

2010
annual
report

Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning

Summer 2010: Looking Back

It is always instructive to look back on the year—to assess what worked and what didn't, to note the events of the year, to say thank you and to ask yourself where do we want to go from here. A lot worked and some things did not like our first attempt at a Freshman Start program. We will go back to the drawing board with that!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer 2010 was full to the brim—academics with over 300 courses, events from concerts to lectures, two films series, workshops and six camps for youth including the inaugural S.M.A.R.T Academy under the capable leadership of Roy Roehl and Ruth Olsen. As you read this report you will see more names of those who have joined with us to make things happen at UAF in the summer.

I thank those who contributed to the success of 2010: our faculty who make the academic program possible, the incredible staff at UAF from

the registrar's office to the Financial Services office to our consummate graphic designer Dixon Jones, our dedicated student employees (Sherri Frantz and Amber Vaska), ASRA folks like Jeff Drake and Kate Pendleton, film expert—Dirk Tordoff from the Library, and the myriad of folks who help to make things happen at Summer@UAF. Hats off to CLA, SOM, CNSM, SNRAS, SFOS, SOE, and CTC for their support of the SSLT Tuition Awards program for UAF students.

I hope you will take a few minutes to look back over the events of Summer 2010 and reflect with me as we move forward into Summer 2011.



Michelle Bartlett
Director, Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning

NEW IN 2010

The following campus student services, previously not available for summer students, were in operation for Summer 2010.

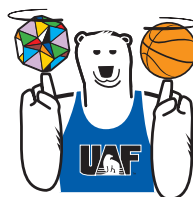
For the first time the **UAF Center for Health and Counseling** was open in the summer. Students taking six credits+ during the summer were charged a health center fee of \$66 enabling them to use the center as needed. UAF students who had taken classes in the spring and planned to take classes in the fall could purchase coverage for the summer even if they did not enroll in summer courses. At the close of summer the health center had recorded 339 medical contacts and 48 counseling appointments. Having the center open during the summer was well received by students and proved economically feasible.

"Tools like the speaking center are such a blessing and having more flexibility makes life much less stressful."
—Rachel Craig, Summer Student

The Communication Department instituted the **UAF Speaking Center** in Fall 2009 and proposed that it be open to assist summer students taking Communication classes and other summer courses as applicable. With eight Communication classes scheduled in summer 2010, SSLT opted to have the center open a total of eight hours/week. By the middle of June the student demand warranted an expansion of the

hours into the evenings for a total of 14 hours/week. The Communication classes alone had an enrollment of 146 students and the extra administrative expense for the Speaking Center paid off handsomely for the students.

UAF S.M.A.R.T. Academy for Middle Schoolers



**SMART
ACADEMY**

The graduation rate of high school students in Alaska has ranged from 60% in 2006 and 2008 to 67.6% in 2010, placing Alaska 38th in the nation. Given these troubling statistics and the fact that mathematics mastery is the major stumbling block for graduation success (both for high school and college), the State of Alaska dedicated Department of Labor AGIA funds to run a free academic/recreation day camp through SSLT with a focus on building math and reading skills in middle school students—the **S.M.A.R.T. Academy** (Sports, Math, Academics, Recreation, Team play).

The 19-day Academy attracted 71 applicants with 54 selected to participate. The free program included lunch and bus passes where needed. For mornings devoted to academics a certified secondary education teacher and two UAF athletes comprised the teaching team for each of three groupings of campers. The same UAF athletes served as instructors for the afternoon recreational activities.

Of the 54 students selected, 53 completed the program and



S.M.A.R.T. Academy students

all made substantial gains in both math and reading. In math there was a 75% increase in the average scores on the pre- and post-tests. In reading there was a 42% increase in vocabulary whereas comprehension showed a 4% increase.

With funding in place, plans are underway for S.M.A.R.T. Academy 2011.

