

## ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS:

- The Office of Student Affairs staff coordinated voter registration activities throughout September and the first part of October. Several events were held which included
  - World Wrestling Entertainment's *Smackdown the Vote* featuring the Hurricane
  - Three voter registrar training sessions through the Division of Elections where approximately 100 staff, faculty and students were trained to be voter registrars. were trained
  - UAA Democracy Day featuring a Town Meeting and pizza with Chancellor Maimon
  - Voter registration tables throughout campus staffed by UAA's own voter registrars
  - "Battle of the Buildings" voter registration drive in the residence halls and apartments
  - "Battle of the Clubs" voter registration drives by the student clubs
  - Voter registration was made available a number of campus events
  - Students received extra credit in a Justice course for registering to vote
- Student Leadership Tuition Waiver Committee met and awarded 6-credit leadership tuition waivers to Emily Tsai and Jessalyn Blasko for their tireless volunteering to enhance student life at UAA.

*Student Leadership Office:*

- USUAA hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Homecoming Dance, *The Way We Were: 50 Years Remembered* at the Anchorage Museum.
- The EMS/Fire Safety Club and Physical Education and Recreation Club were recognized by Club Council.
- The Union of Students hired Corina Rainer as their new administrative secretary.
- The USUAA Academic and Student Affairs Committee decided to postpone the Student Leadership Conference until spring 2005.
- Chris Hall, Michael Blanton, and David Parks traveled to the Board of Regents meeting in Fairbanks.
- USUAA and KTUU-TV will hold a political debate on October 26 in Wendy Williamson Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- USUAA elections will be held on November 16 and 17. The election will also include candidates for Student Regent and Student Commissioner.
- Regan Mattingly has been hired by the Union of Students as the Government Relations Director.
- Nine participants attended the Leadership Lessons topic, *Communicating with Influence and Power*. The next topic, *Show Me the Money: Fundraising 101*, will be held on October 29 in the Student Union Den.
- The Office of Student Leadership Development is working with Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority to create a Pan-Hellenic Council. PC must exist on campuses that have recognized two or more national sororities.

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## ACTIVITIES OF CAMPUS LIFE:

- Campus Life staff conducted a day-long retreat in September to develop goals, establish timelines, and ‘regroup’ after an action-packed fall opening.
- Noelle Verba was hired for receptionist position.
- Annie Route, Director, served on the ACU-I Region 14 conference planning committee and attended the conference in Fairbanks with regular and student staff members.

### *Concert Board*

- A Cappella Festivella XI was another great success. The Board hosted a high school workshop for 150 choir students from the Anchorage School District featuring the International A Cappella Collegiate Champions, Fermata Nowhere. The concert on October 9 featured Tonic Sol-fa, Fermata Nowhere, and the local group Batteries Not Included. The concert drew a full house.
- Production is underway for Morgan Spurlock to lecture on his documentary *Super-Size Me*. The movie and lecture will take place on Thursday, November 18 in the Williamson Auditorium.

### *Student Activities*

- Alaska Pacific University, the Office of Diversity and Compliance, the Diversity Action Council, and Student Activities co-sponsored a multi-cultural reception. The event featured NAMI winners Pamyua and keynote speaker Harris Sussman, Ph.D.
- Over 200 students turned out to see 18 students compete in UAA's version of *Fear Factor*. Student Gilmore White proved the most fearless in this crowd pleasingly gross event.
- Comedian Troy Thirgill drew a crowd of more than 100 to his performance.
- *Intense Innocence* opened in the Student Union Gallery on September 23 and drew more than 160 patrons of the arts. This exhibit features the works of students Mitsuko Ikeno and Andrea Perron.

### *Student Media*

- KRUA and *The Northern Light* co-sponsored a concert featuring local artists Emily Thornfelt, Matt Honkola, and Sarah Jo Wells.
- KRUA staff, Zac Clark, J.R. Zufelt, and David Waldron will attend the College Media Journal conference. This conference provided the student staff with music industry contacts, professional radio training, and the opportunity to network with other college radio stations.

