

Chancellor's Report

prepared for the UA Board of Regents

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Achievements

The School of Education recently hosted a site visitation team from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Board of Examiners. UAF has met all six accreditation standards for educator preparation. The NCATE Unit Accreditation Board will send its final decision to Chancellor Jones next spring.

Jake Poole has been named vice chancellor for university advancement and community engagement. Poole, formerly director of Tanana Valley Campus, will oversee UAF development, alumni affairs, athletics, KUAC and university relations. Rick Caulfield, College of Rural Alaska, was appointed interim director of TVC.

The UAF Tanana Valley Campus celebrated its 30th anniversary with a series of community seminars and events. In recognition of TVC's anniversary, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Jim Whitaker, an adjunct TVC faculty member, proclaimed Oct. 18–22, 2004 as "Tanana Valley Campus Week."

Joan Braddock assumed duties as dean of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. Braddock served as interim dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics, which was restructured into CNSM and the College of Engineering and Mines earlier this year.

Gov. Murkowski and state of Alaska commissioners visited campus in October for meetings with UAF faculty and staff. The day-long visit also included tours of research programs housed in the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center, the West Ridge Research Building, the International Arctic Research Center and the Hutchison Institute of Technology.

Achievements, continued

The Arctic Region Supercomputing Center recently retired three supercomputing systems, which were replaced by more than six teraflops of combined computing power in Cray and IBM systems.

The Resource Development Council for Alaska toured campus in October, which gave faculty and staff a chance to showcase UAF's research resources and facilitate possible collaborative research and learning ventures.

Brian Hove took over as volunteer director of both 2004 BP Top of the World Classic and Mount McKinley Bank North Star Invitational basketball tournaments. View tournament results at www.gonanooks.com.

UAF Summer Sessions staff won two of the top three awards at the 2004 annual conference of the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators. UAF will host the 2005 WASSA conference next September.

In Progress

The Biological Research and Diagnostics (BIRD) facility under construction on West Ridge supports the university's continued focus on the biological sciences. The \$19 million 42,000 square foot facility incorporates program components and facilities for laboratory animal holding and care. Foundation work was completed this year; construction will resume in spring 2005 with an expected completion date of February 2006.

Interior Alaska's first traffic roundabout opened on the Fairbanks campus Sept. 18. The intersection currently connects Tanana Loop and West Tanana (Farm Road). Eventually it will include access to and from the new Thompson Drive campus entrance, which will remain under construction until next fall.

What's Next

The Cooperative Extension Service will celebrate 75 years of providing extension services to Alaskans in 2005. The official anniversary kick-off event will take place during the Feb. 16 UA Board of Regents meeting in Juneau.

Theatre UAF, in a co-production with the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre, will present *King Island Christmas* Dec. 10–12 and 17–19 in the Salisbury Theatre. Based on the children's book by Jean Rogers, it is a heartwarming true story about the power of community.

Holiday concerts on campus include the University Chorus at 8 p.m. Dec. 11, and the Alaska Chamber Chorale at 4 p.m. Dec. 12, both in the Charles Davis Concert Hall.

The Lady Nanooks host the Glacier Classic basketball tournament Dec. 17–18 in the Patty Center. The men's team competes in the Glacier Classic in Anchorage Dec. 30–31.

Holiday closure of UAF offices will be Dec. 23, 5 p.m.–Jan. 4, 2005, 8 a.m.



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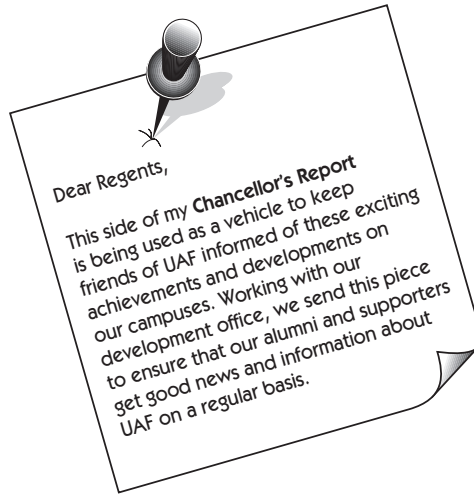
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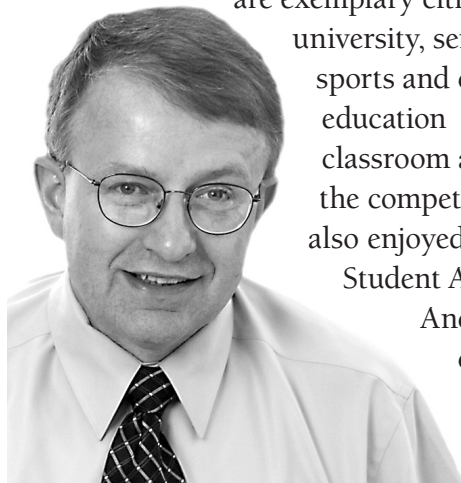
message from the chancellor

Technically it's not yet winter, but the river is frozen and the ground is white. In my mind, winter is here—finally! Anticipation can now yield to adjustment and enjoyment, two words that have defined these past three months. Adjusting to a new place, new people and even new weather provides unparalleled personal and professional stimulation. I invite you to read more about the many “firsts” my wife, Judy, and I have experienced as we settle into our new home and our adopted state by visiting the UAF chancellor's website at www.uaf.edu/chancellor/.

Judy and I have found interacting with our students most rewarding. I'm impressed and delighted! We have welcomed several of our athletics teams to the chancellor's residence. These student-athletes are exemplary citizens of the

university, serious about their sports and committed to an education that begins in the classroom and extends to the competitive venue. We've also enjoyed hosting our UAF Student Ambassadors.

Another great group of young people, they host campus visits for prospective



students and their parents, staff the UAF booth at college fairs and participate in other campus events.

We've met with many other student groups—ASUAF, UA Scholars, Residence Hall Association and *Sun Star* staff. The impression is consistent—our students are active, inspired and committed. They have a vibrant sense of humor even as they are very serious about their education.

I've also met with our students at the Bethel and Dillingham campuses and at the Fort Yukon Learning Center. They are equally inspiring but in many ways different from our Fairbanks students. They are generally older and more place-committed. Many have families, but they are equally committed to learning and discovery. They view UAF as an essential vehicle for a better tomorrow.

Our students are why we exist. Meeting them makes me ever mindful that UAF has a responsibility to ensure that the torch is passed to able hands and ready minds. Our students give me great hope and pride. They are truly ambassadors for the University of Alaska Fairbanks; they serve us well. I'm happy to serve them and our future through our university.

Stephen B. Jones