Knowles Endorses $17 Million Increase for University

For the third consecutive year, Gov. Tony Knowles announced today that he will request a $17 million increase to the University of Alaska (UA) operating budget for Fiscal Year 2003.

“No institution in Alaska is more important in advancing economic development, which ensures Alaskans can prosper and work in good jobs, than the University of Alaska,” Knowles said. “A $17 million investment in the coming year will allow UA to finance new initiatives which continue vitalizing the university. I didn’t say ‘re-vitalize’ because our state university is already a vibrant place. There’s a buzz about the ‘U’ and it’s a good one.”

The $17 million requested by the Regents includes initiatives to meet Alaska’s employment needs for engineers, health professionals, teachers and business managers. It puts a major emphasis on attracting and retaining students and improving the technology resources that are so critical to a top-notch academic environment. It also covers the non-discretionary increases for basic expenses such as labor costs, library materials and facility maintenance.

“This additional investment in the university will enable it to continue being a vital partner with the private sector in keeping Alaska’s economy healthy,” said President Mark Hamilton. “The entire university community thanks Gov. Knowles for his commitment to Alaska’s university and for his leadership in helping convince the Legislature to invest in this job-creating institution.”
Transitions and Traditions...

Mary Shields Gower (above) has joined the Program Development staff, working for Mike Sfraga and Saichi Oba. Gower will specialize in financial aid, working to integrate new technology, services, and outreach to increase student access to financial aid resources. Gower has an MBA from UAF, is on the UAF Alumni board of directors and teaches as adjunct faculty for the business programs at UAF and TVC. Gower previously worked as the General Manager of Retail at the Riverboat Discovery.

Fanta Lee (above) is the new Administrative Assistant for the Foundation and Foundation Accounting.

Fanta was born and raised in Monroe, Louisiana. While visiting Fairbanks three years ago, she decided to move here. She is currently attending UAF, working on a degree in Accounting.

A "Moving" Holiday Story

Once upon a time, Jeannie Phillips tried to find two of her most beloved holiday ornaments which she had packed away in basement storage. They were wall hangings, one which says 'Noel' and another which says 'Shalom'. One of these ornaments was made by a former teacher of Jeannie, and another was a favorite of former President Jerome Komisar. Needless to say, these ornaments held great sentimental value for Jeannie.

Alas! She could not find them in the basement storage, and as we know, the movers came and took it all away to a far-off (campus) location. Try as she may, Jeannie could not find these precious ornaments.

Then one day, Lacy Mitchell decided to go to the far off (campus) storage site and look for the ITS holiday ornaments. To her surprise, she found several boxes of unmarked ornaments and decorations that had no owner and no home. She sent out a message to all in the building, asking them to come and claim their ornaments.

Thankfully, all of the worthwhile unmarked ornaments and decorations found a new home. And Jeannie discovered her keepsake ornaments among them!

For Sale or Trade

Send your items for sale or trade by e-mail to: bob.miller@alaska.edu

From Mike Humphrey, 474-3701:
For sale: 419/75 R14 snow tires, make an offer.

From Tammi Ganguli, 451-6767:
For sale: Pro Form Treadmill. $400 O.B.O. Features include: Wide Track, Incline, and Heart Rate Monitor. Maintains time, pace and calories burned for each work out session. Has book holder and bottle holder. 3 years old but like new.

From Ron Allen, 485-3065:

From Betty Dupee, 7123 or 479-4500 eve:
2BD 2nd floor apt in duplex in Aurora. Available Dec 1, W/D/DW/utilities included, Cathedral ceilings, fireplace. $895/month plus deposit.

From David Bunzow, 474-5005:
Used in good condition appliances including dishwasher, washer, dryer and electric range. Will sell as a group for $400, or individually at $125 each (you pick up at my home).

From Adela Batin, 455-6601:
Brand new large accordion-style folding doors, 10' x 20' oak with rails, $800 obo, 8' x 15' mahogany with rails, $500 obo.

From Mike Brase, at 474-7989:
1994 Nissan Pathfinder SUV, 4WD, 4 DR, AT/PW/PD, cruise, AM/FM cassette, extra studs on rims, fully loaded. Even heated mirrors! Great family rig and sporty enough for college student. 67K miles, asking $9850 obo.

On the Move is Online

Go to: www.alaska.edu/opa/onthemove. Deadline for the next issue is Monday, January 14th by the end of the day.

Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season!!!