

SES CONNECTION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



International student recruiting has its pluses and minuses. On the plus side international students are generally well prepared for university, as many countries have more academically prepared students than they have university space. Many countries' economies are doing very well and there is a growing middle class in other countries that can afford to send their students overseas. International students tend to focus on their studies, and are far less likely to drop out of the university once they have started and do not seem to struggle with student misconduct problems. Most will graduate within the normal educational time frame (4 years for an undergraduate student). On the minus side are the costs. It is expensive to travel overseas and recruit, it is difficult to make contacts with high schools, and it is very expensive to participate in college fairs.

Three years ago, UAF made a 5 year commitment to increase the number of students from India attending UAF graduate and undergraduate programs. Dr. Shirish Patil, Chair of the UAF Petroleum Engineering Department, has led this effort. In India, approximately 10% of the college-qualified students are admitted to Indian universities. Indian students are well prepared academically for college and many are

willing to study overseas to complete their education. The competition for students from India has increased dramatically over the past several years and countries such as Australia, England, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany are actively recruiting Indian students, in addition to a large number of universities in the United States.

During the past 3 years we have received over 175 student applications and enrolled 45 new students as a result of these trips, with a majority of the students paying out-of-state tuition. Dr. Patil's contacts and his knowledge of the Indian educational system have made for successful recruiting efforts. UAF now has alumni living in India from both the graduate and undergraduate programs that are also helping with recruiting efforts by sharing their positive UAF experience with potential students. In addition to the current recruiting efforts, UAF is working closely with several universities in India to develop a 2+2 program, where students attend an India university for 2 years and those credits are transferred to UAF where the student will graduate with a degree.

Is it worth the effort and resources it takes to recruit international students? Absolutely! The quality of students we have had from India and other countries has made it worth the effort. They contribute to the academic and extracurricular life of the university. UAF is a better university for having been a part of the educational experience of these international students.

UPCOMING DATES

November 3-4: Vote Absentee ballot with ASUAF (ASUAF)

November 4: Election Day

November 6-7: Interior High School Counselor Visit (Admissions)

November 11: Flu shots for students available at Wood Center (Health and Counseling)

November 13: Natural Resources, Fisheries and Science Career Fair (Career Services)

November 17: Registration and fee payment for Spring 2009 begins

November 20: Great American Smokeout

November 20-21: SES Staff Retreat

November 27-28: UAF Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 12: Late withdrawal from class deadline

December 12: Late TOTAL withdrawal from UAF deadline

December 12: Last day of instruction

December 15-18: Final exams

December 19: Residence halls close at noon

December 19: SES Holiday Gathering (Chancellor Rogers will join us)

December 25-January 4: UAF closed for winter holiday

January 20: Residence halls reopen at 8:00 a.m.

UAF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BRINGS 90 LEADERS TO WOOD CENTER

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The 9th annual UAF Leadership Conference took place on October 10-11 and was a tremendous success. The conference theme was “Commit to Action” and with over 90 registrants, students are already busy putting some of their newly acquired leadership skills to work on campus.

This year’s conference involved a new twist: two keynote speakers! The conference began on Friday evening with a presentation by Chris Sarette, Director of the Schools to Schools movement for Invisible Children (www.invisiblechildren.com). Invisible Children Inc. is an awareness and development organization that aids the child soldiers and night commuters of Northern Uganda, who are the unfortunate victims of a decade’s long civil war.

On Saturday, the keynote was given by Matthew Segal, the founder and executive director of Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE). SAVE is a national non-partisan, non-profit organization, founded and run by students, with a mission to increase youth voter turnout by removing access barriers and promoting stronger civic education (www.savevoting.org). Both of these speakers were able to connect with UAF students on a personal level since both of their organizations are influenced tremendously by students and because both of these young men are under the age of 24!

In addition to the keynote speakers, students had the opportunity to attend four workshops throughout the day, with over twenty different

topics to choose from. A few of the covered topics included Leadcasting, How Great Leadership Starts with You, Reflection in Leadership and The Good, The Bad, and the Awful: Historical Tales of Leadership Gone Wrong and Right.

As always, the conference was planned and implemented by students. The 2008 student committee members are Meredith Cameron (chair), Jesse Manchester, Jennifer Williams, Jennifer Chambers, Anna Dale, Heather Sinclair, Lucy Boyd, Mariah Acton and Brandon Meston. When you see these students, please congratulate them on a job well done!

