

# CORNERSTONE

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## CAMPUS INSIGHTS

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PROVOST OF UAF

### A Time for Action

The formal announcement of the composition of the Chancellor Search Committee signaled the official beginning of our effort to recruit UAF's next chief executive. While it's true that faculty and staff form the backbone of a university, there is no doubt that the chief executive exerts an enormous influence over the operation and direction of an institution.

Making a good choice in the selection of our next chancellor is one of the most important tasks before us. What can we do to maximize our chances of making our choice a good one? As I've read, thought and talked about leadership over the past several years, I've been struck by a few things that are worthy of our consideration as we ponder that question. First, with a single exception, there is no commonly agreed-upon set of "must have" characteristics of good leaders. Integrity seems to be on everyone's list, but agreement ends there. Second, there is no "most effective" style of leadership. Although the trend in recent years has been away from the "command" style and toward the "team leader" concept, there are many effective approaches to leadership. Finally, the style and approach of the leader must be a good match with the nature and character of the organization he or she leads.

All this leads me to urge the entire UAF community to action. The search committee will begin meeting soon, and one of their first tasks will be to define the experiences and qualities we are seeking in our next chancellor. I believe the committee has some pretty clear directions, in the form of a strategic plan and an academic development plan, about where we are heading. However, I think they need our considered opinions about the type of person we need to lead us.

We can expect to find someone with a broad range of experience and a complete set of valuable personal qualities. Nevertheless, we have to set some priorities. In that context, let me pose some questions—just to get us all thinking and talking. Would you prefer someone who is more comfortable in the world of competitive academic research or in the world of rural Alaska? What substantive difference, if any, would it make if our next chancellor were a physicist or an accountant or a musician? Would you prefer that he or she regularly reads poetry or the Congressional Record? Do we need a change agent? I leave the rest of the questions to you; but I urge you to formulate them, to discuss them with your colleagues and to let the search committee members know your priorities. This is not a time to sit on the sidelines—get involved!

The chancellor's website will be set up to provide additional information and serve as a forum to provide comments.

pages. Please provide feedback through the online survey, available at the redesigned home page. The deadline for comments is Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

## UNDERCONSTRUCTION

There are many construction projects still underway on campus. Work on the Thompson Drive extension will continue through this winter. The construction impact on campus should be limited to traffic modifications around Farm Road and Tanana Loop. Keep an eye out for traffic revisions and construction crews. The first phase of the UAF Museum Expansion Project will be complete by next summer with the entire project scheduled for completion by December 2004. The grand opening for the new wing is scheduled in April 2005.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ConocoPhillips and BP Exploration recently presented the UAF Foundation with more than \$3.4 million for their fourth annual contribution under the companies' charter agreement with the state. This latest amount brings their total contributions under the charter to nearly \$13.9 million.

UA and the Alaska Higher Education Craft and Trades Employees, Local 6070, have reached a new tentative three-year contract. The agreement must be ratified by union members and the board of regents before becoming final.

Jim Kowalsky, director of RAHI, recently announced his retirement from UAF effective Dec. 31. Kowalsky has been at UAF for 18 years. He is taking over a community head start program.

Most UAF offices are closed for the holidays from Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. until Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. For a list of holiday hours visit [www.uaf.edu/univrel/holiday.html](http://www.uaf.edu/univrel/holiday.html).

## HEADLINES

The UA Board of Regents met in Anchorage Dec. 3–4. At the meeting, the board elected Brian Rogers, chair; Elsa Froehlich Demeksa, vice chair; Frances Rose, secretary; and Joseph Usibelli, treasurer. UA's contract with the Alaska Community Colleges Federation of Teachers was approved and the board authorized the sale of general revenue bonds. The board also approved the sale of land from

UAF's Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station in Palmer to Triad Hospitals, Inc. Proceeds from the sale will be placed into the Inflation Proofing Fund of the Land Grant Trust Fund.

The UAF website is being redesigned, and your input is needed. Check out the redesigned site at [www.uaf.edu/uaf/proof2/](http://www.uaf.edu/uaf/proof2/) or click on the "test drive" image found on the UAF home page and UAF second-level



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**KUAC FM and the Geophysical Institute** recently collaborated to restore radio service to Circle, Central and Circle Hot Springs after KUAC's translator failed. The translator received new batteries and a wind turbine to augment its solar power systems.

**The Interior-Aleutians Campus** recently held a completion ceremony for its rural human services program. Twenty students were honored as the 10th cohort to complete the program through the I-AC.

**Anita Hartmann, Dani Raap and Charles Geist, CLA**, recently published a chapter on the toxicity of herbal beverages in the first volume of the new series *Reviews in Food and Nutrition Toxicity*.

