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“Live your life with reverence for life itself”

Lessons of gratitude and respect from a Yukon River village

Story and photos by John Lyle

Golden birch leaves set against a slate-blue sky and formations of geese move me to reflect on another passing season, on not only how people in our lives may come and go and then come back again, but how seemingly different events and encounters — even those separated by many years — are interwoven.

A recent phone call from an old friend, Philip “Tucker” Semaken, was a prompt to dig out photographs from time spent living and teaching in the middle Yukon River Koyukon Athabascan village of Kaltag. It’s always heartwarming to hear Tucker’s distinctive voice and hearty laugh. As we spoke I gazed at the photos, many of former students. In one, smiling skiers pause atop a bluff with the mountains behind them. Many are now parents or grandparents, and, sadly, some have passed. Yet the strength of their characters is very much alive in their faces.

I first arrived in the Kaltag in late August 1980. On the mail plane from Galena I sat next to Marylene Esmailka, whose kind eyes spoke of hope and acceptance. “You’ll like Kaltag,” she said. “It’s a beautiful place. You’ll see.”

Near the end of the flight Marylene touched my arm and raised her eyebrows, looking toward the front of the plane. Appearing on the horizon was the Yukon River, and perched above it on the bluff was the village. Beyond lay dense forests and the Kaltag Mountains, which captured the brilliant fall colors in the late afternoon light.

▲ *Kaltag is an Athabascan village perched on the west bank of the Yukon River in the Yukon-Koyukuk region of Alaska.*

Soon after arriving, I was invited to dinner by Edgar Kallends, a former riverboat captain and a veteran of the original, 1925 Nome serum run. He and his wife, Virginia, operated the post office and a small general store. Over moose soup and fish strips they shared stories about Kaltag in earlier times, when riverboats took passengers and supplies to villages along the river. Edgar recounted the massive amounts of wood used to fuel the steam engines and the attention to detail needed to pilot boats up and down continually changing river channels.

Mentioning the high attrition rate of rural teachers, I asked Ed and Virginia for guidance. "It's pretty simple," Ed said with a smile. "Love the children, help the elders, laugh at yourself."

Like many rural teachers I prepared for numerous classes spanning multiple grades each day. Most subjects were of personal interest, such as Alaska Native land claims, health and nutrition, child development, and world geography. But just as important was what I'd learn as a student myself.

After school, students would run or ski, not so much to train for competition as for the love of exploring the backcountry.

And later on, to prepare for ski treks to the Bering Sea.

In 1980, four students in the Alaska Native land claims class proposed a cross country skiing field trip to Unalakleet. They set a goal of skiing 500 miles to prepare for it. Tommy Neglaska, Peter Nickoli, Jerry Nicholas and John Allan "Jake" Semaken inscribed each day's skiing mileage on a wall chart in the ski closet. When they added up the figures, the students realized they'd far surpassed their goal, which only increased their resolve to succeed.

The motivations for the field trip were many: to test physical limits; to feed a desire for exploration; to step into a new cultural experience; and to learn by experience some of the challenges and insights gleaned by the elders from years past. And not insignificant was that students simply hoped to have an awesome adventure in beautiful, wild country.

► Philip "Tucker" Semaken drives his dogs to the start of a sled dog race in Kaltag in 1981.

Tucker and his dog team, and another person pulling a sled by snowmachine, gave us critical support, allowing us to ski the 90 miles in three days. Our route was the Iditarod Trail over the Kaltag Mountains to the Unalakleet River, and then into the Inupiaq village of Unalakleet. Rugged, exposed terrain tested our mettle with overflow on the Unalakleet River, powerful headwinds crossing the flats and whiteouts near the Whale Back Mountains. On the third day a chance encounter with Alan Soosuk boosted our spirits. Soosuk, from Unalakleet, was ice fishing on the Unalakleet River when we came upon him. The sharing of a much-needed meal with the fisherman set the stage for the last hard push to Norton Sound.

"You come a long ways but you still have a ways to go," he said. "I'll let them know you're coming!"

