

ACTIVITIES OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Student Development celebrated the 1st annual Constitution Day with the following activities:

- Student Activities hosted *Music Downloading and the Constitution* featuring a panel discussion with a local attorney, two musicians, a KRUA radio staff member, a record storeowner, and a UAA student.
- Residence Life showed the movie *National Treasure* followed by a Q&A session with students and faculty.
- USUAA President Anthony Rivas publicly read the U.S. Constitution in the Student Union.
- The Dean of Students Office distributed over 250 lollipops with U.S. Constitution facts attached.
- Student Health & Counseling Center gave patients flyers explaining U.S. House Joint Resolution 30: “All citizens of the United States shall enjoy the right to health of equal high quality.”
- 47 people registered to vote in Alaska during the Dean of Students Office voter registration drive.
- Tanaina Child Development Center children drew crayon pictures of what freedom meant to them. Their pictures were displayed in the Student Union.
- UAA Concert Board and Student Activities presented *The Capitol Steps*, to a sold out house in the Williamson Auditorium. The program featured a Washington, D.C. troupe of ex-congressional staffers.

*Campus Life:**Concert Board:*

- A Cappella Festivella XII sold out the Williamson Auditorium. Two hundred singers from Bartlett and East high schools attended Concert Board’s annual a cappella workshop presented by the headlining act.
- The Board is pursuing an increase in their mandatory student fee for fall 2007 via a USUAA fall 2005 election ballot initiative. The \$5 fee has not increased since the programs inception in 1993.

Student Activities

- Hypnotist Daniel James entertained an audience of more than 160 people.
- Sixty-four people showcased their singing abilities during Karaoke Night.
- ARTS150 was at capacity for the David Jacobs-Strain concert.
- The Anchorage Daily News featured a full-page article on the UAA Camera Club's exhibit, *Skin*, that was on display in the Student Union Gallery.

Student Media

- KRUA now broadcasts the UAA volleyball games live. Two staff flew with the team to Fairbanks to cover the UAF-UAA games.
- The Northern Light modified its circulation plan increasing readership and significantly reducing unread papers in the newsstands weekly. New advertising, writing, and business staff are currently being hired.

Student Union

- Together with the Student Leadership Development Office, the Student Union presented UAA Volunteer Week. Events included a volunteer fair featuring 23 local and national organizations, a theatrical presentation by 4A’s, and a Friends of Pets dog show.
- In collaboration with Subway, Grace’s Yarn Tree, and Far North Yarn Co, *Crochet Corner* debuted in September with 23 participants.
- Three hundred fifty people attended the Student Union’s Fall Outdoor Gear Swap.
- Open Mic Night drew 97 students with various talents.
- Game Night’s first session had 75 students come in for fun, food and prizes.
- Student Union operations manager Crickett Watt and assistant operations manager Glenna Schoening attended an Event Management Scheduling conference to more efficiently use UAA’s Student Union’s event management program. Student Union facilitated 216 room reservations during the month of September.

Upcoming Events:

- KRUA presents a live concert with Against Me!, Fire or Smoke, and the Soviettes at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, in the Student Union.
- Comedian Tiny Glover performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 14, in the Student Union Den.
- Open Mic continues at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, October 11 and 25. Take the stage or just stop by and enjoy the various student performers. It’s free!
- The Student Union Gallery features *Flux*, an exhibit of ceramics from October 13 – 27. Gallery hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays.

Career Services Center:

- To date, seventeen students applied for fall semester internships for academic credit.
- Eleven accounting firms will use Career Services Center's interview rooms to interview accounting majors during Accounting Week, October 17 – 21. Employee Relations Coordinator Devon Rust presented to UAA accounting students preparing them for accounting firm interviews.
- Sixteen law schools attended the Center's annual Law Fair.
- Career Services Center's annual Business Expo targeted students majoring in management, finance, accounting, marketing, logistics, and economics. Thirty-five employers staffed information tables promoting their respective organizations and networking with future UAA graduates.
- The Career Services Center's new Career Management Guide is now out and being distributed to all fall and spring semester graduating students. The guides offer career planning, interviewing, job search and on-campus recruiting information in a student-friendly layout. Sample resumes and letters of application are also included.

