New Research Vice President Feels At Home in Alaska

Dr. Craig Dorman was interested in coming to the University of Alaska because of his personal research interests in arctic and oceanographic science, and also, as he put it with a smile, “because I’m a Yankee and I like things northern.”

He began his job as Vice President for Research in March, just as the University of Alaska began planning in earnest for the construction of three new science facilities, one in each region of Alaska served by a major UA campus.

“We have considerable world-class capability here, and a great opportunity for high latitude scientific research that will add to the world’s knowledge, and also contribute substantially to Alaska’s economy.”

Dorman came aboard just as the university embarked on a comprehensive planning process to construct new functional modern space and to renovate existing, out-dated facilities.

State funding has been requested to build the three new facilities:

- The 84,000-square-feet Integrated Science facility plus 28,000 square feet of renovation at UAA.
- The 164,000-square-feet Biological and Computational Science facility at UAF.
- The 41,500-square-feet Fisheries Research Lab at Lena Point near Juneau.

“These facilities are desperately needed by our research and education faculty and students,” Dorman said, and he added that he’s pleased with the process of facility design that’s currently going on. “It has become more long-range and strategic.”

Dorman said he’s glad to see the National Science Foundation becoming more involved with the University of Alaska, particularly through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). “Under the excellent leadership of George Happ, the EPSCoR programs are definitely headed in the right direction,” he said. “These programs will help build our capacity, and if we get the facilities, faculty and staff we need, the university will be in a vastly improved position to compete more effectively for national and international research grants. There is a broad need to have these scientific issues addressed in an Alaska context.”

Clearly, Dorman likes Alaska, (continued on the back)

Making Travel Arrangements Just Won’t Be the Same

University staffers who have to make travel arrangements are losing two of their most valuable resources, Craig Baldwin and Brandi Berg.

Their attention to the details that made travel as easy as it could be, made them the travel agents of choice for countless staffers who had to make travel arrangements, sometimes on short notice, for themselves or their bosses.

Brandi, who has lived in Fairbanks since 1976 and worked successively for the Small World, Vista and Sweetwater travel agencies, is already out of the travel business. She left Sweetwater to join the University of Alaska Foundation last month as an administrative assistant.

Craig Baldwin, first with Vista and since 1998 with Sweetwater, will not be involved in the (continued on the back)
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travel business after Friday, May 10, when the Sweetwater agency closes its doors.

Together, Craig and Brandi handled travel arrangements for UA and UAF business travel for almost 20 years. A lot of university employees also utilized them for their personal travel. Their expertise is going to be sorely missed by the university folks who have come to trust their judgment and rely on their services.

"I started working with Craig nearly 20 years ago," said Jeanne Phillips, Board of Regents' officer. "Whether it was personal or professional travel, months in advance or last minute, I had implicit trust in his ability to find the best rates, arrangements and advice. He was as much a part of the team that helps make the university function as any employee. I will miss him very much."

Lacy Mitchell, who does travel for Information Technology Services, said, "I probably call Craig five times a day. Our travel is always changing and because of that, he's my number one speed dial! His talents as a travel agent are extraordinary. He's flexible, knowledgeable, and extremely reliable. We depend on his expertise and services every day, and he never hesitates to go the extra mile. Losing his services is going to seriously impact our ability to meet the demanding needs of ITS travelers."

Craig was a familiar sight at the annual university employee luncheons where he presented tickets or travel certificates as grand prizes where he presented tickets manding needs of ITS travelers."

UA Team Helps Set New Internet2 Record

An international team that included the University of Alaska set a new record for Internet performance by transferring the equivalent of an entire CD's contents across more than 7,608 miles of network in 13 seconds.

The rate of 401 megabits per second achieved in transferring 62 megabytes of data from Fairbanks to Amsterdam in the Netherlands is more than 8,000 times greater than the fastest dial-up modem.

A team from UA, the University of Amsterdam and SURFnet, the national computer network for higher education and research in the Netherlands, used the networking capabilities of the Pacific Northwest Gigapop, an access point to leading-edge networks; the Internet2 Abilene backbone network; STAR LIGHT, an advanced optical infrastructure and proving ground; and SURFnet in setting the new Internet2 Land Speed Record.

