

ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- The Division of Student Affairs received FY2004-05 Performance Enhancement Funds for two proposals: Peer advising/Mentoring Project \$35,000 and Preventative Mental Health Services for Native Student Project for \$15,000.
- Cindy Marshall, Student Affairs Manager, was appointed to the Enrollment Management Functional Area Working Group Input for Developing a Digital Document Infrastructure.
- Student Affairs hosted its quarterly divisional meeting this week.

Student Leadership Office:

- USUAA President Chris Hall and USUAA Senator Kortney Hintsala attended the Northwest Leadership Conference in Portland, Oregon with the Coalition of Student Leaders.
 - USUAA elections were held during November. The following students will be sworn in as senators at the December 11 USUAA meeting:
 - Kortney Hintsala
 - Chris Bauer
 - Sarah Mahan
 - Trevor Majdic
 - Daniel Pace
 - Rachele Watts
 - James Waldo
 - Jake Gondek was elected by UAA students to be the UAA-Anchorage Student Regent candidate and David Parks was elected to be the UAA-Anchorage Student Commissioner for Education candidate. Their names will be forwarded for consideration in the UA statewide elections.
 - Members of USUAA attended a brunch at the Chancellor's home.
 - USUAA hosted a dinner with the Anchorage Legislative Caucus, the Anchorage Assembly and the Mayor.
 - USUAA will hold a Legislative Conference. The purpose of the conference is to welcome new legislators their districts and help them 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.
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ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:

Student Union

- The UAA Crafts Fair was held in the Student Union on December 4. There were over 90 vendors and thousands of people in attendance.
- The third annual Volunteer Fair was held with 25 local agencies participating.
- The Information Desk handed out over 3000 free student Shootout tickets between November 13 and November 23.
- Late Nights started on Monday, December 6 with the Union staying open until 1 a.m. and offering free munchies. This program runs through Thursday, December 16 and over 400 focused and grateful students take advantage of the late-night study location.
- Student Union had 149 bookings for November with 577 reservation hours.
- Twenty-three students took part in the November pool tournament playing single elimination.

- Game Nights were held on November 16 and 30 with over 200 students enjoying the Game Cube, Bingo, ping-pong, and free snacks.
- Planning for spring semester events took place. The Union's newest program *Outdoor Adventure Lecture Series* will begin February 1, 2005.

Concert Board

- The Morgan Spurlock *Super Size Me* movie and lecture was a sell-out. A variety of ages were represented in the audience from grade school to college and older! A high school class traveled from Whittier to see the program. Mr. Spurlock stayed and talked to many fans after the program.
- The Board is making plans for the spring 2005 semester.

Student Activities

- Four student leaders attended the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) regional conference in Reno, NV where they selected an exciting mix of entertainers for spring semester.
- Over 750 visitors toured the Student Union Gallery to view *Through Our Eyes*, an annual exhibit sponsored by the UAA Camera Club from November 4-18.
- Approximately 160 people turned out for the opening of the 19th annual national *No Big Heads Self-Portrait Exhibition* on December 2. This year's best in show was awarded to Larry Deemer for his self-portrait titled *Quarry*. The exhibit runs through Thursday, December 16.
- The Family Movie Night presentation of *Shrek 2* on November 12 brought in an audience of 140 students, children, and parents.
- Campus Activities Female Entertainer of the Year Comedian Alexandra McHale performed on December 3. Free admission was provided for students who donated winter gloves or socks for the Campus Life Covenant House project.
- The Civil Rights, Social and Economic Justice Performing Arts and Original Poetry Contest preliminary judging was held on December 7. Finalists will present their entries on January 19 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Alaska Civil Rights Day.

Student Orientation

- This month's Wisdom Wednesdays were *Don't be Blue or Get the Flu* and *Taking Care of Campus Business*. Students received chicken noodle soup with tips on staying healthy and to do lists with information on important campus dates.
- ROTC hosted November's *Good Morning UAA* and 92 students participated. *December's Good Morning UAA* will be sponsored by Student Affairs, with 100 students expected.
- Sponsors for spring semester's *Good Morning UAA* are being sought. Contact New Student Orientation (x61224) to obtain a sponsorship forms.

