

Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning does not operate in a vacuum. In 2011, all of the 250+ academic classes were collaborations with campus units. The 37 special events were supported by units across campus as well as the Fairbanks business community. Whether it is a chemistry class or the Really Free Market, there is a fabric of cooperation between individuals who want to make our campus and our community better. A huge thank you goes out to each individual and organization without whose help SSLL could not thrive. This report reflects but a fraction of those relationships. A special thanks goes to Dirk Tordoff, film archivist and creator of the summer film series *Reel History*. His genius for knowing Alaskan films and making them available to the general public provided hours of enjoyment for hundreds of summer visitors, students and Fairbanksans. He is just one example of how working together, we can be more responsive to our campus and the community it serves. Each year we welcome the collaborative opportunities that come our way. To paraphrase an adage, "if the attitude is right, the ability to turn ideas into reality will follow."


Michelle Bartlett
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NEW IN 2011

THE SWEET SUMMER DEAL A new and exciting financial aid addition encouraging students to attend full time in the summer was the **Sweet Summer Deal (SSD)**. Students took up to 14 credits and

only paid for 10 credits, if each course was completed with a "C" or better. To sweeten the deal, Residence Life in cooperation with Student Services provided those students living on campus with a 28% discount on housing.



LAW & ORDER FAIRBANKS The newest addition to our array of youth programs was **Law & Order Fairbanks: Inside the Criminal Justice System**, piquing the interest of junior and senior high school students on the inner workings of

today's criminal justice system. Professor **Ed Husted**, Coordinator of the Community and Technical College's Paralegal Program and Assistant Professor **Mike Daku** of UAF's Justice Department created this week-long camp, offering students an opportunity to explore the many facets of law enforcement agencies throughout Fairbanks. A grant from the State of Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice provided scholarships for eligible students.

WINTERMESTER LECTURE Our first ever WINTERmester public event was a free, two-evening lecture by **Neal Brown** on the aurora borealis. Each evening 100 eager individuals were treated to the science and spectacle of the aurora. Enthusiastic feedback was the impetus for making future WINTERmester lectures an annual event.



Neal Brown

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS This summer, **Jacqueline Clark**, studying to become a medical assistant in UAF's College of Rural and Community Development and **Kalesha Pearson**, a psychology student in UAF's College of Liberal Arts were the recipients of the inaugural \$500 **R.G. and Onnie V. Bouchum/La Shina Jones Memorial Scholarships**, which seeks out driven, undergraduate UAF students pursuing their first degree. Congratulations to Jaqueline and Kalesha.



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA FAIRBANKS

ACADEMICS

Compression Courses

WINTERMESTER A huge sign of success was our WINTERmester enrollments. 2011 yielded an enrollment increase of 28.6% over 2010 and an impressive 56.8% increase overall since WINTERmester began in 2009. Additionally, the number of student credit hours has increased by 64.2% since 2009.

MAYMESTER Continuing the popular trend of two-week compression courses, MAYmester is a desirable option for many students at the start of the summer. Course offerings have quadrupled since MAYmester was introduced in 2007 as we continually strive to meet the course needs of students. Additionally, since 2009, enrollments have increased by 36.8% and student credit hours increased by 21.8%.

TRAVEL

International Education Trips Provide Insights



PERU AND THE AMAZON Steaming down the Amazon in a turn of the 20th century boat provided a unique beginning for 17 individuals who took part in a two-week educational adventure to Peru in October 2010. The program included a week on the Amazon as well as ascending to the heights of Machu Picchu. Incan culture and the flora and fauna of the area were mesmerizing.

PORTUGAL In October 2011, a group of 19 spent two weeks learning about the political, cultural and natural history of Portugal. The odyssey began and ended in Lisbon, but traveled to the Roman City of Evora, through the vineyards of the Duro Valley, and to the northern port of Porto as well as the ancient capital of Coimbra and its university dating back to 1537. The trip was stunning on many levels and included a briefing by the US Ambassador.



LECTURE SERIES

Alaska's Land and Sea

The Alaska Sea Grant College Program and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service joined forces to provide a new **Alaska's Land and Sea** lecture series which

interested over 300 people throughout the summer. Lectures included: *Cooking with Alaska Barley* with **Kate Idzorek**; *Life on the Beach* with **Marilyn Sigman** and **Kurt Byers**; *Sustainable UAF: Moving Forward* with **Michele Hebert**; *Oysters A – Z* with **Ray RaLonde**; *Food, Housing and Health: The Three Pillars of Sustainable Living* with **Rich Seifert**; *Trawlers, Trollers and Tenders: Commercial Fishing in Alaska* with **Sunny Rice**; *Integrated Pest Management for the Home Gardener: Pests and Beneficial Insects* with **Corlene Rose**; *Faces of Climate Change and Adapting to Climate Change* with **Deborah Mercy**; *Fermentation: A New Look at an Old Preservation Method* with **Marsha Munsell**; and finally, *Giant Pacific Octopus: The Eight-Legged Wonder of the World* with **Reid Brewer**.

