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## — UAS Answers — *everybody's got one ...*

*Do you read UAS's student newspaper, the Whalesong?*



"We have a student newspaper?"

-Holly Fisher, Social Science



"No. Too much stuff about vegans."

-Adelle LaBrecque, Creative Writing



"Nah. I don't think it's very good."

-Erin Laughlin, Accounting



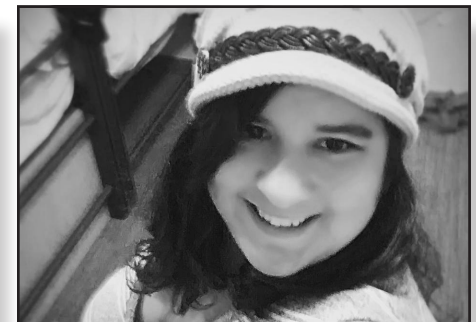
"They do bad reviews. 'Logan' didn't deserve seven stars."

-Dyllyn Peterson, Creative Writing



"Sometimes. To be honest, it just depends whether I feel like it or not."

-Daniel Piscoya, English Literature



"No."

-Madi Willard, Biology

— A Letter from the Maniac —

# UAS Needs More Signs, Office Space

In order to survive the current budget crisis, the University needs to consider playing harder to get - at this point, the only way to increase enrollment is to build more signs and renovate more offices for our faculty and staff.

**BY DANIEL PISCOYA**

*Maniac, UAS Bullkelp*

The scheduled renovations of the office buildings on campus have been running apace for a few years now - but will it be enough to fulfil the University's vision of a student-centered campus?

Pursuant to what Chancellor-Emeritus John Pugh once dubbed a "core-campus mentality," the current cycle of renovations began with the most important elements of campus: the Office of the Chancellor and the IT department. However, while the University's expansion of faculty office space in the Whitehead building and new signs on Mendenhall Loop are admirable, I'm worried that they won't be enough to get the point across: that the university cares deeply about its students.

The only way that the University will attract more students - something that our falling admissions numbers indicates we have failed to do - is to prove that the University cares about its students. And the only way to really prove that the University cares is to make it seem like it doesn't.

If current trends in admissions and UAS's history with renovations teach us anything,

it's that UAS has to play harder to get if we're going to survive the state's budget crisis.

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As a remedy for this failure, I would suggest that planned UA tuition hikes

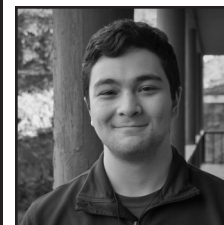
proceed on schedule, but paired with shutting down alt-textbook movements and encouraging professors to utilize key-code style homework systems alongside their current textbook selections. You can't really trust 'free books' anyway, no matter what Friends of the Library would have you believe.

I would also suggest that UAS immediately stop offering the recently-incorporated campus shuttle service. Students attending classes at the Anderson building may become complacent about their education if they aren't constantly in danger of being run over while walking to class. You don't really need coffee if you have adrenaline, too, so it's good for student budgets.

Finally, I would suggest cutting the UAS Whalesong. What a waste of time and budget, right? Those slackers need to go out and get a real job.

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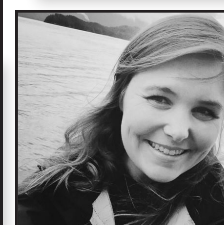
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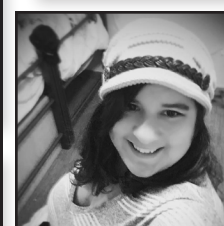
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Turn your articles into fleas, harmless little fleas, then put the fleas into a box, then put that box inside another box, mail that box to us, and when it arrives...

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# Whales to Skip Annual Visit to Juneau, Citing New Migration Taxes



“We need these new taxes. The area only gets so much money as it is, and we lose a lot of food and space to the part-timers every year. They think they’re really cool coming up to Alaska, but the second it gets a little colder; bam! They’re all ‘Aloha, dude! See you next summer!’ It’s a pain in the tail to have them popping in and out all the time, eating our fish, and taking our photo ops. Maybe this way they’ll either pay a little back, or they’ll just stay away. Darn tourists,” says Willy, a local resident.

Translation from Whale to English was provided by a local speaker. He swears this is what they said and, given that nobody at the Bullkelp speaks whale, we have to take his word for it.

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The City and Borough of Juneau’s decision to begin taxing Orca and Humpback whales sparked debate among pods.

## BY HOLLY FISHER

*Procrastinator, UAS Bullkelp*

2017 seasonal orca and humpback whale tourism has been greatly impacted by new Juneau city and borough tax increases.

