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CAMPUS INSIGHTS

FROM MARK NEUMAYR

VICE CHANCELLOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Students' Turn

There's been a tremendous amount of new construction and renovation on campus over the past few years. Significant revitalization has occurred on lower campus in Bunnell, Brooks, Duckering, the Fine Arts Complex and the Rasmuson Library. West Ridge has seen \$100 million in construction activity including IARC, the museum expansion, numerous laboratory renewals, the utilidor extension, the new West Ridge Research Building and soon, a new central animal facility. These are truly marvelous improvements to UAF.

While classrooms, libraries and labs are essential to each student's educational goals, other quality facilities are necessary to optimize the learning environment. In this age of distributed learning and web-based education, UAF must provide an environment where students not only learn, but also where they can take advantage of a wide array of campus life activities. To remain competitive and meet the needs of current and future students, it's critical that UAF focus on developing campus life facilities, particularly the bookstore, Wood Center, Lola Tilly Commons and student housing.

Rising to this challenge, Chancellor Lind formed a task force with broad representation from student, faculty and staff, including ASUAF. This group is charged with formulating an integrated plan that documents student needs and wishes, UAF's future growth prospects, an assessment of the applicable facilities, outsourcing and partnering possibilities, and a time frame and sequence for desired capital improvements.

Consistent with President Hamilton's and the board of regents' mandate that these facilities be self-supporting, associated financial planning will focus on construction and operation funded through a combination of auxiliary revenues, student fees and donor gifts. As is the case with student bodies at most other universities in the U.S. where capital funding is scarce, ASUAF has already begun to examine the potential for student funding of a portion of these and other student services on campus. Finally, recent changes at the bookstore and student housing will allow those units to provide stronger financial support for capital improvements.

Beginning early next year, surveys and focus groups will be used extensively to gather information from students and other members of the campus community. Although this will be a lengthy process, it's necessary if we are to develop a quality campus-life environment during these difficult fiscal times. Talk to your campus representatives and watch for more information in the coming months as we continue the process of improving the UAF campus.

HEADLINES

The UA Board of Regents met in Fairbanks on Nov. 5-6. The board approved the FY05 operating and capital budget request, including a request to the governor and legislature for a \$10.5 million increase in state general fund dollars, and authorized the sale of Series L general revenue bonds. The Tanana Valley Campus Center's student gathering area has been named after former TVC Director Ruth Lister. A dedication

ceremony will take place in Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Scott at 2857. The board's next meeting is Dec. 3-4 in Anchorage. For more information visit www.alaska.edu/bor/.

UAF journalism students Tom Delaune and Curt Merrill's online project, "A Chilling Effect? Alaska's Heartland Reacts to the Patriot Act," won the creative use of medium category for independent websites in the Online Journalism Awards of the Online

News Association. To view the project visit www.uaf.edu/extreme. For more information visit www.journalists.org.

The 2003 BPTop of the World Classic champion is Rice University. Rice defeated Washington State 64-49 in the championship game. UAF finished fifth this year with junior Brad Oleson earning a spot on the all-tournament team.

An open forum to discuss UAF's budget challenges will be held Dec. 11 from 1-2 p.m. in Wood Center Conference Rooms C & D. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend to learn more about the university's current and future financial constraints. Teleconference numbers will be sent to off-site campuses. For more information call 7112.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

James Collins, SOM, has announced he is stepping down as dean effective June 30, 2004. Collins plans to resume teaching and pursuing research as a tenured professor in business administration.

Dale Guthrie, IAB emeritus, questioned the reason for the extinction of native Alaska horses in a recent article in *Nature*. Guthrie used radiocarbon dating of fossils to point to climate change as the reason for the decline and extinction of two Alaska Pleistocene horses.

The Rasmuson Library's Alaska and Polar Regions department is featuring an exhibit about American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage month. The exhibit is located in the level two lobby area of the library.

Wood Center has 2003/2004 ACS phone directories available to pick up. For more information call Jeri at 1936 or the Wood Center front desk at 7034.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Donald Walker, IAB, has published the first vegetation map to cover the entire Arctic biome at a functional level of detail. The map shows spatial variation in characteristics important to understanding and modeling ecosystem functions and their response to climate change.