Leadership and Ethical Development:

- Director of Leadership and Ethical Development Brian Toberman, in collaboration with UAA's Writing Center, designed new educational sanctions for students found violating UAA's Academic Honesty policy. Areas of focus include guidance on proper citation of references and ideas, paraphrasing, and writing mechanics.
- In compliance with the Clery Act, the 2005 Campus Security Report is now available. Information was distributed by e-mail and the report is available on-line at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/safety> Information pertaining to the Drug Free Schools Act was updated. The report is available on line at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/drugfreeschoolsreport.cfm>

Student Leadership:

- UAA Volunteer Week included a doggie fashion show for Friends of Pets; a volunteer fair, a canned food drive. A volunteer cast from Alaskan Aids Assistance Association presented a play about four high school friends torn apart when HIV infects one of them.
- Club Council hosts its annual community *Haunted Halloween Fun Night* on October 29 in the Student Union.
- President Hamilton appointed USUAA Vice-President Kortney Hintsala as a Conference of Young Alaskans delegate. The conference is January 13 - 16, 2006 at UAF.
- The Office of Student Leadership Development is working with Professor Alice Sears' English 212 class to hold a holiday toy drive benefiting those affected by recent the hurricanes.
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is October 17-21. USUAA and Greek Council will co-present an alcohol and hazing education workshop on October 19. A viewing of *National Lampoon's Animal House* will follow the program along with a panel discussion.
- USUAA presents *So You Think You Can Dance*, in the Student Union on October 20. Local dance studios will provide basic lessons on the salsa, meringue, hip-hop, and ballroom dance styles.
- The USUAA Homecoming Dance is 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. on October 21 at the Anchorage Museum. The theme for this semi-formal dance is Mardi Gras. The *Beads for Needs* program will sell green and gold beads with a portion of the ticket sales being donated to the Alaska Red Cross 80/20 fund.
- The Office of Student Leadership Development implemented the Greek Organization Registration Review Board to oversee the annual registration of each organization. The evaluation progress focuses on campus contribution, community contribution, membership retention, academic achievement, adherence to UAA policies, and organization vision.

Residence Life:

- Cama-i Room is now open in the Commons. The Grand opening ceremony included Alaska Native dance groups and cultural activities. Residence Life, University Housing Dining and Conference Services, ANPsych, and Native Student Services were presented with awards for their collaborative efforts creating Cama-i Room.
- Residence Life is conducting "penny wars" to donate to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.
- Resident Housing Association held its first meeting of the semester.
- Jewel Shibley, Resident Advisor, is collaborating with the American Red Cross to host the Hurricane Hustle, a 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, October 29 starting in the residential community. Proceeds from the event will support relief efforts for individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- The Alaska Injury Prevention Center, the Anchorage Fire Department, and the Department of Residence Life submitted a fire safety grant to FEMA for funding in the 2006-2007 academic year. The grant includes monies to sponsor a resident advisor fire training academy, *Some Like it Hot* nights in the dining hall, a candlelight vigil to remember victims of fires in university housing throughout the United States, resident advisor/peer mentor funds for fire safety programming, fire extinguisher training for all residents, fire safety marketing materials, and funds to send UAA staff to a national fire training academy.

Upcoming Events:

- *Safety in Sleepy Hollow!!!* Residents learn about late night safety, receive a free flashlight, and watch a scary Halloween flick! Thursday, October 27 beginning at 8 p.m., North Hall first floor.

