

ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- Dean Lazzell participated as a panelist in the UAA Bookstore's *Alaska Native Programs, Faculty Researchers and Alaskan Native Students*
- Dean Lazzell attended several committee meetings throughout October which included: University Facilities Board, Diversity Action Council, and the UAA Safety Board.
- The Office of Student Affairs sponsored *An Evening of Reflection and a Candlelight Vigil*. Guest speakers were Chancellor Maimon, Dean Lazzell, and USUAA Vice President Michael Blanton.

Student Leadership Office:

- USUAA President Chris Hall will be attending the Northwest Leadership Conference in Portland with the Coalition of Student Leaders.
- Applications are now available for the fall 2004 Student Leadership Scholarship offered by USUAA. Five \$1000 scholarships are awarded each semester. The application deadline is November 19.
- The USUAA Academic Affairs committee is working on a survey to distribute to students regarding the spring 2005 Student Leadership Conference. The committee is looking for student opinions about the topics, date, time, and length of the conference.
- USUAA elections will be held on November 16 and 17. The following candidates will appear on the ballot:
 - Kortney Hintsala - senator
 - Chris Bauer - senator
 - Sarah Mahan – senator
 - Trevor Majdic – senator
 - Jake Gondek – student regent
 - David Parks – student commissioner for education
- Three constitutional referendums will also appear on the ballot.
- Club Council awarded funding requests to the following clubs:
 - American Fisheries Society - \$425
 - Dance Club - \$1000
 - La Tertulia - \$500
 - Student Nurses Association - \$500
- USUAA hosted a Candidate's Fair with 29 candidates in attendance.
- A sold out crowd attended the USUAA and KTUU-TV Senatorial Debate.
- The Board of Elections and USUAA offered an absentee voting station in the Student Union upper level lounge. Students and community members overflowed into the hallway waiting to cast their vote.
- Five participants attended the Leadership Lessons topic, *Show Me the Money: Fundraising 101*. The next topic, *Time Management vs. Self Management* will be held on November 19 in the Student Union Den.
- A committee to review Student Leadership Honors applications will meet during the week of November 15.

- The Office of Student Leadership Development and Greek Council will host an educational forum about alcohol and hazing on January 15.
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ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:

- Welcome packets with information on all the Campus Life programs were distributed to 45 new UAA faculty in October. Items included a welcome letter, the Activities calendar, Subway sandwich coupon, discounts to *Super Size Me*, pens, stickers, and brochures.

Concert Board

- Blockbuster Video has partnered with the Board to offer free video rental coupons at the upcoming Morgan Spurlock's *Super Size Me* movie and lecture on Thursday, November 18 in the Williamson Auditorium.
- The Board approved discounted UAA Faculty/Staff tickets for the *Super Size Me* event. This is the first time such a discount has been offered to faculty/staff of UAA. Several local, non-profit agencies have also approached the Board for complimentary or free tickets to the event.

Student Activities

- Ainslie Kopperud joined the Campus Life team as Student Activities Coordinator. Ainslie previously worked with Wells Fargo Sports Complex staff.
- The Student Union Gallery had two exhibits with Enzina Marrari's senior art exhibition *Alchemy*, October 14 – 28 which drew 750 visitors and the Camera Club annual show *Through Our Eyes* which opened on November 4. A First Friday reception for *Through Our Eyes* was also held on November 5. This exhibit closes on November 18.
- Student Activities, Student Leadership, and USUAA co-sponsored Homecoming Spirit Week Activities October 11 to 15. Sigma Sigma Sigma was the winner of this year's event.
- *Brother Bear* was the first Family Movie Night event followed by UAA's annual presentation of *Rocky Horror Picture Show* on October 29 with 100 in attendance.

Student Orientation

- The staff returned from National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) conference in Chicago where they presented an information session to over 300 people on their weekly *Wisdom Wednesdays* program. The response was very positive and many schools around the nation plan on copying this program.
- UAA Student Orientation leaders were recruited for significant NODA leadership roles: Fernanda Pena was asked to serve as Region 1 Multiethnic Network Coordinator and Alysha Gobble was asked to serve as the Region 1 Newsletter Editor and invited to run for the national NODA board.
- Summer Orientation dates have been set, the most notable being April 15, which is the Early Bird Orientation for new students beginning school fall 2005. Space is limited to the first 50 participants and their parents.
- Beginning spring semester, Orientation will be implementing a *Jump Start* program: a free weekly event for all students who have applied for admission to UAA. It will take participants through the new student checklist, ensure all their paperwork is in order, make an appointment for them to meet with their advisor, and provide them with campus tour. For more information contact their office.