Upcoming Orientation events:

- Spring Orientation is planned for January 7 in the Student Union beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Poster sales will run January 24 through January 26 in the upper level of the Student Union
- Game Night will be held January 25 in the Student Union.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- KPMG, Mikunda, Cottrell, and Co., Altman, Rogers, and Co., the Division of Legislative Audit, Rulien, Whitlock, and Associates, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and Thomas, Head, and Greisen interviewed accounting students at the Career Services Center for Accounting Week.
- The Career Services Center is planning Engineering Employer Expo a career fair geared towards engineering students, to be held on February 2. Invitations were mailed to about 300 employers.

- Eighteen students met with the Center's staff for career counseling, two for resume assistance, nine for mock interviews, two for Inventory Test interpretation, and fourteen for Internship information last month.
 - During November, the Center added several documents and links to its website for students' convenience in accessing career-related information.
 - Michael Reeves, Director, held two workshops on resume writing and interviewing for the School of Nursing.
 - Michael Reeves met with Shane Southwick of Distance Education to film a 60 second commercial highlighting Center's many services. The "commercial" will be shown on Distance Ed broadcast and copies will be given to academic deans and directors. The project will be a collaboration of Distance Education and the UAA Journalism Department. Michael will approve the final product.
 - 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 websites.
 - The following employers recruited on campus last month:
 - GEICO
 - Primerica Financial Services
 - U.S. Army Reserve
 - The following workshops were offered by the Center:
 - Looking Sharp: Practical Tips on Grooming for Success*
 - First Impressions: The Key to Successful Interviews*
 - Places to Look for Work When You Don't Have a College Degree*
 - Selling Yourself Without a College Degree*
 - Job Search Methods that Get Results*
 - Identify Your Skills*
 - Self-Assessment I: Defining Your Skill*
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ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Disability Support Services has been busy converting print materials to electronic text for the Anchorage School District, the University of Alaska Southeast, as well as students attending UAA.
 - The department worked with Kenai Peninsula College's Learning Center staff to identify and implement appropriate assistive technology to support student needs.
 - The department will celebrate 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.
 - Disability Support Services will host a Workforce Recruitment Program Coordinator on 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. Last year 3 DSS students received job offers through this program.
 - 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:

- West Hall celebrated their success for the voter registration competition with an all hall ice cream social sponsored by Office of Student Affairs. The Hall has been preparing for the winter holiday season by having a wing holiday decorating contest. The winning wing, as determined by community judges, will receive a pizza party-sponsored by West Hall Council.

- The Main Apartment Complex resident advisors conducted monthly safety and facility visits. The resident advisor dealt with any residents that did not meet specific expectations for their apartment and problems were corrected in a timely manner. In conclusion, all apartments passed with satisfactory conditions.
 - Karla Booth was hired as the new MAC resident coordinator.
 - In an effort to raise awareness of those less fortunate during this holiday season, West Hall Council sponsored Penny Wars between the wings. All monies collected were donated to Salvation Army.
 - West Hall Council co-sponsored the Native Student Services potluck. The Miracle Dancers from Native Heritage Center performed.
 - Jolene Firmin and North Hall Council started the Recycling Program in North. There are bins for paper, aluminum, glass, and plastic.
 - A new bulletin board display was put up in the MAC Shack entitled *Alcohol: what you don't know can harm you*. It offers a variety of facts about alcohol that residents can use when making decisions about using alcohol.
 - Reem Sheikh, resident advisor, was nominated for a UAA Student Diversity award for her constant attention to multicultural affairs and education in East Hall and campus wide.
 - North Hall Council continued to collect donations of clothing and canned food to donate to a few different shelters and services this holiday season. They were able to help with food donations for the Thanksgiving time and hope to donate clothing to the Convenient House before winter break.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- The Center provided an informational display in the Student Union about smoking to celebrate the Great American Smokeout. This national yearly event encourages smokers to quit for at least a day. Smoking cost calculators, smoking cessation program information, and adopt-a-smoker forms were handed out. One of the Student Health Center staff dressed up as “Mr. Butt” to hand out information.
- In observance of World AIDS Day, the Center provided an informational display in the Student Union and handed out red ribbons. Sarah Carter, RAPP (Real AIDS Prevention Project) Coordinator for the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association also gave a presentation entitled *HIV 101* to interested students, staff, and faculty.
- The Student Health Center hosted the twelfth annual Free Soup Lunch to the UAA community. This annual event gives students, staff, and faculty a free soup lunch during the week before final exams.
- The Center’s staff will be providing information about SHC services at various locations around campus during the first week of classes of the spring semester, January 10 through January 14.