With the state budget still under consideration, and debates regarding possible income and property taxes just beginning to heat up, a new Whale Tourism Tax was enacted for the 2017 season. This hotly debated move caused great uproar the months preceding its enactment. The new tax was formed based on the amount of local sea life eaten by part-time resident whales, and how much space they require to safely swim. The financial boom from whale watching tours, and tourist business in general, offset these considerations towards a lower tax rate. The new fees will take effect in early April, just in time for the first of the travelers to arrive.

Beginning mid-March, numerous orca pods and

humpback whale gams have announced their decision not to return to Juneau for this upcoming summer.

Part-time resident whales have heavily protested the idea since it’s proposal. Certain whales have returned early to start an appeals process against the new ordinance. One such individual has been repeatedly spotted behind the UAS Anderson building, apparently taking a break from his efforts against the new law. More active protests have taken the form of heavily splashed boats, animal carcasses on docks, and unseasonably early blowhole

sightings.

Local orca opinion is divided on the subject. Some consider limiting outside interest a dangerous element for the economy, and others are concerned about an infringement

pro-tax viewpoint.

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“We love coming up into the Inside Passage each year, we really do. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to pay just to pop in for a few months. Many of us have calves to care for, and are already paying a lot in travel fees. . . [this] really punches some holes in good old fashioned Alaskan hospitality.”

on whale traveling rights in the region.

Other locals, however, have welcomed the taxation. Willy, a resident of the nearby area, was willing to speak to us about his

the second it gets a little colder; bam! They’re all ‘Aloha, dude! See you next summer!’ It’s a pain in the tail to have them popping in and out all the time, eating our fish, and taking our photo ops.

Maybe this way they’ll either pay a little back, or they’ll just stay away. Darn tourists.”\*

We reached out to the seasonal communities as well, and received a brief response from one

humpback traveler.

“We love coming up into the Inside Passage each year, we really do. Juneau has been one of my favorite destinations for years. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to pay just to pop in for a few months. Many of us have calves to care for, and are already paying a lot in travel fees. Traveling from Hawaii is not cheap! It just seems like such a waste of business, and really punches some holes in good old fashioned Alaskan hospitality.”

Petunia, mother of a calf on his first trip north, spoke to us from her winter home near the island of Kauai.

Some gams and pods have said they will challenge these taxes in the court system, but so far no official case has been filed.

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# UA System Votes to Cut Entirety of UAS



“While I am saddened by the decision, now UAA and UAF won’t have to cut their funding so much,” said President Jim Johnsen.

Photos by Staff Writer Erin Laughlin.

In a bid to show the legislature what-for, the UA System voted to “put UAS out of its misery,” adding, “I hope you’re happy, Senate Finance Subcommittee!”

**BY ERIN LAUGHLIN**

*Procrastinator, UAS Bullkelp*

The University of Alaska Board of Regents called for an emergency meeting the evening of March 31 to discuss the future, or lack, of UAS.

Board of Regents have decided, in a not so surprising turn of events, to put UAS out of its misery.

According to FY2018 Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee narrative report, the Alaska Senate’s new proposal for the university is \$309 million, much less than the originally UA Board of Regents proposed \$341 million.

Board of Regents member and Juneau resident Kenneth Fisher said, “With all the budget cuts we just felt a drastic change was needed.”

“Our goal is for UAS to be seen as a martyr to the Alaskan government and public eye,” Fisher added.

While Juneau based Board of Regents members voted to disband UAS in order to send a message, some Anchorage and Fairbanks members confessed to ulterior motives.

Board of Regents member John Davies said “I admit I really wanted to get the School of Education to Fairbanks and this seemed like a great opportunity to do that.”

This past Dec., the UA Board of Regents voted to consolidate the university system’s three schools of education into a single College of Education headquartered in Juneau, in an effort to increase the number of teacher graduates and streamline the administration.

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UAA and UAF students reported seeing education faculty at both universities celebrating with parties and bouncy houses.

A UAF student said “I thought it was strange how all the faculty was in such a good mood, one of my professors brought brownies to class today.”

UA President Jim Johnsen said in an official statement, “While I am saddened by the decision, now UAA and UAF won’t have to cut their funding so much.”

Board of Regents member John Davies said “I admit I really wanted to get the School of Education to Fairbanks and this seemed like a great opportunity to do that.”

UAS students are livid with the decision. In an emergency student meeting every single UAS student agreed to attend colleges out of state, refusing to support a UA system where UAS does not exist.

UAS student Adelle LaBrecque said “I am so disappointed with the decision. UAS is a wonderful school and can not imagine the UA system without it.”

UAS students plan on holding a silent vigil to mourn the loss of the school.

## — UAS In Brief —

A selection of fake news from the University of Alaska Southeast.

