Two of the university’s most ambitious and popular programs are administered by a two-person office in the Butrovich Building.

The University of Alaska College Savings Plan and the UA Scholars program are run by Linda Milliken, Program Administrator, assisted by Bonnie Carroll, Program Specialist.

Linda started with the university five years ago in the Advance College Tuition program which has evolved into the new and improved College Savings Plan. Bonnie, a 1997 graduate of UAF, has been with the university for two years.

In addition to administering the program, Linda is also a program participant. She’s planning ahead for the cost of college attendance for her own children.

Bonnie believes in the program, too. “If I had children, I’d absolutely be in it,” she said.

The College Savings Plan offers Alaskans and other investors tax-advantaged options for college savings.

One of the nation’s largest managers of no-load mutual funds, T. Rowe Price Associates, was selected by the university to manage the College Savings Plan funds, and also to manage a national version of the Alaska plan. The new plan was officially launched in June, Linda said, and since then has attracted investments of about $17 million.

Linda explained that the plan is marketed three ways: by T. Rowe Price Associates nationally, through the University of Alaska and her office, and through financial advisors around the country.

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Alaskans have the opportunity to opt for the College Savings Plan by checking the appropriate box on their Permanent Fund Dividend application form. Linda and Bonnie then follow up by mailing all the pertinent information and application forms.

Linda’s office also runs the UA Scholars Program which offers 4-year UA scholarships to students in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes. Since qualified students have 16 months to claim their awards, some decide to go to an outside school, and frequently change their minds after a year and return to Alaska.

Rural students who receive a UA Scholars award generally decide to attend one of the major campuses in Alaska, and it’s generally urban students who decide to go Outside. “Then we’ll get a call from some of them, asking, ‘Is it really true I can come home and still get the scholarship?’,” Linda said. They are always relieved to find out the answer is yes.

“Many of the recipients tell us that college just wouldn’t have been possible for them without the scholarship, and that’s very gratifying,” Linda said.

Qualified students who decide not to accept the UA Scholars award are generally recipients of other kinds of scholarships, she explained.

“One young man said that our football program just couldn’t compete with Notre Dame’s,” she laughed, “but then he had a full scholarship at Notre Dame.”

The UA president’s tuition waiver program and state housing scholarships are also handled by Linda’s office, and both she and Bonnie work frequently with the admission, business and financial aid offices at all university campuses.

Linda said it is interesting that UA Scholars are frequently from families that are also investors in the College Savings Plan. “When families plan for their kids’ higher education, I think it helps the kids decide early on to plan to go on to college after high school,” she said.

Bonnie summed up what both she and Linda like most about their jobs when she said, “Everything we do helps people go to college and avoid going into debt to do so. That makes what we do really worthwhile.”

### For Sale or Trade

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

From Bess Rounds, 474-6201: Burgandy canvas topper with frame and snap on windows for a 20 ft Hewes Craft Boat. We had a hard top made, so don't need. Make an offer. We desperately need moving boxes. AKC Pedigree labs, four yellow and five black. (7 female and 2 male). Ready at Thanksgiving.

From Robin Porter, 474-0777: RED HOT!!!! 1986 4x4 JEEP Laredo 2-dr; 11k on new engine; 500 miles on new transmission; most parts rebuilt; great condition; 4 new rims with studded tires; cruise, delayed wipers, premium sound cd player/am/fm; moon roof; towing package WON'T LAST $4,199

From Amanda Stam, 457-9300: 1998 Yamaha Exciter, 270 HP, twin engine, twin jet, Kenwood stereo/CD, 60 hours. Includes trailer and cover. Excellent condition. $11K OBO.

From Wendy Redman, 479-6144: I need to borrow a pick-up truck for a day of hauling trash. I need the kind you can actually use to haul junk....not the fancy-don't-put-anything-in-the-back kind that all my friends and family seem to own. Appropriate remuneration will be arranged.

From Kristin Harshman 479-0658, 900-0877: Looking to housesit. Do you need or know of anyone who needs a housesitter? Reliable, great references. Available anytime but preferably after the month of December.

From Laura Letuligasenoa 456-3820: 1996 Dodge Sport SLT Truck. 50,000 miles, 5.9 liter, excellent condition, fully loaded, $16,400.00

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