### *Student Orientation*

- Attendance for events has steadily increased with Good Morning UAA with 133 students in attendance and Wisdom Wednesday with 176 students.
- Spring Orientation has been set for January 7, 2005. Any new students for spring 2005 are encouraged to attend.
- Orientation has been invited by NODA (National Orientation Director's Association) to present “Wisdom Wednesdays” during the National Conference in October. Invitations

were extended to those universities who had a new and cutting edge idea that could better reach out and serve new students.

### *Student Union*

- Additional student employees were hired and trained for the Information Desk. Student managers planned an overnight, training retreat with a focus OF team building, communication and Union building knowledge. Surveys taken from the staff were highly favorable for this event and it was deemed a huge success.
- The annual semester poster sale was held and yielded sales of \$400 over last year.
- The first Student Union Game Night was held in conjunction with UAA Democracy Day. Game Nights are scheduled for every other Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- In September the Student Union had 192 reservations with over 845 hours of event hours and an estimated total attendance of 3,741.

### *Upcoming events:*

- *Alchemy* runs October 14 through 28 in the Student Union Gallery. This senior art exhibition featuring the works of Enzina Mararri.
- Gear Swap is planned for October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Union café.
- Good Morning UAA sponsored by College of Business and Public Policy's Logistics Department will be held October 20 in the Student Union lounge beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- Family Movie Night featuring *Brother Bear* will be presented October 22 at 6:00 p.m., in the Student Union cafeteria.
- Wisdom Wednesday presents *Free Blood and Organs... Yours that is!* will be held October 27 the upper level of the Student Union from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Organ donation cards/blood drive and free lifesavers will be available.
- *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* will be presented October 29 at 9:00 p.m. on in the Student Union Den.
- Student Union Game Night is scheduled for November 2
- *Through Our Eyes* opens November 4 in the Student Union Gallery, reception from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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### ACTIVITIES OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER:

- The Center presented six video workshops during September. The workshops were held in the CS Resource Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 2:00 p.m. Videos and workshops included:
  - *How to be and Outstanding Receptionist, Vol. 1*
  - *How to be and Outstanding Receptionist, Vol. 2*
  - *Close Encounters of the Disabling Kind*
  - *Why Work? Six reasons you're Better off Employed*
  - *10 Basics of Business Etiquette*
  - *Business Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- The Law School Fair attracted a large crowd of interested students. Schools which participated were:
    - University of the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law
    - Golden Gate University School of Law
    - Denver University College of Law, California Western School
    - Gonzaga University School of Law
    - Lewis & Clark Law School
    - Seattle University-School of Law
    - Willamette University-College of Law
    - Roger Williams University-Law School
    - Vermont University-School of Law
    - University of San Francisco School of Law
    - Southwestern University School of Law.
  - The Center hosted a BBQ for the Division of Student Affairs which allowed the divisional staff to gather and work on team-building and networking.
  - The Career Services Center's Advisory Board began regular meetings after the start of the semester. The board consists of Michael Reeves, Director; Heather Wagner, GCI Staffing Manager; Barbara Markley, Counselor Educator; Dr. Larry Foster, Professor of Mathematics; Lindsay Washek, Assistant Director, and April Sharpe, Office Manager.<sup>7</sup>
  - The Center hosted on-campus recruiting for Sears and Roebuck, and Co., Campfire USA, and Transportation Security Administration.
  - The following employers will be recruiting on campus:
    - Abercrombie & Fitch recruitment - October 12
    - Alaska College and Career Fair – October 12
    - Hilltop Ski Area recruitment – October 12
    - Anchorage Daily News Job Fair – October 13
    - Trust Financial Group recruitment – October 13
    - Trust Financial Group recruitment – October 14
    - Abercrombie & Fitch (interviews) - October 19
    - Coldwell Banker Fortune recruitment - October 19 and October 21
    - Coldwell Banker Fortune (interviews) - October 22
    - U.S. Census Bureau recruitment - October 26
    - Alaska Native Professional Association Job Fair - October 27
    - U.S. Census Bureau (interviews) – October 27
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#### ACTIVITIES OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES:

