
ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- The Diversity Action Council awarded Linda Hardyman, Shalini Malik, Edwin Mighell, and Quinten Simeon with the prestigious 2004 UAA Student Diversity Award. Students are nominated for this award which is designed to recognize their contributions that have significantly enhanced diversity on a UAA campus by increasing visibility of diverse people, cultures, and/or perspectives, creating a welcoming environment; and/or representing diverse student voices through advocacy and participation in UAA student organizations.
- Eight students were awarded leadership tuition waivers for their volunteer efforts that significantly enhanced student life on campus. Waivers were awarded to:
 - Chris Hall
 - Jutric Zelika
 - Daniel Pace
 - Ebony Evans
 - Rhonda Sparks
 - Kathleen Larson
 - Chris Haupt
 - Shawn Martinez
- The Diversity Action Council will meet in the Student Union Lyle Richards Conference Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the second Friday of the month during spring 2005.

Student Leadership Office:

- USUAA will hold a spring retreat at Alyeska Ski Resort on January 14 and 15.
- The *Last Frontier Student Leadership Conference* is scheduled for April 1 and 2.
- The following USUAA senators have been sworn into office:
 - Kortney Hintsala
 - Chris Bauer
 - Sarah Mahan
 - Trevor Majdic
 - Daniel Pace
 - Rachele Watts
 - James Waldo
- USUAA held a Legislative Conference on December 6 to welcome Anchorage legislators and other leaders and to help make connections with student leaders on campus.
- The Office of Student Leadership Development and Greek Council will host an educational forum about alcohol and hazing on January 15 with hazing expert Hank Nuwer from Franklin College in Indiana.
- Information regarding Student Leadership Honors and Student Commencement Speaker (nomination forms and applications) was sent out to the UAA community this week.

ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:*Student Union*

- Eric Van Dongen, USUAA Senator and student manager at the Student Union Information Desk, is the recipient of a \$1000 USUAA leadership scholarship.

- The Student Union Information Desk is sponsoring a Welcome Back Outdoor Rental Special. Call 786-1204 for details.

Student Activities

- The UAA Print Club exhibition entitled *Miniature Print Exchange* will open in the Student Union Gallery on January 13 with more than 120 guests expected. The show runs until January 27.

Student Media

- Michelle Bartleman Loscher, UAA Journalism and Public Communications student and *The Northern Light* Opinion and On-line Editor, won first place in the Hearst Journalism Awards for her editorial column on faith. The first-place winner receives a \$2,000 award, with a matching grant for the Journalism and Public Communications department. Michelle also qualifies to participate in the National Writing Competition San Francisco in May
- KRUA launched *Krüggle* search engine for KRUA music library which can be found at <http://jpc.uaa.alaska.edu/~krugle/>
- KRUA co-sponsored a concert and CD Release Party with JEB.

Student Orientation

- Spring Orientation was held for 25 new students and their families on January 7.
- The newly developed Peer Advising Pilot Program will kick off on January 14. Students must take Guidance A101 for 10 weeks followed up with a five week paid practicum. Interested students should contact Lora Volden at 786-1240 or lora@uaa.alaska.edu.
- The last Wisdom Wednesday *Feeling Stretched* had 82 students in attendance and provided good information on finals week. And the final Good Morning UAA of fall semester hosted by Student Affairs had 107 students present.
- Sponsors for spring semester's Good Morning UAA are still being sought. Please contact Orientation at 786-1224 if your department or program would like to sponsor this beneficial program.
- New Student Orientation sponsoring Answer Desks in locations across campus January 10 - 13. Thanks to the many volunteers that have helped staff the desks and welcome UAA's students back to campus!

Upcoming Events:

- UAA Alaska Civil Rights Week Events
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Sat. January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the UAA Wells Fargo Sports Complex Birthday Cake and "I have a dream" speech video presentation
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Volunteer Service Mon. January 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UAA Commons Friends of Alaska PYLI and the UAA Human Service Club have organized community service activities for university, high school, and middle school students and other community members. This community event will be conducted using the arts and creative expression to discuss, debate, explore and celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service to others. Those attending the forum are invited to support Kids Kitchen and Kids Cafe, Anchorage's daily meal programs for low-income children at the Fairview Community Center and Mt. View Community Center. Participants are asked to donate cans of food or make a monetary contribution that will be given to these two children's meal programs. Participants will also be able to donate to US AID to UNICEF to aid children displaced by the recent international tragedy.
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & UAA AK Civil Rights Day City-wide Celebration Mon. January 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. UAA Fine Arts Building Recital Hall (ARTS150) Black Arts North Children of Camp

Fire USA Martin Luther King, Jr. City-wide Choir Storyteller Jack Dalton (Interpretation provided for those who are deaf or hard of hearing)