ACADEMICS

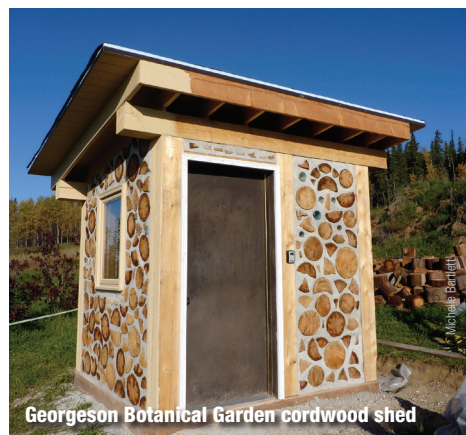
Non-Credit courses

Non-credit courses are a significant part of SSL's mission to keep the campus vibrant and the community engaged. Courses covered a wide range of topics from birch bark basketry to bicycle maintenance.

Five non-credits were weeklong camps for kids (four in culinary arts and one in Spanish). Held at Hutchison Center, the newest of the cooking camps for youth focused on baking. Spanish camp met at the University Park building and found the facility much to their liking. The field west of the building provided a great place for outdoor activities.

New in 2010 was the three-day Cordwood Masonry Workshop taught by the co-founders of Earthwood Building School,

Rob and Jaki Roy. Through a combination of lecture and hands-on learning, the sixteen students built a 64 ft² pent roof cordwood building on site in the Georgeson Botanical Garden (GBG). The project involved extensive advance planning and brought together individuals from the private sector (**Jay Quakenbush** of IBEW) and UAF departments (Facilities Services' **Jenny Campbell** from Design and Construction and GBG's **Grant Matheke** and **Pat Holloway**). GBG's **Grant Matheke** laid the foundation for the shed, built the timber framing to support the cordwood walls, finished the roof, and installed two windows and a door.



Georgeson Botanical Garden cordwood shed

WINTERmester and MAYmester 2010

Intense, fast paced, and challenging aptly describe WINTERmester and MAYmester: two-week programs in early January and in late May where students can pick up a three-credit course. Enrollments have increased dramatically over the brief history of these programs indicating that students are engaged and embrace this format.

Professor **Jim Gladden** taught PS300x in both *mesters*. When asked to comment on the efficacy of the compressed format he notes that both instructor and student must be prepared to dedicate themselves full time for the two-week duration of the course. Students in his classes commented that they were more engaged in the subject matter and thought they learned more about ethical theories and their application to moral issues than had they taken the course in the standard 14-week format.

On the International Front

WINTER CULTURAL TOUR TO TANZANIA In January of 2010, twelve Alaskans joined SSL Director **Michelle Bartlett** on a tour of one of the oldest known continuously inhabited areas on Earth: the United Republic of Tanzania in central east Africa with a side trip to the island of Zanzibar. Fifteen days were spent immersed in the diverse culture and environs through visits to schools, game reserves, markets, national parks, and the beaches of Zanzibar. While the sights, sounds and smells were memorable, the people and their industriousness were unforgettable.



Drawing by Bill Brody from Tanzania tour



Spanish Camp for kids

JAPAN AND GERMANY

Through the efforts of UAF Assistant Professor of Japanese, **David Henry**, five UAF students studied at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan for four weeks.

In a similar program six UAF students spent seven weeks in Germany. UAF Associate Professor of German **Josef Glowa** has arranged for this trip for the past three years.

"In all, the [Japanese] class work was very good, while the experience as a whole was incredible. Staying with a host family was one of the most meaningful parts of the experience, and I would recommend it to anyone interested."

—Jim Walsh, UAF student

Thank You Summer Faculty!

As a way of expressing appreciation to summer faculty, former director of UAF Summer Sessions, Jaclyn Hendrix initiated the travel awards program in 1996. In 2010, a total of \$27,500 (up from \$19,000 in 2009) was awarded to faculty members who successfully applied to the Jaclyn Hendrix Memorial Travel Awards Program. These awards are designed to assist faculty with travel costs to professional workshops.

