

ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- ◇ Dean Lazzell is heading up Chancellor Maimon's UAA Voter Registration Initiative that challenges every eligible staff, faculty, and student at UAA to become a registered voter. Voter registration was conducted during the *Campus Kick-Off* events on August 28, as well as the Welcome Week Answer Desks during the first week of fall classes. Several events in conjunction with this drive are planned for September:
 - ◇ Chancellor Maimon and Dr. Mort Maimon will register vote on campus and kick off the official campaign on September 10 at 2 p.m. in the Student Union.
 - ◇ Final negotiations are being made with WWE's "The Hurricane" to visit campus on September 16 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union. This is in conjunction with the "Smackdown the Vote" Alaska tour coordinated by Senator Ellis' office. The "main event" will be free to all and held at West High on September 14 at 6 p.m.
 - ◇ The State of Alaska Division of Elections will conduct voter registrar training on September 16 and 17. If you are interested in becoming a voter registrar, please contact Cindy Marshall at x66133 or anclm@uaa.alaska.edu.
 - ◇ "Battle of the Buildings" student voter registration drive in the residence halls and apartments will begin on September 17.
 - ◇ UAA *Democracy Day* Town Meeting and Pizza with Chancellor Maimon is planned for September 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union Upper Lounge area.
 - ◇ UAA *Democracy Day* will include Student Union Game Night Kick Off and Voter Registration on September 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Student Union. The featured event is a table tennis match between Provost Kassier and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Ejigu.
- ◇ The first quarterly Student Affairs divisional retreat was held on August 18 where President Hamilton and Chancellor Maimon were guest speakers.
- ◇ Dean Lazzell, as member of the Steering Committee for MyUAPortal, participated in design and implementation planning meetings during the summer. The anticipated launch date for the portal will begin in January 2005.
- ◇ Dean Lazzell and Associate Dean Schultz participated in 17 Orientation programs throughout the summer. They welcomed students and families to UAA and hosted parent informational sessions.
- ◇ Over the summer, Student Affairs hosted two audio-conferences, *Civil Rights Investigations: Best Practices You Need to Know* and *Student Suicide: Institutional Policy, Liability, and Prevention*. Both conferences will be attended by members of the UAA community.
- ◇ Associate Dean Schultz held several training sessions for the new residence coordinators, resident advisors, and peer mentors.
- ◇ Cindy Marshall, Student Affairs Manager, was appointed to the MyUAPortal work group to represent Student Affairs for UAA.

Student Leadership Office:

- ◇ The *2004-2005 Fact Finder Student Handbook* is now available!! Thousands of copies have been distributed across campus. To request copies, contact the Office of Student Leadership Development at 786-1371.

- ◇ USUAA received a \$28,000 grant from the Municipality of Anchorage for the UAA Campus Recycling Program Initiative.
 - ◇ Fifteen clubs, three fraternities, and two sororities participated in *The Taste of UAA/Campus Kick-Off Carnival* on August 28.
 - ◇ The 2004 UAA Homecoming dance will be held at the Anchorage Museum on October 7 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. The USUAA Activities committee will sponsor the event.
 - ◇ The annual UAA Student Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Various workshops featuring on and off-campus resources will be held across campus.
 - ◇ Chris Hall, USUAA President, Michael Blanton, USUAA Vice President, and David Parks, Student Regent, will travel to the Board of Regents meeting in Fairbanks on September 14 and 15.
 - ◇ USUAA and KTUU-TV will hold a political debate on October 26 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Wendy Williamson Auditorium.
 - ◇ The following are results of the USUAA Elections held April 13 and 14:
 - ◇ President and VP: Chris Hall and Michael Blanton
 - ◇ Senators:
 - Luke Thomas
 - Emily Tsai
 - Ryan Jager
 - Samantha Barnhill
 - Kalyn Simon
 - Zeljka Jutric
 - ◇ Concert Board: Loki Gale Tobin
 - ◇ UAA Students also voted in favor of the following:
 - ◇ The restructuring of the Student Government fee. The fee would be charged on a per credit basis at a value of \$1.00 per credit, beginning at three credits and capped at 12 credits, effective in spring 2005.
 - ◇ The elimination of senator stipends, effective fall 2004.
 - ◇ The restructuring of the Board of Cultural Awareness to consist of seven voting members appointed by the Chair. Volunteer members not appointed by the Chair may serve as Board members.
 - ◇ The restructuring and addition of clauses two, three, and four in Article Five *Qualifications in the Constitution*, regarding member GPA requirements.
 - ◇ Voices of Planned Parenthood (VOX) and International Youth Fellowship (IYF) submitted registration materials for recognition as new clubs.
 - ◇ Alpha Phi Alpha submitted registration materials for recognition as a new fraternity.
 - ◇ The Office of Student Leadership Development and members of the Greek community participated in the New Student Orientation program *Get a Life* through out the summer.
 - ◇ The Office of Student Leadership Development created a new initiative called *Leadership Lessons*. Lessons will be offered on September 24, October 29, and November 19 from 11:00 a.m.-noon in the Student Union Den. The mini-workshops will offer leadership skills and opportunities to students, staff, and faculty. *Leadership Lessons* are free of charge!
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ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:

- ◇ Staff changes:
 - ◇ Beth Smart was promoted to associate director of Campus Life.
 - ◇ Kerry O'Steen-Davis joined the department as the administrative assistant for Student Programs.
 - ◇ Wendy Anderson accepted the position of administrative assistant for Student Activities.
- ◇ *Campus Kick Off* was attended by over 650 UAA students and their family members. The event included *The Taste of UAA*, a barbeque, carnival activities, a concert sponsored by KRUA, and a comedy sampler

hosted by the UAA Concert Board.

