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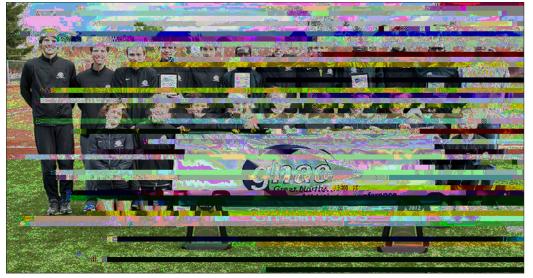
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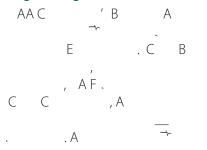
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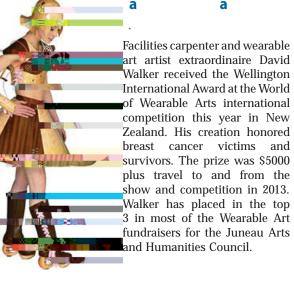
This past summer, UAS Assistant Professor of Political Science Glenn Wright spent three months in Uganda, preparing the groundwork for a study on forest conservation in developing countries. There, he worked with a group of ecologists, mathematicians, and social scientists to test an experiment which will be used to study why some groups of people can effectively conserve forested lands while others seem unable. The experiment takes the form of a game where players attempt to manage a "forest" made up of wooden blocks. Next year, Glenn will return to Uganda with his colleagues to carry out the experiment in four rural sites, and a second team will go to Bolivia to carry out the same experiment. Results should help us understand how to encourage conservation in settings like Uganda and Bolivia, where deforestation is a serious problem.



*Glenn Wright and Ugandan participants in a forest conservation experiment.* 



The Alaska Humanities Forum board of directors named its new executive committee at its annual October meeting in Anchorage. The board also welcomed three new board members: Ernestine Hayes, an assistant professor of English at the University of Alaska Southeast; Mike Chmielewski of Palmer, chief operating officer at Radio Free Palmer and Pauline Morris of Kwethluck, a secondary teacher at Ket'acik Aap'alluk Memorial School.



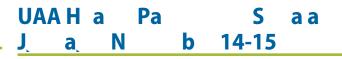
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Associate Professor of Anthropology Erica Hill travelled to Washington D.C. to attend the Inuit Studies conference at the Smithsonian Institution. Erica presented a paper called "Towards an Arctic Prehistory of Place." She spent two days doing research in the Smithsonian anthropology collections looking at 19th century Yup'ik and Inupiaq ivories, painted wooden bowls and ladles. She also attended an Inuit art exhibition at the Canadian Embassy and visited the "Circle of Animals" art installation by Ai Weiwei at the Hirschhorn Museum.



UAA nursing and health programs leadership visited Juneau on Nov. 14 and Sitka on Nov. 15 to meet with UAS faculty and staff and also to participate jointly in meetings with SE Alaska healthcare employers. The goal is to develop common awareness of education and training needs and strategies across the UA system to meet those needs. With Alaska's Health Care and Social Assistance industries expected to grow by more than 30 percent by 2020, these connections will be increasingly more important.



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Yukon College faculty member Randall Tetlichi of the Gwitch'in First Nation was on the UAS campus as an Elder in Residence November 5-9. Mr. Tetlichi visited several classes, including the UAS freshman seminar and philosophy studies, the Wooch.een club at the Native Rural Student Center, and **PITAAS** (Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska Schools) students. He was the featured speaker at a well attended Evening at Egan, Friday November 9. Mr. Tetlichi is widely respected as an esteemed teacher, community healer, and tradition bearer, and is featured in the 2012 UAS One Campus One Book selection, Being Caribou by Karsten Heuer.

Mr. Tetlichi is from a family of 16 children, and was raised in the village



of Old Crow with the Vuntut Gwitchin tribe. Growing up and as a young man, he lived a traditional life. He was taught by 9 0 05as Chin trI MrAS Onehos as wrars@n Heuer