Family Cultural Night

The **Family Cultural Nights**, spotlighting various staff and faculty members of UAF's international population, attracted people of all ages. Presenters included **Shirish Patil** from India; **Jamila Hla Shwe** from the Czech Republic; **Etsuko Kimura Pederson** and friends from Japan; sisters **Josie Wooding** and **Elena Sparrow** from the Philippines; **Raaj Kurapati**, an Indian who grew up in Micronesia; **Josef Glowa** from Germany and **Juan Goula** and **Ana Richards** from Mexico and Panama respectively. Presentations included cultural perspective, food, dance and fun for all ages.

Discover Alaska Lecture Series

Discover Alaska, co-sponsored by the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, continues to be well received by the Fairbanks community with over 600 attendees throughout the summer. This summer's lectures included *Gardening in the Interior* with **Ann Roberts**; *Peonies: Varieties and Horticulture* with **Jan Hanscom**; *Climate Change* with **John Walsh**; *The Changing Arctic Landscape* with **Ken Tape**; *All About Alaska Blueberries* with **Pat Holloway** and **Tom Kuhn**; *Rebirth in the Aleutians: Kasatochi Survivors: Insects after the Eruption* with **Derek Sikes**; *Thrice Warmed: Heating with Wood* with **John Davies** and **Colin Craven**; *Building Community Resilience and Self-Reliance through Local Food* with **Lissa Hughes**; and *Ethnobotany: Traditional Uses and Knowledge of Native Plants* with **Amy Breen** and **Rose Meier**.



All Summer@UAF lectures can be viewed at
www.uaf.edu/summer/multimedia/

SPECIAL EVENTS

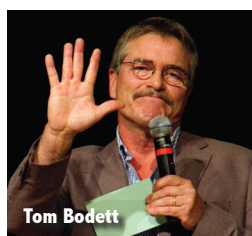
2011 Legacy Lecture: Joe Usibelli, Sr.

Joe Usibelli, the 1992 Outstanding Philanthropist in Alaska, provided interviewer Robert Hannon with inspiring tales of

hard work and success at this year's annual Legacy Lecture. From humble beginnings in a small log cabin in Suntrana, Alaska, to present day Chairman of the Board at the Usibelli Coal Mine, Joe guided listeners through his impressive life. This event was made possible with the generous support of the **UAF Alumni Association**.



An Evening with Tom Bodett



Former Homer resident and NPR personality **Tom Bodett** was welcomed back to Alaska for a free one-man show this summer. The evening yielded stories of his life in Alaska and memoirs of his journey to "fame" with a healthy dose of laughter throughout. This event was

generously supported by **Robinson & Associates, PC, Alaska Airlines, Bridgewater Hotel – A Fine Fountainhead Hotel, Riverboat Discovery, Camp Denali, Follett** and the **Northern Alaska Tour Company**.

Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!

The Peabody Award-winning news quiz show **Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!** graced Fairbanks this summer, bringing in fans from across the state. Scorekeeper Carl Kasell and host Peter Sagal grilled panelists Paula Poundstone, Adam Felbur and Tom Bodett on the eccentricities of the world's current events. Homer resident Captain Andy Hillstrand, from the Discovery Channel's *Deadliest Catch*, joined the *Wait Wait* cast and crew live to play "Not My Job." The Fairbanks show can still be heard by going to the *Wait Wait* website. This event was made possible with the generous support of the **Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, KUAC, Alaska Airlines, If Only...A Fine Store, Bridgewater Hotel–A Fine Fountainhead Hotel, Riverboat Discovery, Camp Denali, Northern Alaska Tour Company** and **Kantishna Air**.



Debra Blum



With tales of mobs, murders, hunches and forensic certainties, Pulitzer Prize-winning science writer **Debra Blum** captivated the audience who attended her evening July lecture, "Cocktails & Cyanide". She shared tales of clever homicidal killers and early scientists who contributed to the rapid development of toxicology in the 1920s and '30s. **UAF's Cooperative Extension Service** generously supported this event.

The Jasper String Quartet

The **Jasper String Quartet** made a return visit to Alaska, offering a compelling evening of chamber music by Beethoven, Kernis and Brahms. Members of the quartet are violinists J Freivogel and Sae Chonabayashi, cellist Rachel Henderson Freivogel and Fairbanks' own, violist Sam Quintal. The evening was made possible with the support of **If Only...A Fine Store** and **Juneau Jazz Classics**.



Two Pianos

Also rejoining us this summer were 2010 Rasmuson Project Grant recipient **Etsuko Kimura Pederson** and doctor of ethnomusicology **Paul Krejci**. On July 7, they presented an evening performance of Etsuko's original, modern music for two pianos. The concert was generously supported by the **Rasmuson Foundation**.