**UAF's fifth annual Chillin' Chili Cook-off** for United Way raised \$451 for 2003, exceeding last year's total. This year's winners were: first place—John Fellerath, Health and Counseling, for Cuban Black Bean Chili; second place—Todd Paris, University Relations, for Parisian Paradise Chili; third place—Suki McGrady, Dining Services, for Spicy Pork Chili; and the People's Choice went to Shelby Brunquist and Amy Tonkin, SFOS, for Bos Tarus Chili.

**The UA Press** publication *The First Russian Voyage Around the World*, by Victoria Joan Moessner, CLA, was selected as a top-10 university press book by ForeWord Magazine.

**The Rasmuson Library** has a collection of fiction and nonfiction titles from the *New York Times* best seller list available on level four. Check out your favorite authors during the holiday break.

## EVENTS

**The pottery, print and painting sale** is Dec. 12 from noon–6 p.m. Pottery is located in room 415, prints are in room 405, and paintings are in room 303 of the Fine Arts Complex. For more information call 7530.

**The Chancellor's Holiday Gathering** is Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. in the Wood Center multi-

level lounge. Come out and enjoy the food and holiday cheer!

**The UAMuseum's** store holiday sale ends Dec. 24. All merchandise is 10 percent off, with hand-made baskets by Alaska Native artists 20 percent off.

**The Geophysical Institute** presents the Science for Alaska free public lecture series. Each lecture is an hour-long multimedia presentation. The first lectures are "The Aurora: Earth's Luminous Signature" by Roger Smith, GI, on Jan. 20 and "The Lives of Alaska's Bears: New Research Techniques" by Sean Farley, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Jan. 27. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. at the Chena River Convention Center.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

**Jeanne Havemeister** was recently awarded the 2003 Alaska Woman in Agriculture Award by SNRAS and AFES. Havemeister runs one of the state's top producing dairy farms near Palmer. This award recognizes women's outstanding contributions to agriculture.

## SCOREBOARD

**UAF men's basketball Ice Fog Classic** tips off Dec. 29–30 at 8 p.m. when UAF takes on Columbia Union and Lake Superior State. The Nanooks will face Seattle University Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and Northwest Nazarene Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. All games are in the Patty Gym. For more information call 7205 or visit [www.gonanooks.com](http://www.gonanooks.com).

**Mallory Bergstrom**, a junior on UAF's volleyball team, was recently named honorable mention All-American for 2003 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

**The UAF hockey team** faces off against Northern Michigan Jan. 16–17 and Bowling Green Jan. 23–24. Both games are at 7 p.m. in the Carlson Center. For more information call 7205 or visit [www.gonanooks.com](http://www.gonanooks.com).

**The UAF women's basketball team** took second place in the Mt. McKinley Bank

North Star Invitational tournament. UAF beat Morgan State to advance to the championship game against Army. The Nanooks' next home games are Jan. 15 against Seattle Pacific at 7 p.m. and Jan. 17 against Central Washington at 3 p.m. in the Patty Gym. For more information call 7205 or visit [www.gonanooks.com](http://www.gonanooks.com).

## DEADLINES

**Jan. 12, 2004:** UAF computer science students are seeking proposals for scheduling or database software for the senior project and professional practice course. Proposals must be received by Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. For more information contact Pete Knoke at 5107 or [ffpjk@uaf.edu](mailto:ffpjk@uaf.edu).

**Jan. 15, 2004:** The fifth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences is being held at UAF May 19–23. Abstracts for the conference are due Jan. 15. For more information visit [www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa/](http://www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa/).

**Jan. 16, 2004:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting is Feb. 12–16 in Seattle. Advance registration is due by Jan. 16. Seminar topics featured at the meeting include nanotechnology, proteomics, vaccines and a forum for school science. For more information visit [www.aaas.org/meetings/](http://www.aaas.org/meetings/).

**March 1, 2004:** Applications for the 2004 Global Change Student Research Grant competition are now being accepted. A workshop to familiarize students and faculty with the competition is Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom. Application packets are available at 306 IARC, 404 Gruening or online at [www.cgc.uaf.edu](http://www.cgc.uaf.edu).

### Cornerstone spring 2004 Schedule

Submission Deadline	Issue Date
Noon, Jan. 14	Jan. 23
Noon, Jan. 28	Feb. 6
Noon, Feb. 11	Feb. 20
Noon, Feb. 25	March 5
Noon, March 10	March 19
Noon, March 24	April 2
Noon, April 7	April 16
Noon, April 21	April 30

#### Next copy deadline:

Noon, Jan. 14 for the Jan. 23 edition.

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