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY INFORMATION

SES will participate in Love Inc.’s Adopt-A-Family Program again this holiday season. We plan to adopt 1 large family or 2 small families, up to a total of 10 people. Love Inc. will inform us of our family match on November 21. Watch the SES web site after that date, as we will have live information on the site concerning the families and their gift

suggestions. Gifts will be due to the Vice Chancellor’s office by Monday, December 8. Please join us in sharing holiday warmth by supporting this worthy cause!

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REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

We have changes in the weather and changes in our office! A few of us have found some exciting new adventures and will be leaving the Registrar’s Office. Matt Sweeney, Transcript Department Coordinator, will be gracing the Financial Aid Office with his presence and wonderfully calming demeanor. Carrie Coxon, from Graduation, won’t be going too far, just across the hall to Admissions as a new Admissions Counselor. Angie Floyd in Transcripts has been offered an intern position, and last, but certainly not least, our Stacey Howdeshell, Office Manager, has gone down to TVC to fill a Registration Coordinator position. We will miss them all dearly but wish them the best of luck!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The SES staff development retreat will be held on November 20 from 12:30-5:00 p.m. and on November 21 from 8:30-1:00 p.m. in the Wood Center Ballroom. Our guest speaker is Charlie Adams, who will speak on “How to Build a Positive Attitude and Keep the Darn Thing” and “The Spirit of Customer Service.”

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ABSENTEE VOTING STATION

ASUAF is sponsoring an Absentee Voting station for the upcoming state and national elections. We will have all of the ballots for all of the precincts in the State of Alaska. So long as you are registered to vote in the state, we will have your ballot and they WILL BE COUNTED. If you cannot get to your local precinct, please bring a piece of photo ID to the Wood Center. We will be open two days: Monday, November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting with an absentee ballot takes a little longer, as we must verify that each person is registered, so please bear with us if the line is long.

If you have any questions, please contact Sabra Phillips at 474-7355 or fnsdp@uaf.edu.

ADMISSIONS

November 6-7 is the Interior High School Counselor Visit program. Please join us in welcoming these visitors to campus if you see them out and about.

The Office of Admissions is happy to announce that Kathleen Nava and Anna Brumbelow have joined the staff as transfer credit evaluators. They began on October 20. We are also happy to welcome Carrie Coxon to our team to replace Ginny Tschanz as an admissions counselor. Jodi Baxter, one of our Reviewers, has moved to CRCD Health Programs.

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HEALTH AND COUNSELING

We recently added new staff to the Health and Counseling Center. Cristen Harrison is the new Administrative Assistant. Amber Ross is the Student Assistant. We have also hired two new student medical assistants: Kathleen Schrader and Nicole Zonzel. Welcome!

We were busy in October. We hosted depression screening, Cancer Awareness Outreach at the Wood Center and MBS Lobby, food bite tables at the Wood Center and Lola Tilly Commons, and had nutritionist consultations. We also supported Alcohol Awareness activities October 19-25.

We are currently undergoing training as part of our plan to transition to electronic records in Spring 2009.

Please join us in the Great American Smokeout on November 20.

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CAREER SERVICES

The Student Job Fair held on September 10 and 11 was a success. Over 15 departments participated and subsequently at least 10 students were hired. We would like to thank each department that participated. Students were encouraged by the personal interaction of all departments.

During October there were two career events: Engineering & Geosciences Career Week, October 6–10 and Accounting Career Week, October 13–24. Both of the events had employers on campus providing information sessions and interviews. These events encouraged employers



to use our new database system to schedule information sessions and interviews. This allowed students to schedule interviews and submit resumes directly to the employer. The Career Services staff

worked tirelessly to assist students with their documents, instructing them on the new system, and encouraging them to go to the information sessions and meet employers face to face.

Our next event is the Natural Resources, Fisheries and Science Career Fair on November 13. We are currently accepting registrations for this event through UAF CareerConnect.

These events would not be successful without our staff. Thank you, Patti Picha, Alice Palen and Jackie Debevec for all of your hard work.

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DVD MOVIES

The MBS lobby is now home to a DVD movie vending machine. For just \$2.99, students, staff and faculty can rent movies overnight. Stocked with the most recent hits, this convenient option for inexpensive entertainment is something you just might want to stop by and check out!



Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office is embracing all holidays. For Halloween, we had a giant spider-web, a dungeon of skeletons, and a door decorating contest. Our office was named as the “Scariest Office at UAF” by students. Care to challenge us for future holidays? Stop by the office and see what we do next!

