
ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- Dean Lazzell and Professor Turner presented a CAFÉ faculty workshop regarding disruptive students in the classroom.
- Cindy Marshall, Student Affairs Manager, has been appointed as the UAA representative to the Good News Great Kids! city-wide committee. This committee reviews nominations of 100 high school seniors identified as high achievers who have overcome great obstacles to graduate from high school. Approximately 100 high school seniors are nominated each year. The committee narrows down the field to the top 10 students who are recognized by Mayor Begich at the annual Good News Great Kids! banquet. These students are also highlighted in the Anchorage Daily News.
- Dean Lazzell participated in the 50th anniversary events which included the Chancellor's installation ceremony.
- Student Affairs provided financial support to the Walter Austin event.
- Student Affairs and ANPsych are working together on a UAA performance grant to develop a strategic approach to designing responsive educational programs that address transitional issues experienced by Native students living in the residence halls and apartments. Two ANPsych graduate students are conducting focus groups this week with Native students living on campus to identify common themes.

Student Leadership Office:

- Twelve members of USUAA will attend the Legislative Conference in Juneau on February 13 and 14.
- The Last Frontier Student Leadership Conference is scheduled for April 1 and 2. The committee is still looking for presenters. If you are interested, please contact Lani Rainer in SU 201 or 786-1205.
- The USUAA Academic Affairs committee will host a bi-weekly student feedback table in the lobbies of the BEB and SSB, and Student Union hallway. The committee will have information available about USUAA services and registration forms for the Last Frontier Student Leadership Conference that
- The USUAA Activities committee has been hard at work planning events for the spring 2005 semester: student night (free) at the Bear Tooth, student day (discounted tickets) at H2Oasis, and various promotional items, etc. Contact Student Government at x61205 for more information.
- Former USUAA senators Rachel Cramer and Ryan Jager are completing legislative internships in Juneau during the spring 2005 semester. Both plan to return to USUAA for the fall 2005 semester.
- The Recycling Program hired two temporary student assistants to help with increased pick-ups across the university. The assistant positions were made possible through a \$28,000 municipality grant that expires October 2005.
- The following UAA clubs were awarded funding through Club Council to attend conference and workshops during the spring 2005 semester: Justice Club, Geomatics Student Association, and the Radio, Television, and News Directors Association (RTNDA).

- Greek Council has formed a By-Law committee in an effort to offer more clarity to the Council's role in the Greek community. Greek Week will take place from March 7-12 with various activities being planned.
- Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma are currently holding joint recruitment events.
- Eight members of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity will attend the Carlson Leadership Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah from February 17-19.
- Joel Ainsworth, President of Lambda Chi Alpha, is currently at a leadership conference in Florida. Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon are currently working towards gaining their charters.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has expressed interest in re-joining the Greek community.
- The 2005-2006 Fact Finder Student Handbook is underway. Departments will be receiving information via e-mail on how to submit and/or update information. Please contact Diane Kozak in SU 206, 786-1371, dianek@uaa.alaska.edu with any questions.
- Applications for Student Leadership Honors and Student Commencement Speaker are now available. The deadline is March 4. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact Diane Kozak.

ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:

- The Campus Life staff, students from KRUA, Concert Board, and RHA, and representatives from Residence Life, Leadership, and the Sports Complex have begun planning for the third annual Up All Night program on February 26 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Student Union

- The Union is busy with activity with a marked increase in student use. A variety of events including a poster sale, Subway Late Nights, and outdoor gear rentals.
- The Union had three major events in January/February: the Student Appreciation Luncheon, the ANSEP dinner, and the Engineering and Science Expo. All events were very successful, with hundreds of students, staff, faculty, and community members present.
- The newest program developed by the Student Union staff, the Outdoor Adventure Series began on February 1 with snowshoer, Julie Udchachon. Twenty-five people enjoyed the lively presentation.