Student Health & Counseling Center

- The Student Health & Counseling Center began its immunization walk-in clinic.
- The Center commenced health education Wednesdays in September with 22 participants for *Watch Your Back! Protecting Your Back from Backpacks, Computers, and Stress*; 16 students attended *Suicide: Why and What Can I Do?*; *All About Sleep* had 13 participants. Weekly health education continues all semester.
- Director Mary Anne Wilson, Office Manager Kristi Isaef and Dean Schultz met with representatives of UAA, UAF, KPC and Student Resources Insurance to evaluate the current University of Alaska student health insurance policy in effect through 2006. The meeting addressed concerns and needs for students in the current and future policies.
- Medical Assistant Krista Card traveled to Texas and provided emergency relief service for the Hurricane Katrina disaster for one week.

ACTIVITIES OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT:

Admissions:

- Admissions, Academic and Multicultural Student Services, University Honors, and Student Union staff have worked together to host a reception for graduating high school students and their parents who have been named UA scholars for fall 2006. Approximately 300 people are expected.
- UAA Fall Preview Day will be held November 11. This will give high school seniors and their parents an opportunity to experience and learn about UAA. Students may attend classes, tour the campus, see the housing, visit departments, and take a look at clubs and more. Chancellor Maimon will deliver the welcome to the participants.
- Automated admission decisions for first-time freshmen applicants to Associate of Arts general programs will be available spring 2006. Students in this program will be admitted within 48 hours.

Financial Aid:

- Financial Aid staff members participated in the Alaska training on Administrative Capability and the Alaska Financial Aid Conference.
- Financial Aid disbursed \$19,743,775 in financial aid, an increase of over 20% from fall 2004.
- Financial aid applications for fall 2005 up 18% over the same time last year.

International/Student Exchange/Study Abroad

- Leslie Tuovinen, International Student Advisor, has been elected to the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers Leadership Development Committee as a Regional Specialist for NAFSA/Association of International Educators for Region 1.
- Four representatives of UAA's affiliated study abroad organizations visited campus with over a hundred students visit their tables and discuss study abroad opportunities.

Kiosk:

- Mike Smith, Customer Service Manager, was recently hired and is responsible for training and scheduling of kiosk and call center personnel in all aspects of front-line services to students, including financial aid, admissions, and enrollment.
- Customer Service training for kiosk staff conducted by Federal Management Systems, Inc. Topics included techniques for handling difficult customers, techniques for exceeding customer expectations and steps to maintaining a positive attitude.
- The staff successfully completed late registration with special thanks from Chancellor Maimon for "the smoothest registration period ever." This is especially significant in that it was the first time the newly formed Student Information Advisors team had been used during registration.
- The menu options for Enrollment Services' main number (786-1480) have been restructured to give students the immediate option of a customer service representative. This was done at the request of many students, faculty and staff who wanted a "live body" without having to listen to the whole menu. Despite the concern that this would overwhelm the call center, the overall dropped call rate has only been 2.1 percent since this change was made.
- Certificates of Appreciation from USUAA President Rivas were presented to Gwen Larsen and Johnetta Scott for outstanding commitment and dedication to students during the fall 2005 registration period. Students impressed with the quality service provided by these employees initiated the certificates of appreciation.

Records:

- Free enrollment certifications for students through National Student Clearinghouse are anticipated by December 1 (maybe sooner depending on integration of Banner 7).

- Outsourcing of official transcript requests through National Student Clearinghouse was initiated August 1, 2005 with the following outcomes:
 - Reduced processing time to 2 days (during heavy times it was 5-7 days).
 - During the inaugural month 687 requests were processed for a total of 937 transcripts – making UAA the number one institution in the nation of those using National Student Clearinghouse as their vendor for online official transcript orders. This represented 37% of for transcript requests for the month of August.
 - During the month of September, the number requested through NSC was 40%.
- Implemented a 24 hour transcript requests for \$25 each and have currently processed 108 for the months of August and September.

ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC AND MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES:

- There are 267 new UA Scholars attending UAA this fall semester.
- 92% of the new incoming UA Scholars to UAA attended a scholars briefing prior to the start of the semester.
- Coordination efforts are continuing with the directors and advisor of extended campuses for tracking of UA Scholars and helping to ensure their academic success using academic progress reports throughout the semester.
- Supplemental Instruction program is growing in the number of students using the services during sessions in math and English. Attendance has grown from roughly 9% to approximately 23% for the students taking math 107 and 200 and English 111.
- Coordination is beginning on selecting courses for next spring that will have supplemental instruction attached to the course.

Upcoming Events:

- President Hamilton's UA Scholars Reception hosted at UAA for graduating high school seniors will be on October 13 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. Coordination of the event is by UAA Enrollment Services and Academic and Multicultural Student Services.

Advising and Testing Center:

- Bobbi Weber, Counselor, conducted a faculty advisor training workshop on. The workshop was developed to familiarize faculty with advising resources, registration procedures, forms, petitions and other documents needed when assisting students.
- Linda Morgan, Director of the Advising and Testing Center, presented a workshop regarding test taking anxiety. The workshop was developed to help students better understand how to avoid the anxiety associated with taking exams.
- Eight sections of Guidance A150, *Survival Skills for College Students*, are in progress with a 30% increase in enrollment compared to fall 2004.

Upcoming Events:

- *Preparing for Mid-Terms and Finals* will be held on October 17 from 7 - 8 p.m. in The Commons.
- *Dropping a Class – Are You Struggling But Don't Know Your Options* is planned for October 18 in University Center room 112 from 11:00 a.m. – noon.
- *Knowledge is Power: Learn about CLEP and Dantes to turn your Knowledge into College Credits* is scheduled for October 25, University Center, 11 a.m.- noon
- Majors Fair will take place on October 27 at the Student Union from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- *Understanding Your Requirements and Choices for Spring Semester Classes* on November 1 in University Center room 112 from 11 a.m. – noon
- CLEP open house and luncheon is planned for November 3 in University Center room 112. The target audience is faculty and campus administration. Participation will be by invitation only.

AHAINA Student Programs:

- In honoring the Mayor's Diversity Week, AHAINA Students Programs held an International Tea acknowledging diversity at UAA. Approximately 75 staff, faculty, students and community members attended the gathering.
- In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month a lecture was presented entitled *Hispanics and the Media* with Paola Banchemo as the featured speaker. *Hispanic Influence on Music, Both Past and Present* presented by Walter Olivares. Both are UAA faculty members.

Upcoming Events:

- *Non Traditional Saturday* is scheduled for October 15 in AHAINA from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The computer lab, study area, and student lounge will be available. Activities will be provided for those who bring children.
- August to October birthday celebration for students October 18 at noon in AHAINA's student lounge.
- Mid-term initiative, *Come Study and Eat Pizza Party*, October 18 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and free pizza will be served starting at 6:00 p.m.
- *Am I the Only One, Students of Color in the Classroom* October 19 in the AHAINA Multicultural Center.

- *Time Management* will be planned for October 26 in the AHAINA Multicultural Center.
- In celebration of Native American Month there will be a facilitated discussion entitled *Portrayal of Native Americans in Sports and Film* held November 10 the AHAINA Multicultural Center.
- In conjunction with Student Activities and the initiative of being a public square AHAINA will provide support for a community program, *Experience African Culture* will occur on October 15 at the Loussac Library.