Student Union

- ◇ Numerous 'face lift' activities took place over the summer and will continue throughout fall semester. New carpet has been installed for upper level, new carpet and wood floor in the Den, refinishing safety plexi-glass around the upper level railings, sound proof curtains for Lounge and South Café. Tables in the Den were also refinished and the chairs repaired. Interior Campus Center signs were also replaced with Student Union signs.
- ◇ Summer bookings were strong with 338 events in the building.
- ◇ Collaborations continue with two major Anchorage businesses: Subway of Alaska and the Anchorage Concert Association. The Student Union Information Desk now offers Subway sandwiches for sale at the Desk after 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and the Arts Break program through the Concert Association was re-confirmed for another year.
- ◇ New reservation forms were designed and implemented. Watch for the new form on website (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/campuslife/Student-Union-Home.cfm>)
- ◇ Crickett Watt, Student Union Operations Manager, and Glenna Schoening, Assistant Student Union Operations manager, attended the annual Events Management Systems conference in Denver. This is the reservation system is used in the Student Union.
- ◇ Challenges with the Student Union hallway fire grates continue. Campus Life staff is working with Facilities, Fire Marshal, UPD, and the Wells Fargo Sports Complex on a solution.

Concert Board

- ◇ The Board coordinated a three-comic show with Dat Phan, winner of the *2003 Last Comic Standing*, along with Rob Paravonian and RETTA. Approximately 350 students and their guests enjoyed the Campus Kick Off show in the Williamson Auditorium.
- ◇ Planning for *2004 A Cappella Festivella* is continuing. Watch for announcements of the bands in a few weeks.

Student Activities and Programs

- ◇ Student Activities hosted 14 ice cream socials, four pizza busters, and a carwash-barbeque. These activities drew nearly 200 summer students and staff seeking a cleaner vehicle and a little fun.
- ◇ Over 250 members of the campus community participated in the *Annual UAA Juneteenth Celebration* held on Tuesday, June 15.
- ◇ Over 600 students and staff enjoyed the Student Union Gallery's summer exhibitions: *Little People & Art* by Tanaina Child Development Center, *Solo Show* by Dave Bown, *Myths & Maladies* by Enzina Marrari and Amy Devereux, and *Emerging Visions* by Art 495 Practicum.
- ◇ A national search for Student Activities coordinator was conducted with three candidates invited to campus. Unfortunately, the top candidate accepted a position at Eastern Washington University. The search closed, unfilled

Student Media

- ◇ *The Northern Light* has a new editor, Barry Piser

- ◇ Zac Clark is the new station manager for KRUA 88.1FM.

Student Orientation

- ◇ Orientation held 17 orientation programs, including overnights, college specific, half-day, graduate and out of area. Over 450 students and 75 parents participated in these sessions.
- ◇ Orientation cosponsored an event with International Student Association to welcome all new students from outside the Anchorage area.
- ◇ *Success4Students* had over 150 new students attending.
- ◇ Answer Desks were stationed in four main locations on campus during the critical first week of classes. More than 26 volunteers with a total of 160 hours answered hundreds of questions and generally helped students navigate through the first week of school.
- ◇ *Orientation Reunion* was held the first Monday of classes. Students who attended participated in a number of events and were eligible to win door prizes from a variety of on-campus sponsors.

Upcoming events:

- ◇ Troy Thirdgill, comic, will perform September 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Den.
 - ◇ NSO's *Good Morning UAA* (sponsored by Enrollment Services) will be held September 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Student Union Lounge.
 - ◇ *Swing Dance* hosted by Student Activities is planned for September 17 beginning 9:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
 - ◇ Student Union Game Night will happen September 21 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - ◇ NSO's *Wisdom Wednesday* will be held September 22 and September 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union Lounge.
 - ◇ *Fear Factor* is planned for September 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
 - ◇ Cain Lopez, comic, will perform October 1 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Student Union Den.
 - ◇ NSO's *The Ultimate Road Trip: Campus2Career* is planned for October 4.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- ◇ Jeny Stone has joined to Center to serve as the Employer Relations Coordinator (ERC) and will coordinate all employer related activities.
- ◇ April Sharpe will serve as the Center's office manager and will manage the departmental operations.
- ◇ The Career Services Center has expanded their already impressive job posting and referral system to a national/international program partner. Students and alumni may now apply on-line via the Center's web site (www.uaacareerservices.com) to thousands of national/international job opportunities. This program compliments the more than 1,000 Alaskan employers currently posting job opportunities for our students. The UAA web site has become the largest and most effective way to offer University of Alaska students and alumni career/job opportunities.
- ◇ The Center and Alumni Association have agreed to provide many valuable career related services to members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will defray any related program/services costs for all active members of the association.
- ◇ The department is now offering a video loan program exclusively for UAA faculty's classroom use. The Center has more than 250 career related videos. For more information, please call x64513.
- ◇ Michael Reeves, Director, has been re-appointment by Anchorage Mayor Begich and confirmed by the municipal assembly to the Municipal Employee Relations Board (ERB) for a second three-year-term of office. The ERB is a board of three members providing legal/regulatory rulings on unfair labor practices and