None of the students had been to Unalakleet or to any Eskimo village before and didn't quite know what to expect. The final day was tough on all of us, dogs included. As we neared the crest of the last bluff with not much energy left we were greeted by a rising orange moon in the evening and a long string of lights and lanterns lining the way into town. As students approached their cheering hosts they were filled with new-found sources of energy. They looked like Olympic champions.

The first to welcome the group was Allan Soosuk, on his snowmachine. He shook our hands and led us back to his house, where we stayed the night.





▲ *Godwin Semaken, a village elder in Kaltag.*

Now, as Tucker and I spoke on the phone I asked him what stood out from those trips.

“Those boys were strong, and they didn’t give up. I respect them for that,” he replied.

Spokes of a wheel

Tucker then went on to describe the stick dance held in Kaltag this past March.

“It was beautiful — hundreds of people in that community hall, people from all over. We were honored,” he recounted.

The significance of this generations-old tradition is immense. Family and friends from all corners of Alaska come to honor the lives of loved ones who’ve passed. Before the potlatch elders welcome visitors, then everyone sits together on the floor and shares bowls of moose soup, platters of king salmon, freshly baked breads and rolls, caribou, Indian ice cream and several types of berries. Visitors from the Bering Sea bring gifts of muktuk and seal oil. Almost all the food comes from the surrounding land, air or water, a reminder of how people depend on subsistence.

At the last stick dance I attended several years ago there was an unexpected surprise. Someone came into the octagonal log community hall and announced, “Two guys out there just skied down from Fairbanks.” Outside the hall appeared two frost-burned faces with trail-weary smiles. It was Ned Rozell and Andy Sterns, who just happened to stop by on their way to Nome.

“Good to be here,” said Ned. “An understatement,” quipped Andy.

Later, Ned returned to the hall for the stick dance. We watched as blurred lines of singers and dancers revolved arm-in-arm around the hall like spokes in a wheel.

For many folks who grow up in small, isolated towns or villages and then abruptly move to the city, the transition can be traumatic. In the village a person knows how everyone is connected, but in a city one can become lost in a sea of strangers. Going back for stick dance narrows the gaps and renews important extended family connections.

As Tucker reflected on old times, I leafed through photos and spotted a faded copy of a handwritten note dated June 8, 1984. Taped to the note was a black-and-white image of students dressed in clothes they’d made for the Festival of Native Arts, held at UAF. I’d carried the photo with me on a trip to Montana to visit old friends before flying to the Midwest to see family. The note was written during an eastbound flight out of Billings.

As I boarded the airplane, I had noticed a passenger reading a French newspaper. Clearing my throat and rustling my rucksack caused the paper to lower, revealing a gentleman in wire-rimmed glasses and a green flannel shirt with patches on the elbows. His jeans were faded and worn. With wide eyes I raised my hands as if to say, “What in the world are you doing here?”

Smiling, he shrugged his shoulders as if to reply, “But of course!”

Stunned, I continued down the aisle and found my seat next to a man in a three-piece suit.

“You’ll never guess who’s on this plane.”

“And just who would that be?” he sarcastically replied.

“Jacques Cousteau.”

“Jack who?” he snapped.

“Oh, never mind,” I said. “Sorry to bother you.”

As the plane taxied down the runway I considered approaching Cousteau. He probably wanted to be left alone, but then again it would likely be my only chance to meet him and thank him for his lifetime of work in ocean studies.

After the plane reached its cruising altitude, I took out the photograph of my students. On the back were their names, along with a sketch of Alaska showing Kaltag and the Yukon River. Taking a deep breath I walked up to Cousteau, introduced myself and handed him the photo.

He smiled and motioned to the empty seat next to him. “Please, sit down.”

Cousteau said he had been in Montana studying Missouri River paddlefish and was returning to France. However, he was most interested in knowing about the young people in the photo dressed in handmade beaver-trimmed mittens, fur-lined moose- and caribou-skin boots, and colorful ruff-rimmed parkas. They were students from Kaltag, Alaska, I explained.