- Civil Rights Speak-out Tuesday January 18 beginning at 11:30 a.m. UAA Student Union Alcove (1st floor) Open Mic and video presentation of Dr. King's "I have a dream speech." Pizza following video presentation.
- Civil Rights, Social and Economic Justice Performance Arts and Original Poetry Contest Wed. January 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m UAA Williamson Auditorium MC and featured performance by Shirley Mae Springer Staten Final round of performances by 11 talented UAA students and community members competing for \$2,000 in prizes. Comedian Lance Max presented by Student Activities is planned for January 21.
- Annual Spring Poster Sale by the Student Union Information Desk will be January 24 – 26 on the upper level of the Student Union.
- Student Union Game Night will start back up held January 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Wisdom Wednesday *\$100,000 Give Away* will happen January 26 the Student Union cafeteria.
- *Shark Tale* presented by Student Activities as part of the Family Movie Night series will be back on Friday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- The Center has planned the Engineering Employer Expo to be held February 2. Over 350 employers have been invited to participate. This career fair is geared towards engineering students.
- Eleven students met with the Center's staff for career counseling, five for resume assistance, three for mock interviews, two for Inventory Test interpretation, and eight for Internship information last month.
- UAA's Career Services Center has developed a UAA/UAF/UAS joint *Benefactor's Program*. This program is now available to corporate partners who wish to support statewide career services activities. All three MAU's have a power-point presentation covering the Benefactor's Program on their respective web sites.
- The following employers recruited on campus last month:
 - U.S. Army Reserve
 - Vector
- Other employers have made plans with the Employer Relations Coordinator to recruit on campus in January:
 - Princess Tours
 - Volunteers of America
 - Campfire USA
 - GEICO
 - Peace Corps
- The following workshops were offered by the Center in December:
 - *Identify Your Skills*
 - *Self Assessment I: Defining Your Skills*
 - *Self Assessment II: Putting Your Skills to Work*
- The following workshops will be offered in January each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Career Services Center resource library:
 - *Why Work? Six Reasons You're Better Off Employed*
 - *Interviewing Skills for Job Seekers With Physical Disabilities*
 - *Coping With Change in the Workplace*
 - *Learning to Solve Problems*

ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Disability Support Services will be extending TypeWell Transcribing services to the Anchorage School District on a contract district.

- The department's staff have been busy meeting with new and current students, coordinating interpreters, CART service providers and TypeWell Transcribers, preparing alternate format materials, placing ergonomic furniture, providing training in the use of adaptive computing technology and serving as a liaison with faculty and community agencies.
- The department will celebrate UAA Alaska Civil Rights Week with a showing of the film *My Country* which chronicles the stories of three people with disabilities and their struggle for equal rights under the law. This film draws a powerful parallel between the efforts of disability rights activists and the civil rights struggle of the 1960's. This film will be shown after the Civil Rights Speak-out Tuesday January 18 and again later that afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in BEB 101.
- The Workforce Recruitment Program will visit campus January 28. The recruiter will hold 30 minute interviews with students and recent graduates who experience disabilities. In March, a database with resume and interview information will be made available to public and private sector employers across the nation.

Upcoming Events:

- 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.

ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

- West Hall celebrated the holiday season by having a Holiday decorating contest between wings. Fourth floor low won first place and received a Pizza party-sponsored by West Hall Council. RA third floor high won second place received candy bars.
- Holly McCune was hired as the new honors peer mentor during fall semester finals week.
- Residence Life and Housing sponsored the annual Midnight Pancake breakfast. This event gives students studying late for finals extra energy to continue studying.
- Resident advisor Chris Haupt was awarded the Student Leadership Tuition Waiver for spring semester. His outstanding involvement as a volunteer with the Resident Housing Association, the Fire/EMS Club, the Student Nurses Association, and the Golden Key Honor Society qualified him for the award.
- Main Apartment Complex resident advisors concluded their individual evaluations with their residence coordinator. Each created goals pertaining to their position and personal life for the spring semester.

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- The SHC staff provided an informational display about the Center's services at various locations around campus during the first week of classes.
- Carol Montgomery, Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, presented two sessions of stress management training to the resident advisors.
- Several staff members have participated in an introduction to the Dragon voice-oriented dictation system through Disability Support Services.
- Municipality of Anchorage's Family Planning Clinic will be attending the Center's staff meeting on January 19 to discuss their services and networking with the Student Health Center.

Upcoming Events:

- *Acupuncture* presented by Kelly Sandberg, L.Ac. will be held January 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union Lyla Richards Conference Room.
- Family Planning Clinic staff of the Municipality of Anchorage will be attending the Center's staff meeting on January 19 to discuss their services and networking with the Student Health Center.
- *Spicing Up Your Sex Life* presented by Ellen Cole, Ph.D. is planned for January 26 12:00 p.m. go 1:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards Conference Room.