NSF Grant Supports Summer Interns at ARSC

The Arctic Region Supercomputing Center (ARSC) has received the first installment of $187,000 of a National Science Foundation grant awarded to support the center’s summer intern program, the Alaska Summer Research Challenge. The program has been run by ARSC since 1998 and allows students from minority-serving institutions to spend ten weeks over the summer living on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus and working with faculty and staff at ARSC.

Students complete projects in computer science, supercomputing or visualization, while working individually with mentors. Through their experience, students are encouraged to continue with post-graduate education or careers in these fields. Minority students, who are underrepresented in the field of high performance computing, are given preference in acceptance. The grant will total over $300,000 of support for the program over the next three to five years. For more information, contact Program Manager Betty Studebaker at x6307 or email her at studebaker@arsc.edu.

"The Terrorizing Darkness" Benefits UAF Hockey

The Terrorizing Darkness is a Halloween attraction that takes advantage of the spirit of the season. This attraction provides a unique, fun and scary atmosphere for public entertainment. It’s a fund-raising event and all proceeds go directly to support the UAF Hockey organization. “The event is created by, developed and coordinated entirely by volunteers and with the help of generous donations from local businesses,” said Laura Letuligasenoa.

This is NOT a haunted house. The set-up models are more like a mini-play or small chamber concert with patrons sitting in a theater setting. The idea is to have a controlled situation that plays on the imagination and stimulates or, better, terrorizes the human senses, providing a large measure of personal entertainment.

The event will take place Oct. 18 through Nov. 6 in the Washington Plaza Mall on Airport Way, and it will be open Wednesdays through Sundays. Shows start approximately every 15 minutes, and last about 25 minutes. Cost is $5 per person with all proceeds going to support UAF Hockey. The show is recommended for persons 10 years or older.

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HR Moves to Protect Social Security Numbers

To help ensure the privacy of University of Alaska employees, Human Resources announces that it has removed the Social Security number from all direct deposit and payroll check statements beginning with the payroll issued on Friday, October 18.

UA Enterprise Directory Needs Comments

A brief discussion and demonstration of the UA Enterprise Directory prototype is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, from noon until 1 p.m. in Butrovich 109, the Board of Regents conference room. The Directory includes all current UA students, faculty, and staff and supports searches by name and/or department. Individuals may add or change contact information, and create their own “vanity” email address through a web interface. Please come and provide your input to help evolve the prototype into a useful tool.

The Conflict Management Training Session Review: What’s Hot and What’s Not

The Conflict Management training was well attended. A total of 19 employees coming from UA Statewide, the Geophysical Institute, and UAF administrative services attended the training offered in the Sherman Carter Conference room. Michelle Renfrew, the TVC Professional Develop Coordinator and Melissa Hill SW Professional Development Training Coordinator, co-presented the training session last week. Overall the training was given a HOT! Some folks thought the training was too short, but the majority of the audience felt the three-hour course was just right. Overall the training received a 4.5 star rating.

“Three things are particularly noteworthy and exciting. First, the class was full and we had a waiting list. Second, the program was developed and delivered collaboratively across MAUs to a diverse audience. Topped off by the fact, the feedback we are receiving is overwhelmingly positive, and that the material and assessments are very useful.”
Janet Jacobs

Mullen Joins Labor Relations in Anchorage

Jim Mullen has joined the University of Alaska as a senior labor relations coordinator in Anchorage after ten years as the Employee Relations manager at ENSTAR Natural Gas Company.

Prior to ENSTAR, Jim served as the labor relations manager at the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and at the City of Fairbanks where he was personnel labor relations director for MUS and also served as Deputy City Attorney.

Mullen graduated from Lathrop High School in Anchorage. He received a BA degree in geography from Columbia University, and a law degree from Pepperdine University. In addition to work and family, Jim has a wide range of interests including music, religion, guitar, geography, natural resources, law, history and sports.

UNIVERSITY of ALASKA STATEWIDE
Proposition C Would Provide $61.7 Million for UA Projects

One issue on Alaska’s Nov. 5 general election ballot is of more importance to the University of Alaska than any other, and that is Proposition C, the general obligation bond issue for education.

Alaska voters are being asked to approve Proposition C which provides a total of $237 million in state bonds for education capital projects. Of the total, $170.1 million would be used for grants to school districts where school facilities are badly in need of replacement, remodeling or renovation.