Despite their relative isolation, they knew who Jacques Cousteau was and enjoyed watching his 16-mm films whenever we received them from the state film library in Juneau.

Cousteau closely examined the photo and smiled. “I know Kaltag. I visited many years ago, and I’ll never forget it.”

He then took out a pen and pad of paper and wrote:

*Dear Friends,
I just met John Lyle and he gave me a picture of his students – you – in Kaltag, Alaska. I look at all your happy, smiling faces and I sincerely wish that you can live your life with reverence for life itself, all the way to serene happiness. I love you,
JY Cousteau*

Speaking with Tucker and seeing the old photos of students was a poignant reminder of the dynamic and powerful bond which connects people living together in rural villages across the state. It’s a bond based on respect, and it’s precious. It’s the respect people have for the natural world and ways it sustains their lives. The respect students experienced from the power of the elements. The respect that comes from honoring those who’ve passed. And as one man put it so eloquently, respect for life itself.



John Lyle, ’87, lived and taught in Kaltag from 1980 – 1985. He then moved to Fairbanks where he completed studies in counseling and guidance at UAF and worked as an elementary school counselor for 15 years. He’s presently working as gardener in residence at The Center for the Study of Something, which at first may seem trivial but upon closer inspection takes on global significance.

▼ Kaltag in 1980. Today new houses have replaced some of the older log cabins.



View more photos from John Lyle’s years in Kaltag at www.uaf.edu/aurora/.



1960s

Sandy Jamieson, '69, presented the first lecture, Predator Control and Other Alaska Political Commentary, in the 2012 Ester Library Lecture Series. He was the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner and is a well-known local artist, pilot, guide and log builder.

1970s

Jerry Colp, '71, was named the 2012 Engineer of the Year by the Fairbanks chapter of the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers. He has worked for the city engineering department for 37 years.

Sarah Crawford Isto, '71 — "The University of Alaska Press just published my latest book, *Fur Farms of Alaska: Two Centuries of History and a Forgotten Stampede*. It took four years of research to gather photos and material for what I hope is an entertaining account of this slice of Alaska history. I am retired from medicine and living in Juneau with my husband, Gordon Harrison."

John Duling, '71, is serving as interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Newton, Iowa.

Barbara Smith, '71, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. She teaches at Chinook Montessori Charter School in Fairbanks.

Rebecca Hanson, '72, celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary with her husband **Robert, Matric.**, in January 2012.

Dave Ferree, '74, '82, retired last spring after nearly 30 years with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. He began as a contracts manager in 1984 and retired as the assistant superintendent of facilities.

Joyce Mann, '74 — "It is with great sadness that my husband, **Kurt Pfitzer, '75**, and I share the tragic news of our son's death one year ago. Adrian Paul Pfitzer was born in Fairbanks on June 9, 1977. He died in Tucson, Ariz., on May 15, 2011, a few weeks shy of his 34th birthday. We are blessed that our grandson, Adrian's 11-year-old boy, Dustin, lives nearby. Our daughter, Ursula Taina, has been living in Seattle the past five years."

Jo Michalski, '76, is vice chair of the UA Foundation Board of Trustees.

1980s

Jerry Foster, '82 — "I'm the reservoir engineering discipline manager for PetroSkills in Katy, Texas. All three of our kids are attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, which is about 1.5 hours from our new home. After 11 years overseas, we're very happy to be living back in the USA."

James Gibson, '83 — "I was just promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army. Am currently deployed in

Kuwait with the 364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command from Marysville, Wash. I am the chief of plans for the 364th."



Norm Davis, '84, and **Kim Davis, Matric.**, along with the rest of their clan, welcomed the addition of Bogalay in May to their family — "He's an energetic 9-year-old who loves dogs and soccer, so he fits right in with the rest of us." Their other children are Norm Jr., **Michael Ana, '12**, Ty, Chay, Frances and Nanauq. Besides Michael, the three oldest are all current students at UAF.

Frank Paskvan, '85, is a trustee of the UA Foundation and works at BP as the viscous oil renewal team leader.

