Barry McWayne, who worked at the UA Museum of the North for 37 years, will be on display in the museum's Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery for the rest of the year. For the final 15 years of his tenure, McWayne served as curator for the museum's entire fine art collection. His artistic production only increased after retiring in 2007. McWayne died unexpectedly last summer.

What's Next

The Take a Bite Out of a Seawolf Taco Feed and viewing of the final UAF vs. UAA Governor's Cup hockey game will take place Feb. 26. The game will be broadcast from Anchorage and viewed in the Patty Center on a big screen.

Theatre UAF presents the Famous for Fifteen Minutes Playwright Festival Feb. 26, with a collection of short plays written by members of the Fairbanks community. The department will stage Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* in the Lee H. Salisbury Theatre April 22 – May 1.

The 38th Annual Festival of Native Arts will take place March 3 – 5 in Davis Concert Hall. The festival, an entirely student-organized program, presents traditional Alaska Native dance and music performances by groups from Alaska, and performances by groups from the continental U.S. and other countries.

The UA Museum of the North will hold its 24th Chocolate Bash April 9. The theme is Chocolate, Coffee, Cordials & Formals.

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Freshman John Scott warms himself by a barrel stove during a weeklong vigil in November. Students in the Honors Program camped outside to bring awareness to the issue of homelessness during National Hunger and Homelessness Week. The students collected more than \$1,200 for a local street-outreach advocacy program. The mission of UAF's Honors Program is to challenge the university's best students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers and community leaders.



Photos, clockwise from left

UAF's Rebecca Konieczny maintains a narrow lead over Kinsey Loan from Alaska Pacific during the Alaska Nordic Cup ski competition at Birch Hill.

Sophomore guard Adrese Lavern battles inside during the second half of the Nanooks' 83-74 win over West Florida in the Alaska Invitational Tournament.



Student groundskeeper Ryan Willis clears sidewalks after a November rainstorm left the Fairbanks campus a slushy mess. The UAF Police Department used Nixle to send out safety information via e-mail and cell phone texts during the emergency.

Lael Oldmixon, from Admissions, serves up her best chili during a United Way fundraiser cook-off.

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