

Extra Credit



Look for the Nanook?

The UAF Nanook is hidden somewhere on the front cover of this issue and the past three issues. (No, not the bear in the logo at the bottom. We mean hidden.) The first person to e-mail aurora@uaf.edu with the correct location on all four covers wins a prize. View all issues of *Aurora* at www.uaf.edu/aurora/. Happy hunting!

Q.
What's this contraption and what's it doing on the Fairbanks campus?

A.
Find out on page 5.

Lucy's Dance teaches Yup'ik traditions

The University of Alaska Press will publish *Lucy's Dance*, a new children's book written by Deb Vanasse and illustrated by Nancy Slagle, in May. It is a story about the return of traditional dancing in one Yup'ik village and how a little girl helps set things in motion for her grandfather to demonstrate old-style dancing. The story refers to Yup'ik traditions such as storytelling through dancing, drumming, singing, gift giving and the use of dance fans. Readers learn the meaning of Yup'ik words such as *uppa*, *akutaq* and *kuspaq*. The role of the dance stick is central to the story.



There will be a simultaneous release of a Yup'ik edition of the book. True to its cultural context, the book was reviewed by Theresa John, an associate professor with the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, and her sister Agatha John-Shields, an assistant professor of education at UAA.



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Come out and play

(back cover photo answer)

A disc golf course was installed on the Fairbanks campus last year. Frisbee enthusiasts (and regular folks) can play through 18 holes scattered across campus. At each location the bright yellow cage captures your frisbee — unless, of course, you miss.



Download a map and rules of the course at www.uaf.edu/campusmap/.

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Usibelli Coal mines minds

The Usibelli Coal Mine donated \$165,000 to two scholarships. The Usibelli Mining Scholarship is a four-year scholarship for College of Engineering and Mines students studying mining or geological engineering; the new Usibelli Coal Mine Diesel/Heavy Equipment Certificate Scholarship supports students in the UAF Community and Technical College's diesel and heavy equipment certificate program.

Did you know?

... a construction company clearing land for the Bunnell Building in the mid-50s hauled off the university cornerstone with other construction debris. (Oops!) It was soon returned and was rededicated in 1962 in the spot where it sits today.