Kathleen Norris, '86, a professor at Plymouth State University's College of Graduate Studies, received PSU's Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award for 2011 – 2012. Read more about her and the award at www.plymouth.edu/news/psu-announces-2012-distinguished-teachers/.

Kate Wattum, '87, is serving as interim director of public affairs for the University of Alaska system.

Billy Brown, '88, celebrated his retirement from the military in January 2012.

Brian Hove, '88, married Marilyn Romano, former publisher of the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* and current regional vice president for Alaska Airlines.

Nancy Russell, '89, '96, was appointed to the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee.

1990s

Karen Dullen, '90, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. She teaches at Woodriver Elementary School in Fairbanks.

Peggy Asbury, '91, was appointed to the State Historical Records Advisory Council.

Toby Preston, '91, is the founder and president of McKinley Mortgage Company and Alaska Financial Company. He grew up in Homer and was involved in commercial fishing until receiving funds from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, which prompted him to start investing.

President's column


By **Jim Dixon, '90, '91**

The best way to start my term as the UAF Alumni Association president was to stand on the stage at commencement and welcome all those graduating as new alumni of UAF. It is an experience that I look forward to doing again as often as the opportunity comes my way.

I hope many of our alumni were able to participate in the summer activities sponsored by your alumni association. I enjoyed meeting many of our Northwest-based alumni at the Seattle Mariners-Texas Rangers game and those who attended UAF Day with the Alaska Goldpanners. Both events were a great success, as they have been in the past, and, I hope, in the future.

A great way to keep in touch with the alumni in your area is to participate in chapter activities. From the Southcentral chapter's welcoming picnic for incoming Anchorage-based students, to the golfing events sponsored by the hockey chapter, to raising scholarship funds at the Fairbanks chapter's burger booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair, there are many ways for you to connect with other alumni in your area.

Last but not least are the big doings for Nanook Rendezvous Weekend, Sept. 20 – 22. The traditional awards luncheon is being replaced with a gala on Saturday evening. Come celebrate reunion with your fellow alumni, and help make the inaugural event a success!

 Learn more about Nanook Rendezvous at www.uaf.edu/alumni/reunion/.

ALERT! We are reprinting the alumni directory for spring 2013. Please expect, and accept, a call soon from Harris Connect, our alumni directory vendor, to update your information and provide photos for your fellow alumni to enjoy.

Glen Weaver, '91, was promoted to vice president of finance and CFO for Usibelli Coal Mine.

Stephen Atwater, '94, '08, is the superintendent for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.



Photo © Matt Mays.

Steven Amstrup, '95, chief scientist for Polar Bears International, received the 2012 Indianapolis Prize for animal conservation. The \$100,000 award, presented by the Indianapolis Zoo every other year and funded by the Lilly Foundation, is given to the nation's top scientists and researchers who advance the cause of animal conservation. Read more at <http://indianapolisprize.org>.

Paul Sander, '95, is running for Kittitas County Superior Court judge. He lives in Ellensburg, Wash.



David Natcher, '96, co-edited *Settlement, Subsistence, and Change Among the Labrador Inuit*. Read more at <http://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/settlement-subsistence-and-change-among-the-labrador-inuit>.

Benjamin Seekins, '96, '97, was appointed a Fairbanks District Court judge by Gov. Sean Parnell in January.

Joe Hayes, '97, executive director of the UAF Alumni Association, received the 2012 Make Students Count Award for UAF for his service to students. Staff members representing each main campus are nominated by their peers, and winners are selected by local governance groups.

Michele Stalder, '97, was named dean of the Community and Technical College in July 2012.

Michelle Booth, '98, '99, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. She teaches at Academy Charter School in Palmer.

John Chase, '98, starred with Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski in Hollywood's *Big Miracle*, a film inspired by the true story of a family of whales trapped by encroaching ice in the Arctic.

Kelly Lawson, '99, is a Kenai associate district attorney.

Leilani Sauer, '99, was recognized in the "Friend of Nursing" category of the Alaska Nurse of the Year award.