Concert Board

- As part of the "Year in Review," the Anchorage Daily News entertainment section "8" recognized two of the Board's events in 2004 as the "Best of the Year." They selected filmmaker, Kevin Smith's lecture in May and Oscar nominee, Morgan Spurlock's presentation and movie in November.
- The Board has worked hard to plan their February 17 event with comedian Michael Ian Black making decisions on advertising, volunteer needs, production, and logistics.
- The Concert Board's Special Projects Fund is accepting grant proposals for spring 2005. Applications are due by March 1 and awards will tentatively be made by March 11. For more information, call the Board at 6-1210.

Student Activities

- Comedian Max Lance kicked off the Student Activities evening entertainment series to a crowd for more than 100 in the Student Union Den.

- Family Movie Night series began spring semester with *Shark Tale*. Over 160 students, staff and their children turned out for this event.
- The Student Union Gallery opened the second annual “Foundations Invitational Show” on Thursday, February 3. Over 135 patrons of the arts turned out for this show the highlights the works of first and second year art students.
- Hypnotist Daniel James and the comedy magic of Spike and Hammer drew a crowd of more than 350 in the Williamson Auditorium.

Student Media

- The Northern Light is re-organizing their staff structure to include a managing editor and making plans to attend the annual College Media Advisors conference in New York City in March.

Student Orientation

- The Spring Orientation had 24 students and two parents in attendance.
- During the first week of spring semester answer desks were staffed with over 30 volunteers in four major areas of campus.
- The Peer Advising Pilot Program has begun with ten enthusiastic students.
- Recruitment has begun for this summer’s Orientation leaders. Applications are due February 16. More information can be found at <http://orientation.uaa.alaska.edu/leader.htm> or by calling x61224.
- The first Wisdom Wednesday “100 Grand Give Away” had 67 students in attendance and provided good information on applying for scholarships.
- The first Good Morning UAA of spring semester was hosted by Student Activities and had 86 students present.
- One sponsor for Spring Semester’s Good Morning UAA is still being sought. If your department is interested in sponsoring the informational session, please call x61224.

Student Showcase

- The 2004 Showcase Journal was unveiled at a reception on February 4 where all the 2004 student participants and their faculty received the journal.
- The application deadline for the 2005 Showcase Journal was Tuesday, February 8 and the 2005 conference is planned for April 6 – 9.

Upcoming Events:

- Poet Flowmentalz will perform on Friday, February 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Den.
- Outdoor Adventure Series with Roman Dial, outdoor adventurer, will be Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
- Concert Board presents Michael Ian Black on Thursday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Williamson Auditorium.
- KRUA Concert is planned for Saturday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Den.
- Family Movie Night: *The Incredibles* will be shown February 18 in the Student Union cafeteria.
- Banff Film Festival will be shown Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamson Auditorium.
- The City-Wide Career and Job Fair will take place Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- The Career Services Center hosted the First Annual Engineering and Sciences Employer Expo, a career fair geared towards engineering, science, geomatics, and logistics students. Forty employers attended.
- The Center is also planning career fairs for the Justice and Economics departments.
- Michael Reeves, Director, has been teaching Introduction to Career Exploration on Monday and Wednesday nights.
- Thirteen students met with the Center's staff for career counseling, two for resume assistance, ten for Inventory Test interpretation, and three for internship information during the month of January.
- The following employers recruited on campus last month:
 - Camp Fire USA
 - Princess Tours
 - Vector
 - US Marine Corps
 - Volunteers of America
- Grayline, GEICO, State Farm Insurance, Girl Scouts Susitna Council, and ARC of Anchorage have made plans with the Center's employer relations coordinator to recruit during February.
- The following workshops were offered in January:
 - "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"
- During the month of February, Career Services Center will offer the following video-workshops Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Center's Resource Library:
 - "Ten Basics of Business Etiquette"
 - "First Impressions"
 - "Selling Yourself Without a College Degree"

ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Disability Support Services is working with a group of CIS students to design a database and web interface showcasing interactive maps of campus accessibility features as well as training tutorials for adaptive software applications.
- The department was successful in seeking external funding for a second TypeWell Transcriber session to be held in May. A collaborative approach will allow for sites such as KPC to send trainees to Anchorage.
- The department assisted in coordination of American Sign Language interpreters for the Chancellor's Installation, *Mother Goose on the Loose*, College Bowl Sunday, and the Michael Ian Black performance.
- Close work with the Anchorage School District continues as well as community campuses and the University of Alaska Southeast to provide alternate format material production services, the use of UAA TypeWell transcribers as a real-time communication access service, and the use of UAA TypeWell transcribers to provide transcripts of videos that are not captioned.