### SPIKE THE WHALE TAKES EARLY RETIREMENT DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

JUNEAU – Citing the failure of the legislature to meet the University of Alaska’s budget requests, the University of Alaska Southeast announced Friday that longtime mascot Dr. Spike the Whale will be taking an early retirement, effective Monday.

Dr. Whale has been the mascot for UAS since 1980, according to the UAS website. Although he is a UAS graduate in Marine Biology, obtained a masters in Oceanology

from UAF, and received his doctorate of philosophy in Zoology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr. Whale accepted a position as mascot for UAS with some zeal.

“I got the job as mascot here when UAS was still UAJ! When you’ve got as many student loans as I have, you take what you can get. I was tired of ramen getting stuck in my baleen,” Whale said.

When asked what he’ll do next, Whale shook his head.

“Everything that I’ve ever done was with the University - all my job experience, my whole life. I wish they would keep me. Maybe Manoa will take me.”

Both the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the President declined comment.

For more information about Dr. Whale’s time at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, visit the UAS website at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/dir/spike.html>.

### UAS RESIDENCE LIFE CONTRACTS WITH ASPIRING STUDENT CHEF FOR SCHEDULED FIRE DRILLS

JUNEAU – “One man cooking bacon may help save lives,” says a Residence Life spokesperson on the planned early-morning fire drills.

The drills, which Residence Life is planning to execute between 3 and 7 a.m. Monday mornings, were inspired by the exploits of a resident student chef earlier this semester. The student in question, who requests to remain anonymous, contributed

to fire-preparedness in little, unassuming ways, such as cooking bacon, making popcorn, or baking frozen pizza. Community Advisors across housing are calling him a local hero.

The regularity of the events is what first got Residence Life interested.

“We started noticing that the fire alarms were happening with clockwork regularity every few weeks between the hours of midnight to 3 a.m. They inspired us to take student safety more seriously. So we’ve contracted with this student hero to implement regular early-morning fire drills.”

This way, the Residence Life spokesperson said, “students will know what to do when anyone else cooks bacon.”

For more information about fire safety in Residence Life at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, visit the UAS website at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/students/guide/health/fire-safety.html>.

These press releases did not come from the Office of the Chancellor. They were purchased at cost from a sweatshop in China. However, the design is 100 percent locally sourced.

## Whalesong Invited to White House Correspondents’ Dinner

In lieu of the President, who will not be attending, the White House Correspondents Association invited UAS’s student newspaper.



“We are pleased and excited to invite the UAS Whalesong to the annual White House Correspondents’ dinner, due to some peoples’ complete lack of sense of humor we have been able to invite many more publications.” Image from public domain. Retrieved from the Wikimedia Commons.

**BY ERIN LAUGHLIN**

*Procrastinator, UAS Bullkelp*

While President Donald Trump and White House staff will not be in attendance at White House Correspondents’ annual dinner on April 29, White House Correspondents Association invited UAS Whalesong staff instead.

“The WHCA takes note of President Donald Trump’s announcement on Twitter that he does not plan to attend the dinner, which has been and will continue to be a celebration of the First Amendment and the important role played by an independent news media in a healthy republic” said WHCA President Jeff Mason in a Feb 25 statement.

The White House informed the White House Correspondents’ Association of the staff’s decision on the night Tuesday, March 28 according to TIME.

The Whalesong office received the invitation to the dinner immediately after the announcement.

In the invitation WHCA writes, “We are pleased and excited to invite the UAS Whalesong to the annual White House Correspondents’ dinner, due to some peoples’ complete lack of sense of humor we have been able to invite many more publications.”

Mason met with the President late Tuesday “We made clear in our meeting tonight that President Trump, Vice President Pence, and White House staff continue to be welcome to join us at this dinner.”

“But if I am being completely honest we don’t really want him there, the guy can’t take a joke” Mason added.

UAS Whalesong Editor Daniel Piscoya says he excited for the opportunity to attend such a prestigious event and potentially meet Stephen Colbert.

“I wanna challenge [Colbert] to a Lord of the Rings trivia contest,” said Piscoya.

The WHCA invitation closes by saying, “Bring your xtratuffs, the swamp hasn’t been drained yet.”



## Rep. Justin Parish Found on Mars

Rep. Justin Parish, State House.  
Photos by Staff Writer Erin Laughlin.

In a turn of events that baffled physicists but did not surprise friends, the State House Rep. was spotted by Curiosity on Mars.

### BY DYLYN PETERSON

*Procrastinator, UAS Bullkelp*

At the same time he was spotted at Food Sovereignty Friday, Justin Parish was discovered on Mars, shaking hands with the Curiosity rover.