2000s

Aaron Hines, '00, '02, a commercial loan officer at Denali State Bank, was named Officer of the Year at the bank and also became president of the Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks.

Teisha Simmons, '00, '03, received one of six First Lady's Volunteer of the Year awards for her work assisting families who lose loved ones to suicides, with a support group known as the "Angel Team." She is the director of UAF's Interior-Aleutians Campus.

Emily Coleman, '01, was chosen last May to speak to her graduating class at Portland State University, where she received an MS in the visually impaired learner program. She is a teacher of the visually impaired for the Washington State School for the Blind, which works with students ages 3–21 in nine school districts.

Kameron Hurley, '01, won the Kitshie Award for her first novel, *God's War*, a science fiction work published by Night Shade Books.

Pat Race, '01 — "I recently completed a minidocumentary commissioned by the Rasmuson Foundation on their 2012 Distinguished Artist Award recipient, Kes Woodward. Kes lives right there in Fairbanks, and he's an incredible visual artist and

a professor emeritus at UAF. The film also includes collaborative poetry by Peggy Shumaker, Alaska Writer Laureate, and instrumental compositions by Marian Call." Watch the minidocumentary at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClgUGZMJqmU.

Russ Kelly, '02 — "I have been hired by a major New England utility company, Northeast Utilities, as communications and corporate relations manager for a hydro transmission project called The Northern Pass. The transmission line would take hydro power from Canada (a company called Hydro-Québec) and run along 180 miles of New Hampshire before connecting to the New England grid. When completed, the Northern Pass will supply 1,200 megawatts of reliable, competitively priced, clean energy to the six-state region of New England. The Northern Pass transmission project will create a new connection between Hydro-Québec's world-class hydroelectric resources and the New England 'power pool' that supplies electricity to all customers in the region — including New Hampshire. The heart of this project is the construction of a direct current (DC) transmission line that will bring up to 1,200 megawatts of hydroelectric power into the region, providing much-needed fuel diversity, lowering energy costs, and lessening our reliance on fossil fuels. Learn more about it at www.northernpass.us."

Michael Campbell, '04, '05, has been selected for the U.S. Army Pacific Region Mentoring Program.

Allison Luettel, '04, was named Employee of the Year for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service.

Christopher McLain, '04, '05, is a magistrate in Galena.

Dave Sexton, '04, former Skagway police chief, is the executive director of the Alaska Police Standards Council. The council is in charge of certifying and de-certifying sworn officers in the state, as well as providing training to maintain standards of performance. Read more at <http://juneauempire.com/local/2012-03-28/ex-skagway-police-chief-leads-police-standards-council>.



Jason Gootee, '05 — "Robert Francis Gootee, born March 30 at 7:47 a.m. Six pounds, 4 ounces, 19.25 inches. He should make a fine Nanook blueliner in 18 to 20 years."

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Cooking lessons with traditional foods

A webcast of *Traditional Foods, Contemporary Chef* features Ann Fears and chef Flora Deacon, both of whom have completed the occupational endorsement in the Rural Nutrition Services Program. The webcast is one of a series produced by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's wellness and prevention leaders, Dr. Gary Ferguson and Desiree Bergeron Simeon, a registered dietitian and instructor for RNS.



Learn one way to prepare bison at www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GXxji_f6fE.

Leah Swasey, '05, was nominated for the Alaska Nurse of the Year award.

Richard Kozinski, '06 — "I'm living in Poland for the last four years. I traveled a bit, lived with my family and now am a full-time student once more. I was accepted to med school and am in my second year of study! Life overseas has been amazing. Something completely different and an adventure. So many things to do and see here that I don't have the time to do all of it. Since I left Fairbanks, I haven't been back and kind of miss the climate and people. But on the other hand, being so far away from everything, travel being so difficult, living in Europe is a fresh breath of air. I've been traveling often to the States and hope to come back this summer for work, once more. If that doesn't pan out, I hope to do some research and work here in Poland."

Kyle Moeller, '06, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. He teaches at Hermon Hutchens Elementary School in Valdez.

Christopher Benshoof, '07, '08, '11, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. He teaches at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks.

