

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006**  
**UAA UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

- **UAA came alive as a public square the week of March 27** with three high profile events on campus, including public lectures by Pulitzer-Prize winning author Jared Diamond; Director of the Genome Project Dr. Francis Collins; and mayoral debate, televised live on Channel 2. These events were well attended by faculty, staff, students and Anchorage community members. Press coverage of each event was also strong.
- **Advancement worked closely with the Construction Management Program** to create a brochure that will support its fund raising plan to raise \$100k to establish a four-year degree program in construction management. Advancement is also training the program's active advisory board in the solicitation process to help raise the desired funds. This new degree program will help satisfy Alaska's need for well-educated and highly skilled construction workers in the years to come.
- **The second annual "Swing-time in AZ"** event took place in March – this gathering hosted by Chancellor Maimon is intended to gather Alaskans who spend time in the winter in Arizona at a brunch and a Mariners' spring training baseball game. This year more than 20 people participated.
- **Commencement plans are proceeding in full force.** One significant change this year is the addition of a separate Master's candidate hooding ceremony on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Those hooded on Saturday will still march on Sunday and receive their diplomas with the other graduates as well. It is intended to offer special recognition for these students, while also shaving valuable time from Commencement on May 7. With some luck and planning, the ceremony will be under three hours this year.
- **New hires in Advancement** – Vicki Frakes will begin as Special Assistant to Steve Lindbeck on April 17.
- **Several recruitments underway** – a national recruitment is currently underway for a new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development (Cyndi Spear chairs the search committee and Academic Search and Consultation has been retained to aid the search process). We are also recruiting for a new Alumni Relations Manager.
- **The Spring 2006 issue of Accolades** has arrived in nearly 30,000 homes by now -- feel free to contact advancement at 786-4847 if you are interested in receiving extra copies for distribution or display in your office. Planning for the Fall 2006 issue is underway. Feedback and ideas can be sent to [megan.olson@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:megan.olson@uaa.alaska.edu)
- **Advancement's Development team is nearing its FY06 fund raising goal** of \$3.6 million with just \$320,000 left to raise for the year.

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