For the university, there’s a total of $61.7 million to be used for the following projects around the system:

University of Alaska Anchorage
Ecosystem and Biomedical Health Facility, Anchorage $4,750,000
This project will provide 16,052 gross square feet of instructional research space for programs and instruction focused on the study of Alaska ecosystems and biomedical health.

Integrated Science Facility, Anchorage $8,400,000
This facility will be constructed in two parts. The first will construct a facility adjacent to the existing Science Building. The second will upgrade and renovate the Science Building.

Kenai Peninsula College - Kachemak Bay Branch Building Addition, Homer $3,000,000
This project will acquire necessary property and add an addition to the existing facility for classrooms, science lab, faculty offices, distance education center, student services area and communications.

Kodiak College Expansion, Soldotna $850,000
This expansion will add approximately 12,850 gross square feet to the Ward Building for classrooms, computer lab and communications closet.

Kodiak College Classroom/Renovation, Kodiak $500,000
This renovation will reconfigure the Benny Benson facility to provide additional classrooms, and also reconfigure the existing Campus Center area for classroom and instructional computer lab space.

Mat-Su Classroom/Building Renovation, Palmer $650,000
This project will renovate two buildings to provide additional classrooms, faculty and adjunct instructor offices and computer labs.

Prince William Sound Community College Acquisition, Valdez $1,500,000
Purpose is to acquire suitable building to house the Whitney Museum and provide educational information about Alaska Native history.

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Biological and Computational Science Facility, Fairbanks $21,500,000
Proposed facility would be approximately 164,000 square feet with labs for science initiative programs and consolidate biology training and instruction and research spaces.

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Facility, Juneau $9,000,000
This would be a consolidated facility with NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service, and would provide classrooms, a teaching lab, research labs and storage.

Tanana Valley College Space Relocation, Fairbanks $2,000,000
Project would renovate the old Fairbanks Courthouse Building to provide a facility with 24 classrooms/computer and enable TVC to combine programs now conducted in different locations.

Interior Aleutians Building Deferred Renewal, Fairbanks $240,000
Project addresses critical maintenance needs and revitalize the Harper Building which houses all Interior Aleutian College programs.

Kuskokwim Campus Building Revitalization, Bethel $180,000
Project addresses the most critical maint. and safety needs of the campus.

Chukchi Classroom Revitalization, Kotzebue $580,000
Project addresses the most critical maintenance needs of the campus.

Northwest Campus Building Revitalization, Nome $190,000
Project addresses most critical maint. and safety issues of the campus.

West Ridge Research Building, Fairbanks $2,000,000
This project would provide laboratories and office space for current and immediately anticipated grand-funded research.

Bristol Bay Campus Addition, Dillingham $704,000
Project would provide an addition to the existing single-story building that comprises the campus.

University of Alaska Southeast
Robertson Classroom/Parking, Lot Revolutions, Ketchikan $385,000
The Robertson Building will be completely remodeled to accommodate new occupational training programs.

Paul/Ziegler Classroom Revovation, Ketchikan $3,900,000
Project would remodel Paul Building to provide more classroom space, and remodel Ziegler Building to add science lab capacity.

Sitka Classroom Completion, Sitka $540,000
This project would increase the number of classrooms, and reconfigure internal space for more efficient use.

The bond issue also provides $5 million to the Anchorage Museum of History and Art to partially fund an addition to house science activities and exhibits, and the Arctic Studies Center, a division of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History.

Education First, a committee headed by Mark Hamilton and Carol Comeau as co-chairs, is urging voters to approve Proposition C on Nov. 5. You can get more information about the education bonds by going to this website: http://www.educationfirst.info

For Sale or Trade

Dave Read: x6568
An older model Simplicity (Sears) snowblower $100.

Ben Shilling: 479.8214

Bess Rounds: x6301
Fire Wood (birch and aspen) - you cut and haul - easy access! Chena Ridge area.

Nettie LaBelle-Hamer: 474.6167
Excellent condition Lifestyle Cardiofit exercise machine. Total body motion with low impact. 10 resistance settings with speed, calories and distance computed and displayed. Purchased new for $250. Make an offer.

Stainless steel over the stove hood fan and light. Broan microtek system 1, very good condition. Make an offer.

Jana Canary: x7130 or 479.3796
1989 Chevy S-10 Pickup. 4WD, 5-speed, extended cab, 118k, one owner: $3300.

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