Disability Support Services:

- Kaela Parks, Director of Disability Support Services, was appointed chair of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Disability Concerns Knowledge Community for Region V.
- Disability Student Services contributed to the UAA celebration of Constitution Day by featuring an awareness building game on the department's website and offering a workshop through CAFÉ entitled *The Spirit of the Law: Access and Inclusion for Students with Disabilities*.
- The Center and the Career Services Center co-hosted a visit by Scott Bellman, a coordinator for the AccessSTEM program that aims to increase the numbers of individuals with disabilities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.
- Disability Support Services and the Center for Human Development are partnering on a project called CAPRA (College Access Program for Rural Alaska) that received funding from the Office of Postsecondary Education. This program will use a "train-the-trainer" approach to increase accessibility on rural campuses.
- As part of the ongoing effort to share resources and collaborate within the community, DSS will now be providing alternate format material production and TypeWell services for the Mat-Su Borough School District in addition to the Anchorage School District and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Upcoming Events:

- Workshops will be held in the adaptive computing lab on October 14 and November 4. These workshops are open to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Native Student Services:

- The weekly Sharing Traditions Thursday evening program in the Cama-i Room in the Residence Hall Commons has begun this semester. This is a student-centered social project that uses traditional Alaska Native activities to build a sense of community among Alaska Native students in the residence halls.
- Alaska Public Radio (APR) aired a program on the theme of "family" among UAA Alaska Native students. Native Student Services staff and students were interviewed for the program.
- Willy Templeton, Director of Native Student Services, attended reactivation meeting of Southcentral Native Educators Association (SCNEA) at the First Alaskans Institute (FAI). Willy serves as the vice chairperson.
- Native Student Services launched *2D Tuesdays* in the Camai room in the Residence Hall Commons. Dr. Phyllis Fast taught 2-dimensional watercolor painting as a social activity to build a sense of community among the Alaska Native students in the residence halls.
- Departmental staff will be participating in the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) conferences in Fairbanks. A table has been reserved for distributing information on UAA and various Native programs such as ANSEP, RRANN, Raven's Quest, ANPsych, AKNOS, etc.
- Staff will be meeting with Susan Anderson (CIRI Foundation) and Jon Ross (Alaska Native Heritage Center) to discuss an expanded Alaska Native Summer Arts Camp. Phyllis Fast (liberal studies/anthropology) will also be involved in the discussion.

Upcoming Events:

- A community potluck will be held November 11 at noon in Native Student Services to launch the Dena'ina Heritage Place Name project. Native Student Services is partnering with Dr. Steve Langdon (UAA Anthropology), Jim Fall (State of Alaska), and Jon Ross (Alaska Native Heritage Center).

New Student Orientation:

- New Student Orientation shared a table with Enrollment Services at the Anchorage College & Career Fair held at the Egan Center this week.
- Departmental staff is working in conjunction with Student Health & Counseling Center, AHAINA Student Programs, and Native Student Services to create a homesickness and transitions video.
- The semester's first *Good Morning UAA* had 162 students in attendance.
- All summer evaluations and feedback have been pulled together and compiled for summer 2005 program. With a 79% return rate, 90% felt more prepared to start college and 86% would recommend the program to a friend.

Upcoming Events:

- Recruiting summer 2006 Orientation Student Leaders are begun. Applications are due November 2. For more information visit <http://orientation.uaa.alaska.edu>.

Student Support Services:

- Location and acquisition of office space on campus has been completed. The new office will be located in the Eugene Short Hall on the second floor. Staff anticipates the office set-up to be completed by mid-October. Two new staff members will be hired to fill the positions of retention coordinator and administrative assistant.
- Staff members attended the National Council for Opportunity in Education Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Development of initial program literature is in the works.
- The department is initiating a 160-student recruitment program that should be completed by November 1.

Upcoming Events:

- Open House to the University community is planned for October 24.

TRIO Programs:

- Anchorage College and Career Fair, coordinated by Jan Jones from Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) was held at the Egan Center this week with over 150 schools and colleges presented.
- Over 170 Educational Talent Search parents and students attended the family night event.
- 3 TRIO staff attended a federal regulations training; 4 staff members attended the Council for Opportunity in Education National Conference.
- Preliminary reporting indicates that the TRIO programs have met and exceeded all Performance Objectives for FY 2005. Annual reports will be submitted November 30.
- EOC will be working with 200 new Army Youth Academy recruits beginning October 26.