MUSIC, EVENTS AND MORE

The Jasper String Quartet*

Graduates of the Yale Music School, the **Jasper String Quartet** set a spirited tone with their June 1 concert in the Davis Concert Hall. Their program included pieces by Leoš Janaček, György Sándor Ligeti and Bedřich Smetana. Members of

the quartet are violinists **J Freivogel** and **Sae Niwa**, violist **Sam Quintal**, and cellist **Rachel Henderson Freivogel**.



Connecting Cultures with Music

Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Award 2010 winner **Etsuko Kimura Pederson** and UAF Ph.D. student in Interdisciplinary Studies **Paul Krejci** performed a recital of Etsuko's original music for two pianos in the Davis Concert Hall on August 7. The program debuted at Japan's Tohoku University and Hokkaido University in May to honor a 15-year partnership between UAF and Tohoku University.

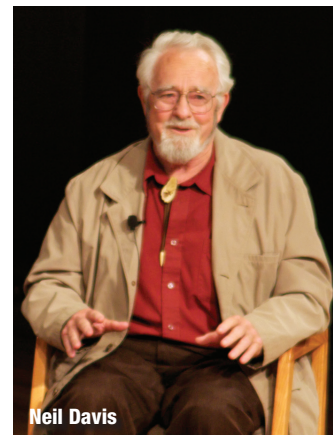


An Evening with Eric Schlosser

Author and investigative journalist **Eric Schlosser** addressed a Fairbanks audience about food in a societal context. Eric is a nationally recognized proponent of the local food movement and cautioned Alaskans to understand their dependence on grocery chain food and the vulnerability that creates. A tip of the hat to Alaska EPSCoR and Cooperative Extension Service for their magnanimous support of this event.

UAF Legacy Lecture*

The multi-faceted UAF alumnus, **Dr. T. Neil Davis** spent an evening with interviewer Robert Hannon reminiscing about his life—from a depression era child on a North Pole homestead to his 1950's UAF student life and later as a UAF professor and research scientist. Neil is a gifted storyteller and if you want a first hand history of UAF, he can provide. This event was generously supported by the UAF Alumni Association.



The View from Washington, D.C. with Libby Casey*



In mid-July with a warm "Welcome Home!" from a house full of fans, APRN's Washington correspondent, **Libby Casey** gave Alaskans insights into how they and their state is viewed by people living in the nation's capital. Libby relocated to

Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2008 shortly before the indictment of Senator Ted Stevens, immediately throwing her into the tumult of the ever-changing Alaska political scene. She spoke with frankness and humor about her job to follow the Alaska delegation in D.C. Libby's talk was supported by UAF Advancement.

Neal Conan*

In August NPR's Talk of the Nation host, **Neal Conan** presented a lecture in the Davis Concert Hall entitled *Play by Play: A Listener's Life in Public Radio*. Neal told his tale of NPR discovery and captivation: from his time in the 1960's as a teen sleeping in his dad's NY City medical office with only a radio for entertainment to his present day position with NPR and the stepping stones between. He shared his observations of how the organization has matured and grown in sophistication with its listeners. Neal's visit was made possible by the generous support of UAF Advancement.

*Podcast is archived at www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia/.



Discover Sustainable Alaska Lecture Series* and Alaska Book Festival Classics Series*

Wednesday evenings during the summer months were devoted to lectures from the *Discover Sustainable Alaska* and the *Alaska Book Festival Classics* series.

In the *Discover Sustainable Alaska* series*, speakers **Terry Chapin**, **Rich Seifert**, **Larry Landry**, the trio of **Pat Holloway**, **Katherine DiCristina**, and **Jenny Day**, and **Jessie Peterson** presented on topics ranging from “Sustaining Alaska’s Ecosystems and Cultures in a Rapidly Changing World” to “Is Alaska Sustainable?”