Terry Bowyer, IAB, recently published chapters in two books; one chapter on moose in "Wild Mammals of North America, Biology, Management and Conservation," and a chapter on ungulates in "Mammal Community Dynamics, Management and Conservation in the Coniferous Forests of Western North America."

Jane Weber, Debra Moses and John Bruder, CRA, presented "Teaching Math Across Alaska: From the Audioconference to the Whiteboard" at the 29th American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference.

The Academic Advising Center's website has updated information for faculty members advising students for the spring 2004 semester. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/advising.

Roy Bird and Kerrie Dufseth, honors program, and **Gabe Emerson**, a senior computer science major, presented "Using a Newsletter and Web Site to Establish Common Ground" at the 38th annual National Collegiate Honors conference.

The last day of instruction for the fall 2003 semester is Dec. 12.

EVENTS

"**The View from Nunavut: New Directions in Canadian Inuit Art**," a UAMuseum lecture by visiting professor Jean Blodgett, takes place Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. For more information call 7505.

The UAF Women's Center is hosting its second annual gift-wrap benefit party Dec. 5 from 4–6 p.m. in 112 Eielson. Bring

a gift or just come help wrap items to benefit those who live at the Interior Center for Non-Violent Living.

Outdoor Adventures' Angel Creek Ski and Soak is coming up Dec. 6. This ski tour is followed by a trip to Chena Hot Springs. The cost is \$30 for students and \$39 for faculty, staff and alumni, including the cost for the hot springs. For more information call 6027.

The UA Museum's annual open house will be held Dec. 6 from 1–5 p.m. It's free fun for everyone and includes hands-on activities for kids. For more information call 7505.

The Fairbanks Symphony Association presents the family holiday celebration concert and silent auction Dec. 7 in the Great Hall. The auction will be held from 2–7 p.m. with the concert at 4 p.m. For more information call 5733 or visit www.fairbankssymphony.org.

A juried student art show will be held Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. with awards announced at 5:30 p.m. Artwork will be available for viewing until Dec. 18.

The visiting writers series presents a reading by poet John Kinsella Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the UA Museum. A book signing will follow the reading. For more information call 7193.

The UA Museum's junior curators camp, Winter Survival, will be held Dec. 29–31 from 9 a.m.–noon. Children in grades 7–12 will learn how to construct winter shelters, identify animal tracks, signal for help and other cold weather survival techniques. The cost is \$60. For more information call 6948.

Career Services is sponsoring a student job fair Jan. 22 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. in Wood Center. For more information call 7596 or visit www.uaf.edu/career/.

The Visitor Industry Job Fair will be held Feb. 4–5 in Wood Center. Students will have the opportunity to apply for summer employment. For more information call 7596 or visit www.uaf.edu/career/.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Maria Elena Reyes and John Weise, SOE, recently received a \$1.34 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology project in rural Alaska.

SCOREBOARD

The UAF women's basketball team takes on Western Oregon Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. and Humboldt State Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Patty Gym. For more information call 7205 or visit www.gonanooks.com.

UAF volleyball teammates Mallory Bergstrom, Danielle Hitzeman, Candice Smith and Carlin Smith were recently honored by the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Bergstrom was named to the All-GNAC first team, Candice and Carlin Smith were named to the All-GNAC honorable mention team, and Hitzeman was chosen as the GNAC Freshman of the Year.

The UAF men's basketball team takes on Western Washington Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. and Seattle Pacific Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. in the Patty Gym. For more information call 7205 or visit www.gonanooks.com.

The Nanook hockey team faces off against Nebraska Omaha Dec. 5–6 at 7 p.m. in the Carlson Center. For more information call 7205 or visit www.gonanooks.com.

DEADLINES

Dec. 2, 2003: Submissions for the Exceptional Student Employee Awards are due by 5 p.m. For more information contact Career Services at 7596 or fycas@uaf.edu.

Dec. 8, 2003: Applications for leadership honors for those graduating in December are due Dec. 8. Applications are available at Wood Center or www.uaf.edu/leadership/. For more information call 7037.

Dec. 19, 2003: Final grades are due to the registrar's office Dec. 19.

Next copy deadline:

Noon, Dec. 3 for the Dec. 12 edition.

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