This news comes alongside the official announcement of the Justin Parish clone army, which aims to decrease Justin's travel budget, previously estimated at over \$2 million. How he made it to the Red Planet is a mystery, especially because he maintained his perfectly-kept facial hair. Even NASA was baffled, although our insider notes that they were,

“wholly unsurprised by the discovery.”

It is the understanding of this newspaper that Parish travels primarily through an underreported network of underground tubes crisscrossing throughout Juneau, quietly funded by a state representative. Prior to utilizing a clone army, Parish primarily kept up his public appearances through a number of lookalike agents, but thorough investigations discovered a series of inquiries which were effective in determining whether the Parish

was legitimate. It is unknown at this time whether the clones have

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been grown with enough memory to be able to create a false positive under this line of questioning, although it is suspected it should

take only six or seven questions to tell.

Requests to speak with Parish's press team about why he has abandoned the series of tubes have gone unanswered, but one of the engineers involved with the project said, “The pipes weren't designed to take this kind of stress. We've had to make more repairs since the Parish campaign began than we have in ten years. One of the boys on my team told me that there were even collisions.” Despite the Bull Kelp's best efforts, we have not been able

to find whoever Parish collided with, although it is reasonable to guess it might've been one of his lookalikes.

Interviews with the genetics team behind the clone army have revealed that the clones have an expected lifespan of two years, or the expected length of one term in the Alaska House of Representatives. While it is unknown at this time how Parish has funded this with a base salary of only \$50,000, the possibility of recursive time paradoxes cannot be disproved under current understandings of quantum mechanics.

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# ON CAMPUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAR. 32

**A Band You've Never Heard Of**, 7 p.m., Recreation Center. Join the Student Activities Board for a surprisingly good concert by a band you've never heard of! Hosted by the Recreation Center, this concert was put together by a few, a happy few, a band of brothers (and sisters) who worked their fingers to the bone so that you could come and sit in chairs while a band from out of town makes introductory jokes about the rain.

MONDAY, MAR. 34

**Fire Drill**, 3 a.m., Residence Life. Please join us for our first planned fire drill, facilitated by Residence Life! Sponsored by Fred Meyer Select bacon, a resident aspiring chef, and our very own sensitive smoke detectors. You gotta be here!

**Noontime Cardio**, noon, Recreation Center. Because now you have no excuse for being fat and happy eating junk food

and playing video games every night. Get off your butt and participate in this epic guilt-trip that may actually help your mental and physical discipline, health, and employability. Imagine that!

TUESDAY, MAR. 35

**Intramurals**, 7 p.m., Recreation Center. Get your butt whooped at Basketball as you slowly realize that the opposing team is made up entirely of childhood friends from a small town on Prince of Whales or around Bethel. Yeah, the NBA has nothing on these guys.

FRIDAY, MAR. 45

**Literary-Journal-That-You-Always Meant-to-Submit-To,-But-Kept-Putting-it-Off Launch**, 7 p.m., Egan Library. Experience the annual surge of regret that accompanies seeing your friends' poems in print but not your own. Buy a book as a reminder and have them sign it as consolation.

# OFF CAMPUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAR. 32

**A Bunch of Drunk Dudes Staring**, 11 p.m., A Bar Downtown. A bar downtown is flying in specially-trained female entertainers from down south, and has enough beer to back up the 'specially-trained' part of the claim. Police appearance likely to follow.

SUNDAY, MAR. 33

**Folk Music at a Restaurant**, 7 p.m., a restaurant. These folk enthusiasts have learned to keep folk fest alive in their hearts the whole year - they will not shut out the lessons it teaches! Sponsored by the Ghosts of Folkfest Past, Folkfest Present, and Folkfest Yet to Come.

MONDAY, MAR. 34

**A Language-Learner's Group that Deserves More Attention**, noon, a library. This language did not come all this way to die now, but boy could it use more learners! Note: Language may be Tlingit, Haida, or Tsimshian - it still could use more learners.

TUESDAY, MAR. 35

**Mudrooms**, 7 p.m., Northern Light United Church. It's that event that happens every month that your COMM professor recommended, but you've never gone to. You should. It's fun.

THURSDAY, MAR. 37

**The Third Perseverance Play This Month - Seriously, Where Do They Find the Time?**, 7:30 p.m., Perseverance Theatre. This play was well-rehearsed, the set was well-built, the sound design is exquisite, and it's only been a week since the last play finished! Do these people sleep? We'll never know.

**Tango Dancing**, 7 p.m., a dance studio. Tango dancing? Yes, Tango dancing.

To submit a calendar event or club, send the event/club name, meeting time, date, location, and contact information to uas.whalesong@alaska.edu. We'll probably forget to put it in, though.

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