The Alaska Book Festival hosted a speaker series entitled *Alaska Classics**. **Tom Bundtzen** opened the series with the five must-reads in Alaska Mining and Geology. Other presenters included **Dirk Tordoff** (Alaska Aviation), poets **Derick Burleson**, **Jeanne Clark**, **Cynthia Hardy**, and **Peggy Shumaker** (Alaska Poetry), **Bruce Molnia** (Glaciology), and **Greg Hill** and **Dermot Cole** (Alaska Classics for the Newcomer to Alaska). Must-reads are listed at www.uaf.edu/bookfestival/2010/must-reads/.

The Alaska Book Festival **Gargantuan Book Sale** premiered at Pioneer Park on June 25, providing a venue for libraries and non-profits to sell overstock or discard books to the general public.

Alaskan authors **Charles Wohlforth** and **Nancy Lord** were hosted as guest speakers in late August and mid October respectively on the UAF campus.

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NEW in 2010! ASRA's Monday Marvels

“It was obvious that the four physics presenters enjoy science and are gifted in sharing it with others... A good sense of humor, dancing, and friendly banter with the kids made for a great experience.” —Jeff Drake, ASRA director

Conceived of as a science discovery night for all ages and organized by the competent hands of **Jeff Drake** and **Kate Pendleton**, the ASRA Monday Marvels lectures/demonstrations brought together ASRA associated scientists and a mixed audience of community members. Presenters included: **Tom Clausen** (*Everyday Chemistry*), **Neal Brown** (*As Seen From Above*), **Chris Watson**, **Ness Spencer**, **Daisy Huang**, and **Carl Anderson** (*Physics: It's as Sweet as Chocolate*), **John Bailey**, **Amy Rath**, and **Katie Kennedy** (*Where Am I? The What, Why, and How of Global Positioning Systems (GPS)*), **David Newman** (*The Fourth Form of Matter: Plasma*), **Peter Webley** (*The World From Above: Natural Hazards in Alaska*), **Uma Bhatt**



(*Climate Variability and Change in Alaska*), and **Ann Knowlton** (*Squidding Around: Adaptations to Life in the Ocean*).

SSLL is grateful for the partnership with ASRA and gives a thumbs up to the effort. Thank you Jeff and Kate and all the presenters for providing a summer science experience for families that they will long remember.

Really Free Market Times Two in 2010

With the success of the 2009 Really Free Market Chancellor Rogers urged the RFM committee to host two events in 2010—one on May 22 in conjunction with Interior Alaska Green Star's Recycling Roundup and the other on August 14.

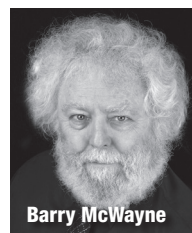
For the May RFM, items left by dorm students were collected to add to the community donations and arrangements were made for a fee-less transfer to Green Star of all leftover RFM donations of electronics.

Members of the UAF multi-departmental RFM committee include **Lydia Anderson**, **Juella Sparks**, **Sally Skrip**, **Dianne Milke**, **Pete Pinney**, **Kayt Sunwood**, **Robert Holden**, **Paul Dick**, **Michelle Bartlett** and **Doris Nichols**. Special recognition to the **Facilities Services** crew for their invaluable help with both events!

In Memoriam 2010

Summer 2010 brought losses to our community of teachers.

Barry McWayne and **June Ulz** slipped away this past summer. We offer a tribute to them and their loved ones and express our gratitude for all that they have given to the Summer Sessions program over the years. We treasure their memory and relish that they were part of our reality.



Barry McWayne

Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindnesses they shared and the love they brought into our lives. — Anonymous



June Ulz

Barry McWayne; Michelle Bartlett

Looking Forward: 2011 Calendar

WINTERmester January 3–14
MAYmester May 16–27
Six Week Session I May 23–July 1
Six Week Session II. July 6–August 12
Full Session May 31–August 12

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