requests to form labor represented bargaining units. Also, he completed a HIPAA Compliance and Wage and Hour Law Compliance Training program over the summer.

- ◇ The Center has reached the director's goal of registering 2,500 students and alumni and 1,000 employers by the end of summer. These registrants are actively using the Center's web site to identify career/job opportunities or to post career/job openings respectively.
 - ◇ The Career Services Center has conducted 6 tours of the Center for the Military Youth Academy and the Upward Bound Program.
 - ◇ The Center has initiated College Source, an online college catalog system allowing students access to catalogs for thousands of colleges, universities and professional schools.
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ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- ◇ Support services for new and prospective students who experience disabilities have included filling ergonomic furniture requests, preparing faculty notification letters, coordinating real-time access service providers, training students in the use of adaptive software and alternate format materials, setting up testing accommodations and working with note takers.
 - ◇ A pool of *TypeWell* transcribers has been established. These individuals use laptop computers and sophisticated abbreviation software to provide real-time communication access for students who experience hearing loss. The department sought and received funding for the TypeWell training through PEPNet, the Postsecondary Education Programs Network, and a national collaboration of four Regional Postsecondary Education Centers for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Disability Support Services is taking a community-minded approach to make UAA's TypeWell transcribing services available to other institutions and agencies within and around Anchorage. Also, human voice digital audio recordings to the range of alternate format materials that can be produced in house.
 - ◇ Kaela Parks, Director, presented information regarding UAA's Disability Support Services during the UAS Convocation.
 - ◇ Workshops will be offered through CAFÉ on topics including the accommodation process, Real-time access in the classroom, adaptive technology and alternate format materials.
 - ◇ Open Labs will be held on the first Monday of every month to provide additional assistance for current and prospective students, as well as staff and faculty who are interested in learning more about adaptive computing opportunities.
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ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

- ◇ Staff changes:
 - ◇ Nathan Miller, Residence Coordinator
 - ◇ Kimberley Miller, Residence Coordinator
 - ◇ Tammy Parnell, Office Manager
 - ◇ Allison Perry, Administrative Assistant
 - ◇ Heather Stalling, Residence Coordinator
- ◇ Zach Manzella, Associate Director of Residence Life, will be leaving the department November 1 to pursue a career as an attorney. A national search will be conducted for this position.
- ◇ Several training sessions and retreat were held to train the new residence coordinators, resident assistants, and peer mentors. President Hamilton spoke to the staff during one of the training sessions. He gave an inspirational speech about his life's philosophy.
- ◇ Lindsay Callinsky coordinated and facilitated *Welcome Week* activities for the residence halls.
- ◇ The first Dining Advisory Meeting will be held September 7 and 8. Attendance is expected to be good as students want to discuss meal plans with the new director of Aramark.

- ◇ West and North halls are organizing hall councils. This will allow students the ability to participate in leadership opportunities and express their opinions and concerns.
- ◇ West Hall is building a stronger Language community and continues to build a great relationship with RRANN program and their passion for nursing.
- ◇ The department has increased its support of the bridging program sponsored by CIRI. Staff members worked with the mentors of the bridging program to develop skills in being first responders and to increase the mentors' knowledge of the resources available to students living in the residential community.

Upcoming events:

- ◇ RHA meeting is planned for September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in The Commons.
 - ◇ German Movie Nights are planned for September 22, October 20, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. Locations to be announced.
 - ◇ Open House in the Languages community is scheduled for September 17 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in West Hall second floor lounge.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- ◇ The Center's staff participated in eight sessions of New Student Orientation which gave participants information regarding services offered by the Student Health Center. Other orientation sessions were held for international students and
- ◇ The staff attended a three day training session which covered the Center's policies and procedures, HIPPA review, medical laboratory review and several other topics.
- ◇ The Student Health Center staff hosted an informational table, *Ask the Student Health Center* to advertise services and programs during the week of August 30 to September 3 at various locations around campus.
- ◇ *Upcoming events:*
 - ◇ *Acupressure* presented by Kathy Ungerecht will be held September 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards Conference Room.
 - ◇ *Headaches* presented by Mo Hillstrand, ANP, is planned for September 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Lyla Richards Conference Room.
 - ◇ *Don't Drink the Water: Tips for International Travel* presented by Dyann Bowland, RN, MPH, and Mary Anne Wilson, ANP, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Lyla Richards Conference Room.