Student Union

- Building occupant counts completed in October show a population increase of 9% over fall 2004. Also in October, there were 254 facility use bookings with a total of 1006 reservation hours.
- Tuesday Game Nights continue to gain popularity. The free event includes ping pong, X-Box, Game Cube, darts, board games, bingo, prizes, food, and bingo

Upcoming events:

- Family Movie Night with *Shrek 2* is planned for November 12 at 6:00 p.m., Student Union Café.
 - Good Morning UAA sponsored by Air Force ROTC will be held November 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Student Union Lounge.
 - Volunteer Fair is planned for November 17 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Student Union upper hall.
 - *Super Size Me* movie and lecture with Morgan Spurlock will be held November 18 at 7:30 p.m., Williamson Auditorium.
 - Open Mic will be November 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Den.
 - *Wisdom Wednesday: Feeling Stretched... Late Night Final Information* will be held December 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Student Union upper hall.
 - 19th Annual No Big Heads Self-Portrait Juried Art Exhibit opening reception is planned for December 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Student Union Gallery.
 - Comic Alexandra Hale will perform December 3 at 8:00 p.m. Student Union Den
 - UAA Crafts Fair will be held December 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Student Union
 - Good Morning UAA sponsored by Student Affairs will be held December 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Student Union Lounge
 - Spring Orientation is planned for January 7 at 9:00 a.m. Student Union
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ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- The Career Services Center prepared for Accounting Week by giving presentations to accounting students, making arrangements with employers, and helping interested applicants submit resumes and other documents in the Center's Library.
- Twenty-three students signed up for career counseling sessions, nine for resume assistance, five for mock interviews, and eight for Inventory Test interpretation during October. Others met with staff members about internships and other job opportunities.
- The Center expanded its website to include more student, alumni, faculty, parent, and employer resources along with several links to other useful career-related information.
- The following employers will be recruiting on campus during the month of November:
 - KPMG
 - Mikunda, Cottrell and Co.
 - Altman, Rogers and Co.
 - Division of Legislative Audit
 - Rulien, Whitlock and Assoc.
 - Defense Contracting Agency
 - Thomas, Head, and Greisen
 - Primerica Financial
 - Campfire USA
 - Vector

- GEICO
 - Southeast Alaska Guidance
 - Peace Corps
 - Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship
 - The following workshops were offered by the Center:
 - *No-Brainers on Resumes and Cover Letters*
 - *No-Brainers on Interviewing*
 - *Coping with Change in the Workplace*
 - *Networking: Connections to Employment*
 - *Working 9 to 5*
 - *Career Tips for Your Future*
 - *Exceptional Customer Service: Building Customer Goodwill and Trust*
 - *Enter Here: Food Service Manger, Baker*
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ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- The department worked in conjunction with USUAA, KTUU, and a local service provider to assist in the arrangement of a text based real-time access service for the Senatorial Debate. The response was favorable with multiple attendees communicating appreciation for the inclusive approach.
 - Karen Haddock has accepted an offer to fill the position of Disability Accommodations Coordinator.
 - Christy Morgan has accepted an offer to fill the position of staff TypeWell Transcriber.
 - Assistance was provided to the Valdez Consortium Library by loaning an assistive technology device called a Kurzweil Reader that works by scanning print documents and reading the information out loud. A similar unit is located in the Consortium Library on the Anchorage campus.
 - Kaela Parks, Director, offered a workshop at CAFÉ on the topic of disability and technology.
 - Karen Haddock taped a class session that will be used for ASL Interpreter training.
 - Information was provided on services and accommodations for the Human Services department and provided information on working with individuals who experience disabilities for a class in the Dental Program.
 - Kaela Parks has been working with the Blind and Visually Impaired unit of the Anchorage School District to establish a system of alternate format material production that is similar to the system established here at UAA.
 - Carmen Croas, Adaptive Computing Specialist, worked with both Eagle River and University Housing to expand the number of computer stations with adaptive software.
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ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

- North Hall Residence Coordinator, Nate Miller received a Letter of Commendation from the University of Police Department for his “invaluable service to the police department” during a student in crisis situation.
- West Hall took first place in the voter registration contest hosted by Dean Linda Lazzell and received a hall-wide ice cream party in recognition of their commitment to voting.
- West Hall has hired language tutors for French, Japanese, and Russian.
- The East Hall/Templewood RC is working closely with Native Student Services to get more programming on the residential side of campus; some examples include recent music and dance performances as well as an additional performance by Earl Polk.

- Alyeska House has been working with the Alyeska House resident advisor and the ANSEP program to brainstorm some community building and educational programs for the remainder of the semester.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- The Alcohol and Drug Education Fair was held in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs. As part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, the Student Health Center co-sponsored the annual Alcohol Awareness Fair. Free information about alcohol safety issues was distributed to students. Mocktails were served by Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Tables were staffed by MADD, STAR, and Akeela House.
- Domestic Violence Awareness event included displays by STAR, AWAIC, Alaska Women's Resource Center, Men and Women Center. Tables in the Student Union were staffed by these groups who handed out information to students about domestic violence. *Domestic Violence 101* presented by Shannon Wadsworth from AWAIC.
- Shirley Valek-Wilson accepted the part-time Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner position. Also, she is an assistant professor for the School of Nursing.
- *Upcoming events:*
 - *Great American Smokeout*, November 18. An informational display from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union, upper hallway
 - *HIV 101* presented by Sarah Carter with 4 A's, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Lyla Richards conference room.
 - The 12th Annual Free Soup Lunch will be held December 7 and 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (or till it's gone), outside BEB, Room #120. This is an annual event to provide students with a free lunch the week before finals.