Annie Titus, '07, '09, and **Matthew Titus, '05**, celebrated the birth of their son Kerrigan in December 2011.

Penny Gage, '08, is a staff member for Alaska State Sen. Bert Stedman.

Kelly Manning, '08, joined the Canvas Community Art Studio and Gallery team in January as interim artistic coordinator. She lives in Juneau.

Michel dos Santos Mesquita, '09 — "Since leaving UAF, I applied for a job at the Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research, Uni Research, in Bergen, Norway. I started working as a postdoc in a project related to climate change and regional climate modeling. In 2010, I was invited to lead the Global and Regional Climate Projections group at the Bjerknes Centre. This research group is composed of about 20 researchers. We have projects with several countries around the world. I have also organized large events related to regional climate modeling, both in Norway and abroad. In addition to that, I have

worked as a contributing editor to the American Geophysical Union Atmospheric Sciences Section newsletter. I am very thankful for the education I received at UAF"

2010s

Greg Kahoe, '10, was named a 2012 BP Teacher of Excellence. He teaches at West Valley High School in Fairbanks.

Julia Pierson, '10, received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in recognition of her achievements on the trails and in the classroom during her time at UAF. She is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Utah. Read more about it at <http://newsminer.com/bookmark/18470325-Former-Nanook-Julia-Pierson-earns-postgraduate-scholarship/>.

Michelle Risse, '11, directed the musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, presented by Fairbanks Light Opera Theater in January 2012.

Matriculates

Heather Cunningham was recognized in the "Rising Star" category of the Alaska Nurse of the Year award.

Gena Edmiston was recognized in the administration category of the Alaska Nurse of the Year award.

In memoriam

Harley D. Adamson, Matric., June 8, McCormick, S.C.

Hazel Ambrose, '94, June 11, Hughes

Catherine Attla, '07 honorary degree recipient, March 12, Huslia

Thomas R. Buhite, '72, March 14, Fairbanks

John L. Burdick, professor emeritus, April 29, Des Moines, Wash.

Roger Joseph Cahill, '65, March 7, Centerville, Mass.

Hugh H. Connelly, '88 honorary degree recipient, April 2, Fairbanks

Harry D. Curran, '70, May 23, Cordova

Carl Gilbert Davaz, '63, Feb. 17, Bellevue, Wash.

Michael A. Dillard, '75, July 5, Weatherford, Texas

Nancy Ruth Galloway, '73, March 3, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Mario Orlando Gho, retired assistant professor, July 14, Fairbanks

Bob Parvin Gray, '53, March 4, Fairbanks

Ida Greiner, former director of Financial Aid, March 31, Fairbanks

Nicolas Carl Gustafson, '08, Feb. 16, Fairbanks

Suzanne Hall, '50, March 4, Sacramento, Calif.

Wendell Everitt Lane, '56, April 21, Anchorage

Kenneth R. Lester, '69, April 4, Kodiak

Manuel I. Lopez, '80, April 30, Fairbanks

Edward Joseph Malhiot, Matric., Feb. 16, Anchorage

Catherine M. Massay, retired library assistant, April 16, Fairbanks

Karen Grill Merrill, '59, April 10, Orangevale, Calif.

Jason L. Miller, '97, '99, '11, and Financial Services employee, June 12, Fairbanks

Debra M. Moses, '98 and associate professor emeritus, April 2, Fairbanks

Mervin E. Mullins, '66, Feb. 29, Anchorage

Lois Marie Olson, '79, May 6, Juneau

Carole J. Pender, Matric., May 11, Fairbanks

Nina E. Prockish, Matric., June 21, Anchorage

Phyllis A. Stickney, '70, '72, April 15, Anchorage

Jack Townshend, '55, Aug. 13, Fairbanks

Bruce Christopher Travis, Facilities Services employee, June 8, Fairbanks

Robert H. Trent, former mineral engineering dean, April 5, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Joan A. Walker, '40, '42, March 28, Santa Maria, Calif.

Michael E. Williams, '80, '82, May 29, Fairbanks



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