"This shows that geography is no barrier to advanced network applications," said Kerry Digou, the senior systems programmer who headed the UA team. "Using standard equipment and infrastructure developed in the Internet2 community, we've pushed the boundaries to the edges."

Assisting Digou on the team was another senior systems programmer, Ajay Nautiyal, and they were supported by Ian Hegdal, manager of IT's Network Engineering section.

Details of the winning entries, complete rules, submission guidelines and additional details are available at

SAA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Statewide Administration Assembly will be held on Monday, May 13, in Butrovich Conference Room 109 from 9 am until 2 pm.

The meeting is open to the public and all statewide employees are encouraged to attend and participate.

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and he's enjoying his new job. "There's no question that the university plays a major role in the health and economy of Alaska," he said, "and it is becoming widely recognized as a broadly world-class arctic research university that is gaining the support and acclaim of national and international scientists."

He came to the University of Alaska from Pennsylvania State University where he was a Senior Scientist at the Applied Research Laboratory, and also served as Chief Scientist at the Office of Naval Research. Dorman retired from the U.S. Navy in the rank of Rear Admiral in 1989 to accept the position of Director of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Following his tour as director there, he spent two years as deputy director for Laboratory Management, Defense Research and Engineering, followed by two years as Technical Director of the Office of Naval Research's International Field Office and Chief Scientist of ONR Europe, where he also was a Visiting Professor in the Department of Earth Resources Engineering and the Graduate School of the Environment, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London.

Dr. Dorman and his wife, Cynthia, have three married sons, two of whom live in Virginia and one who lives in Louisiana.

Two ATN Bridge Operators Graduate

Two Audio Bridge operators at the Alaska Teleconference Network will be graduating seniors at UAF's commencement on May 12.

Mary Cris Domingo has been an operator since October 1999 when ATN was moved from Anchorage to Fairbanks. She is graduating with a BA in Marketing, and will be seeking employment in Seattle.

Jason Rohwer has been an operator since January 2002. He is receiving a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and is looking into graduate school, and has been approached by Bombardier to work in Illinois at their facilities.

HR Training Website Online

The statewide Human Resources training website is now up. If you have questions about employment or career development opportunities at the university, check it out at:
http://www.alaska.edu/hr/training/index.xml.

For Sale or Trade

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

From Jennifer Bowers, x6281:
Looking for Prom dress, size 12 or 14. Need for 5/17.

From Amaya Spencer, x5322:
150 gallon propane tank, half full - $100 Gas stove - FREE! Switched to an electric stove, so would like to get rid of the two. Sleeper (twin size) loveseat - $250 1 yr. old, great condition, no kids/pets, rarely used.

From Matthew Miranda, 474-54552:
Gateway Solo 9550 Laptop, 1.13 Ghz, 512 mb Ram, 30 Gb Hard Drive, G-force2go 32 mb DVD/CDRW Combo Drive, Modular 20 Gb Hard Drive (replaces CD Drive), Extra Battery (for 7 Hours of battery Life!) Ac/Flawless Condition, Brand New: $2,400

From Sarah M. Rittgers, 474-6280:
Responsible college student looking for a housesitting position. Experienced with references. E-mail Sarah, saraymichelle@hotmail.com

From Mary Dwyer 474-5802:
Computer desk-unusual design, 575 OBO.

From David Bunzow 479-2692:
1992 Mazda B-2200 2WD watered P/U Truck, black with camper shell and pass thru windows, 84K miles; 4 new tires; 2 new rear studded tires. All major maintenance and repair records available. Very reliable vehicle in pretty good condition! Emissions sticker good to 1/04. Asking $2,950.

From Stephanie Held, 474-5069:
1999 Pontiac Grand Am, white, 4 door, 28K miles, power windows/locks, Am/Fm, cassette, 6 disc CD changer, Astro auto start, new Blizzak winter tires! Well taken care of, $10,900 obo.

On the Move is Online

Go to: www.alaska.edu/opa/ontheMove. Deadline for the next issue is Monday, May 20th by the end of the day.