Newsletter Committee

*Ashley Munro, Chair
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RESIDENCE LIFE NEWS



Winter Break Housing

Students intending to stay on campus **any time** during the winter closure (between December 19, 2008 at noon and January 17, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.) must apply for housing and pay the winter break fee. Approval will be given on a space-available basis. More info is available at www.uaf.edu/reslife/residents/winter.htm.

Hess Rec Upgrades

Residence Life completed another upgrade to the Hess Rec Center audio/visual equipment, including installation of a HD projector and screen compatible with the projector format, BluRay video player, and set up surround sound. We also purchased new chairs with articulating backrests.

Parking Lot News

The parking lot directly behind Moore Hall and next to Hess Rec Center was graded and paved this summer in an effort to relieve some of the drainage problems in that lot. There is also a new sidewalk and handrail on the east side of Kuskokwim for people walking to and from Cutler so they do not have to walk in the road.

Residence Life is currently working to expand our CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) system to the upper lot behind the MBS complex. The first phase of the project will include high resolution, hard wired cameras with a view of the entire lot. In the second phase, we intend to install wireless cameras to give more direct views of the lot.

If We Build It . . .

The Chancellor is appointing a committee to explore building a new residential facility. The goal is to have a plan in place by the end of this academic year. Residence Life is excited about the benefits of this project for our residents and the potential this project holds for the future of housing on campus.

Housing Software

Installation of the new housing software is coming soon. A trainer with Adirondak Solutions was here in June to work with OIT and our staff to prepare for implementation in Fall '08 or Spring '09. We are looking forward to being able to serve our students better!

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FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

The Financial Aid Office is hosting workshops on campus on Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Gruening 410. Students, staff and faculty are welcome to join in.

Workshop Schedule:

- November 6:** Stretching Your Dollar
- November 13:** Completing Your FAFSA for Spring Semester
- December 4:** Veterans Affairs Q&A
- December 11:** Completing Your Scholarships Applications

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WEB DEVELOPER

The Vice Chancellor’s Office is currently working with a web developer on the SES web site. If you would like to take advantage of the web developer’s expertise for your SES department’s web work, please contact Ali Knabe, 474-5497, ali.knabe@uaf.edu.

LIVE UNITED!

This year's United giving campaign theme is LIVE UNITED, and is your opportunity to demonstrate how united the SES community is in supporting the agencies who do so much to help the people of Fairbanks. Even a very small amount from each paycheck goes a long way. You should have received your United Way contribution form from your supervisor. Please notice on the contribution form that you can give to the Community Care Fund; these funds are distributed by a review committee which determines need. You can give a percentage to Community Care and a percentage to a local or other non-profit agency in Alaska. You may designate a gift to only one agency and you may indicate an agency you wish to exclude. Send the yellow copy of the completed form to Career Services. All information is kept in strict confidence unless you indicate otherwise on the contribution form.

Thank you for considering United Way in your giving. GO SES!

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There will also be a silent auction during our staff retreat with all proceeds going to the United Way. Silent auction items may be give to Patti Picha or Lydia Anderson. More information will be available soon.

Financial Aid

Welcome Matt and Jenna!

The Financial Aid Office has two new staff members. Our new advisor, Matt Sweeney, just joined us from the Registrar's Office, where he has worked since 2001. He was born in Fairbanks, but raised in New Hampshire. He returned to Fairbanks in 2001 to study Japanese at UAF. Jenna Ward is the Customer Service Coordinator. She drove up from Kansas this summer. She will spend her first winter in North Pole with her two dogs, while her husband is deployed in Iraq.

ALASFAA

The Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (ALASFAA) held its annual fall conference in Fairbanks. UAF was well represented with attendees from the Financial Aid Office, Business Office, Rural Student Services, College of Rural and Community Development, Kuskokwim Campus, Interior-

Aleutians Campus, Bristol Bay Campus, Northwest Campus and Chuckchi Campus. We attended a variety of sessions ranging from new federal policies to customer service skills. The conference was a huge success!



This is our UAF Group picture taken at ALASFAA. We are posing with the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrator's (WASFAA) mascot, a stuffed moose.

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Wood Center Fun Fact

Did you know that Wood Center sells Regal Cinema movie passes? We carry "general" tickets for \$6.75 and "premium" tickets for \$7.75. So if you're ready for dinner and a movie, come by Wood Center and purchase your tickets!