- The Center used signage to draw attention to their long-standing capacity as a voter registration site and saw a rapid increase in activity, registering close to 50 new voters in a matter of weeks.
- The staff has been busy attending to the specific accommodation needs of hundreds of students. Ergonomic furniture placements in every building on campus, provision of note taking supplies, arrangement of test proctoring services and liaison with faculty have been important daily activities.
- Arrangements have been made for American Sign Language Interpreters for the ASL tutor training, *Illusions* and *A Capella Festivella*.
- Staff has been busy with a variety of things which include:
  - Provided an informational session for math and writing tutors in the LRC
  - facilitated an Interpreter In-service

- staffed voter registration tables
  - met Student Services staff from KPC
  - attended an open house for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - provided a demonstration of TypeWell to the Wasilla School District
  - conducted informational training for TTY use to the College of Community and Technical College and the Student Union Information Desk
  - converted frequently requested Books on Tape to digital audio
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#### ACTIVITIES OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

- The resident advisors are settling in and planning a variety of programs for the residence hall students.
- North Hall is seeking a peer mentor and general education requirement tutors. Interested students should contact Nate Miller, residence coordinator, through the Residence Life office at x 17444.
- Zach Manzella, Associate Director, participated in the Career Services Center's Law School Fair.
- Resident advisors committed countless to UAA's voter registration drive.
- Residence Hall Association held elections for executive and general assembly positions. RHA is excited to participate in Homecoming 2004, Battle of the Buildings, and Club Council sponsored Haunted Halloween Fun Night.
- Disability Support Services will be working with Housing and Residence Life to install new software on one computer in each lab to enhance the technology available to residential students.
- The North Hall staff is diligently recruiting individuals interested in participating in the Admission Ambassador programs; they are planning to host a perspective student over night during Fall Preview.
- The Quality of Life Surveys for Student Affairs were distributed October 10. This process allows Residence Life, Housing, and Dining to receive quality feedback and make improvements and changes based on students' opinions.

#### *Upcoming events:*

- *Alcohol in the ER* is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the West Hall fourth floor lounge.
- *Create Mosaic Frames* is planned for Thursday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Hall first floor lobby.
- RHA will be painting faces to promote school spirit before the hockey games on Friday, October 15 in The Commons.
- Spaghetti feed and canned food drive in honor of World food day is planned for Saturday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Templewood 13.
- *Get Fit with Will* at Wells Fargo Fitness Center is planned for October 16.
- Mid-semester safety and facility visits will begin in all areas on October 10 through October 17. This process is to help students maintain the safety and security of all facilities throughout the year.
- AHAINA will be presenting two programs in The Commons this coming month: *Study Skills* is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and *Test Taking Skills* will be held Tuesday, October 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:

- The Center was awarded a grant from the Alaska Run for Women to purchase educational materials about breast cancer awareness and prevention. Dyann Bowland, Nurse Educator, and Candy Norris, Nurse Practitioner, wrote the grant.
- Kristi Isaefl accepted the position of office manager.
- Staff offered free depression screenings for students. Students were given an opportunity to fill out a screening questionnaire and talk to a mental health professional.
- The Center provided a display table and educational materials about breast health and breast cancer during the week of October 11 through October 15 in the Student Union. The YWCA Encore Program also provided information about breast and cervical screenings for low-income and under-insured women. Dyann Bowland scheduled appointments for mobile mammograms at UAA for over 42 women needing a screening mammogram. This is an excellent opportunity for women to get their breast cancer screening on the UAA campus.
- Carol Montgomery, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, taught classes on crisis intervention for tutors and presented a session entitled *Happiness* to communications classes. Carol is also teaching a class in Advanced Psych/Mental Health assessment for a graduate level advanced assessment class.

*Upcoming events:*

- Alcohol and Drug Education Fair will be presented in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs October 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Student Union upper hallway.
- *Domestic Violence 101* presented by Shannon Wadsworth, AWAIC is scheduled for October 27 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Student Union Lyla Richards Conference Room.
- Domestic Violence Awareness event will showcase displays by STAR, AWAIC, AK Women's Resource Center, Men and Women Center October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Student Union upper hallway.