Upcoming Events:

- “Reel Eyes,” a series of films by and about people with disabilities, to be shown on March 1, 8, and 15 in the Lyla Richards Conference Room. For more information, please contact Disability Support Services at x64530 or www.uaa.alaska.edu/dss/information/reeleyes.cfm.
- The department is providing a session through CAFÉ entitled *Technology for Everyone* which focuses on adaptive software that is often used by students with disabilities but that also has the potential to benefit faculty, staff, and students more broadly. The workshop will be held on February 25.
- Open Labs will be held on the first Monday of every month to provide additional assistance for current and prospective students, as well as information for staff and faculty who are interested in learning more about adaptive computing opportunities.

ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

- The residence halls hosted several well attended programs throughout the month of January; they included an introduction to yoga and breathing techniques, a “gnarly” ski and snowboard movie night and a hall wide ice cream social.
- Nate Miller, residence coordinator, and Tracey Mueller, Alaska Director of Pacific Alliance, are working together in an attempt to work with the ANSEP students, living in both Alyeska areas to complete roommate agreements and gain a better understanding of alcohol related issues.
- Residence Life Staff participated in unannounced fire drills to ensure a safer and more secure living-learning environment.
- Residence Coordinator Karla Booth began meeting with psychology graduate students from the Alaska Natives in Psychology (AnPSYCH) program. She will assist in organizing focus groups constructed of Alaska Native and American Indian residents. The focus groups will brainstorm ideas for programs to prevent substance abuse, depression, and suicide ideation amongst Alaska Native and American Indian residents.
- Residence Life staff, Native Student Services, and Lauren Bruce are working together to bring the Alaska Native Oratory Society to the residential side of campus to do a presentation in The Commons.
- Resident advisors and peer mentor recruitment will be occurring in the upcoming months. Informational sessions were held in Native Student Service, AHAINA and The Commons. Qualified students may apply for the positions through the Department of Residence Life office.

Upcoming Events:

- Residence Hall Association is sponsoring a float for the Fur Rondy parade on February 19 in downtown Anchorage.
- “Make your own Valentine's Cards and Valentine's for Vets” is planned for February 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the East Hall fourth floor lounge.
- “Become Cupid. Make Valentines Day Cards” will be held Friday, February 11 at 6:00 pm. North Hall first floor lounge.

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- The Center offered several health educational sessions during January. Sessions included “Acupuncture,” “Spicing Up Your Sex Life,” “Watch Your Back! Protecting Your Back From Backpacks, Computers, and Stress,” and “Healthy Skin Care from Acne to Wrinkles.”
- Dyann Bowland, RN, MPH, and Cecelia Maher, ANP, provided off-site Tb skin tests to students in Psychology and Culinary Arts.

- Candy Norris, ANP, Georgia DeKeyser, ANP, and Dyann Bowland, RN, MPH attended a local conference entitled “Contraceptive Update and Drug Interactions.”
- Family Planning Clinic and the Student Health Center are discussing networking options which would benefit UAA students.
- UAA health care providers at the SHC participated in an audio-conference about syphilis. There has been an increased incidence of this disease in the Anchorage area.
- Georgia DeKeyser, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, attended a conference entitled “Anxiety: Brain and Society.”

Upcoming Events:

- “Recycling Yourself, What You Don’t Know About Organ and Tissue Donation” presented by Erin Meade, RM, SM, FAAM on February 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards Conference Room. Also, an informational display will be presented in the Student Union, upper hallway, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- “All About Sleep” hosted by Aaron Johnson, MD is scheduled for February 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards Conference Room.
- “Do You Wanna Be Barbie? All About Eating Disorders and Body Image” presented by Debra Regan-Coffman, LMFT, and Christy Williams, LCSW is planned for March 2 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards Conference Room.
- “Get a Taste for Nutrition” will be presented March 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union upper hallway. There will be free food and information.