Disability Services

On October 30, 2008 Disability Services attended the 2008 Transition Fair at West Valley High School. This fair facilitated the transition of high school students into the community after graduation.

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University of Alaska Directory Information is Considered the Following:

1. Name
2. E-mail address
3. Home city and state
4. Weight and height of students on athletic teams
5. Dates of attendance at UAF
6. Program/major fields of study
7. Degrees and certificated received, including dates
8. Participation in officially recognized University activities
9. Academic and co-curricular honors, awards and scholarships received, including dates

Link for list: <http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html>

FERPA INFORMATION FOR YOU

The link to the Board of Regents Policy and University Regulations on FERPA is: <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy/09-04.doc>.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of education records. All education records are confidential and can be disclosed only under specified circumstances.

The most frequent circumstances when disclosure is permitted are:

- To University of Alaska officials (staff and faculty) with legitimate educational interests.
- To anyone, if the student has signed and dated a

written consent for the disclosure.

- To anyone, if: 1) the information is "directory information," and 2) the student has not opted for confidentiality.

All staff who work with education records are encouraged to take an on-line certification quiz found at: <http://www.alaska.edu/student-services/ferpa>. At the end of the quiz, you will be able to print out a certificate that you can keep in your file.

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Career Services

Did you know that staff can use Career Services? Make an appointment for practice interviews and get help updating your resume.

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and educational institution.*



Subway

The Campus Cache and Subway have opened in the MBS complex. Subway offers a full menu, and with the expanded selection in the Cache (including salads, sushi and sandwiches) and a newly renovated space, the Campus Cache is a great place to stop in and grab a bite to eat.



Admissions

The Office of Admissions has rearranged offices. Come and see the new layout. We have even made a waiting room!

The admissions counselors and student ambassadors have their very own blogs. To see what they are up to, visit <http://uafadmissions.blogspot.com/>.

UPWARD BOUND

The Upward Bound Program (UB) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is one of more than 800 projects funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide services and activities for low-income high school students whose parents have not earned college degrees. UB is found in all 50 states as well as in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Territories. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Upward Bound at UAF serves 13 high schools located mostly in Alaska's rural areas where academic year projects take place. Six-week summer programs are also held for 40 UB students on the UAF campus. A new college-bridging program designed for 10 recently graduated Upward Bound seniors, called "Pathway-2-College," was held for the first time this past summer. P2C is designed as a steppingstone for successful transition between high school and college, enrolling students in Summer Session I. They are treated like regular UAF summer session students and they are expected to meet the responsibilities and expectations of a college student. It is hoped that experience gained from P2C translates into a successful transition into college life for our Upward Bound students.

The area covered by the UAF UB is immense when compared to programs found in the Lower 48. If Alaska was superimposed on a map of the United States, the area covered would be like going from a target school located in South Dakota to another one in northwest corner of South Carolina, and from the northeast corner of Colorado to southeast Iowa. Unlike what we find in Alaska, most of

the Lower 48 Upward Bound projects are easily accessible by road and are usually found in close proximity to host colleges and universities. It is also interesting that, in talking with our colleagues in the Lower 48, our Alaskan definition of 'rural' has a different connotation for them. One colleague from New York once shared with me, with a laugh, that 'rural' meant for her driving on a country road to visit a school some fifty miles from her campus, and she considered that as being 'far away'!

Since 2000, about 400 Alaskan students who participated either in our target schools or in one of our summer programs have graduated from high school. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of those graduates entered colleges and universities in Alaska and elsewhere. In 2004 the chance for college by age 19 for Alaska students was 28%, placing Alaska 49th out of the 50 states (State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget, Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission, Dec. 2007). For all the Pell-eligible (low-income) Alaska high school graduates, their college participation rate in FY2006 was only 7.9%, a figure that places Alaska last amongst the 50 states and the District of Columbia (Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY, Feb. 2008).

The Upward Bound Program is making a difference for Alaskan high school students who are from low-income families where postsecondary education is usually not a part of their families' experience. We offer educational opportunities for Upward Bound students that otherwise would not be available.

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SES STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jody Toll is an Administrative Assistant with the Department of Residence Life. Jody has been in her position over 30 years, beginning as a student with "Housing" in Fall 1973!

Jody is originally from Tempe, Arizona, and first came to Alaska in the summer of 1966.

Jody is married to Gene.

Jody's hobbies and interests include cross country skiing, aviation, and dog training.

Jody's pet is Nikki, the diabetic, blind Finnish Spitz.

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