Love & Logic



Jedd Hafer of the Love & Logic Institute provided a popular in-service workshop for teachers of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, an enthusiastically received lecture: *Raising Great Kids Who Can Handle Life's Challenges Without Breaking a Sweat* and an effective presentation on *Applying Love and Logic Strategies with Special Needs Children*. Jedd's visit left attendees

requesting similar opportunities down the road. These events were kindly sponsored by the **Fairbanks Resource Agency, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, UAF Center for Distance Education and Open Arms Child Development Center.**

UAF's Golden Days Parade entry wins top prize

For the past three years UAF has participated in the Golden Days parade. What began as a small core of participants representing ten units has grown to 30 units participating. From the beginning, the **School of Natural Resources Management** has led the way with its tractor pulling a musical group from the **Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival**. In 2010, music professors **Karen Gustafson** and **Jim Bicigo** organized a marching band that added to the enjoyment of all. This year there were over 225 individuals and dozens of units participating, each carrying a banner reflecting UAF's wide

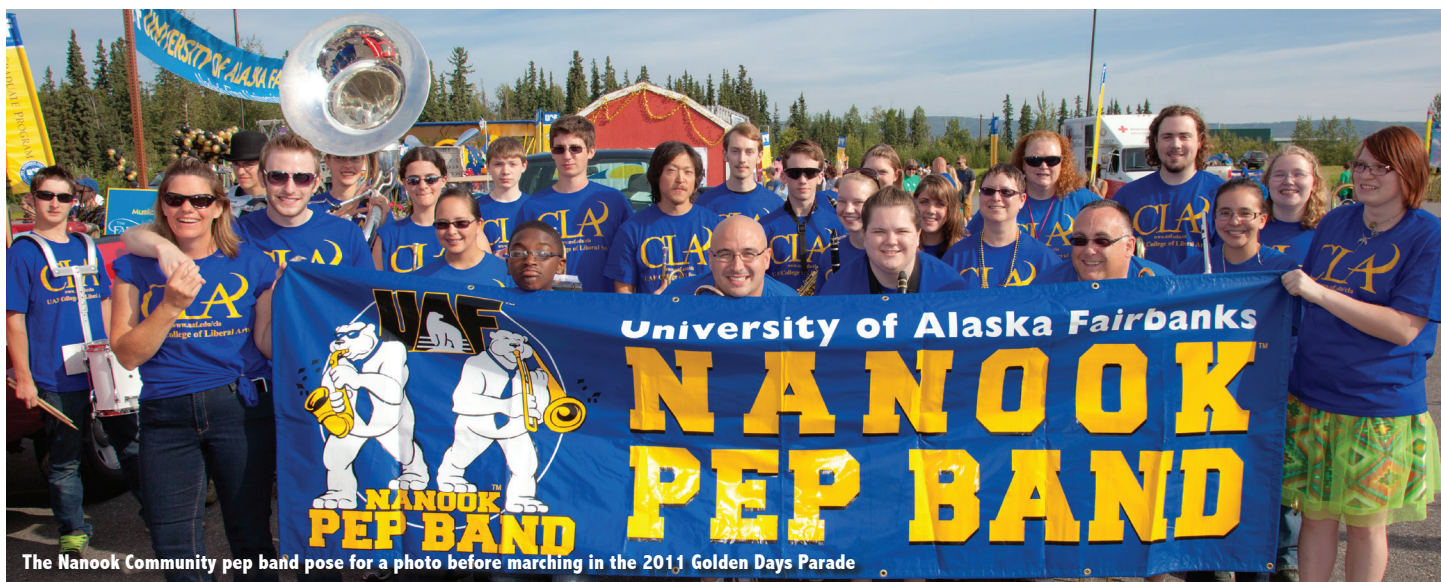
diversity. UAF was given this year's award for the best entry by a non-profit organization.

The Really Free Market Times Three

In 2009, the **Really Free Market** began as the ultimate recycling event. Working with volunteers across campus, this Saturday event became an instant hit in the Fairbanks community. The success brought a decision to have two each summer, one in June as well as August. This year a third event was added in early October directly aimed at students. Hundreds of students came to Wood Center to get warm clothing, household goods and sporting equipment. Volunteers from the **STRIVE** and **Alpha Phi Omega** organizations assisted to make this event a success that will be repeated in the years to come.



The Really Free Market in August 2011



The Nanook Community pep band pose for a photo before marching in the 2011 Golden Days Parade

Looking Forward: 2012 Calendar

WINTERmester	January 4 – 18
MAYmester	May 14 – 25
Six-week Summer Session I	May 29 – July 3
Full Summer Session	May 29 – August 17
Six-week Summer Session II	July 9 – August 17

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