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University Gains Additional $8 Million in State Funds

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You may not have seen me in the halls of the Butrovich Building over the past 4 months, but rest assured I am working diligently and do occasionally hang out in the Butrovich Room in the State Capitol building in Juneau. It's been an interesting year, to say the least! I feel almost like a foreign correspondent, although Juneau doesn't compare to, say, Pakistan or Paris.

Thanks to the efforts of many active university advocates, once again, the University of Alaska prevailed in its quest for additional funding for its FY03 operating budget. While most state agencies experienced a cut in funding from last year's numbers, the university managed to gain an additional $8 million in operating funds for the upcoming fiscal year. While this isn't the full $16.9 million that the Board of Regents requested, it does cover salary increases and some fixed cost increases. In the scheme of things, the university fared fairly well.

Although both the House and Senate agreed to pass the FY03 operating budget, the votes needed to dip into the Constitutional Budget Reserve to balance the budget were not there at the end of the regular session. Typically, the minority holds out for capital projects in their home districts prior to giving a green light to this piece of the budget. The majority and minority could not come to a consensus on this issue, and aside from transportation projects, and a small debt-reimbursement bill (HB 528 - including the University Center facility for UAA and the Readiness Center in Juneau), no other capital budget items were passed before the constitutionally mandated end of session. The regular session of the 22nd Alaska State Legislature adjourned at midnight on May 14th, leaving many issues still on the table.

This certainly created a quandary for the legislative leadership; hence the special sessions after the regular session had adjourned. The Governor had already called a special session to deal with subsistence. A second special session was called by the legislative leadership to deal with the capital budget, the constitutional budget reserve, and rural school construction. The first special session on subsistence is running concurrently with the second special session called by the legislature, and the Governor has called yet another special session to deal with veteran's bills and the -state regulatory agency on utilities. Confused? Well, it will all end soon, and we can look forward to doing it all again next year.

The good news is that the second special session produced over $80 million in capital projects for the university and the necessary votes for the Constitutional Budget Reserve for the operating budget. The bad news is that $61 million of these capital projects are tied

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UA Sponsors Webcast of Rural Health Conference

The 2002 Alaska Rural Health Conference, the first statewide conference devoted solely to rural health issues in almost a decade, was webcast through the university's Alaska Teleconference Network, and participants were pleased that the webcast enabled other individuals and organizations to monitor the conference proceedings.

Karen Perdue, associate vice president of the university for health programs, expressed her thanks to the individuals who made the webcast possible. "They did a fantastic job," she said.

Singled out for their work at ATN were Bob Carr, Christopher Pousche, Ken Jernstrom and Donna Rohwer. Others involved were Richard Machida of UAF, and staff members at the Net-

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Spring At Last! *The beginning of spring and beginning of summer happens within two weeks: the recent snowfall has melted, the trees are budding and leafing out, temperatures reach 85 degrees and the Legislature draws to a close. Above, Mr. Bill casts a surprised glance at the new capital budget approved by the Legislature. Ann Ringstad is happy with the results.*

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to General Obligation Bonds. These include UA projects throughout the state from an Integrated Science Facility at UAA to a Bio Science Building at UAF, and various building renovations at the extended sites. Everyone in the state who is registered to vote will have an opportunity to vote on this issue on the November ballot. Lest you think you can relax and go back to your regular life, university advocacy efforts must continue. You will be hearing a lot more about these projects as the year progresses.

Coupled with the fact that the entire state has been remapped into new election districts, this will prove to be a very interesting election year. Pay close attention to where you are registered to vote. If you are not registered, do so immediately! Then remember to vote.

Many of you may be on the receiving end of my weekly emails during session - if you are not, please make yourself known and I will add your name to my "inside scoop" list for future reference. In the meantime, check our website at: www.alaska.edu/state for information relating to legislative issues relating to the University of Alaska. Thanks for tuning in!

ARSC Tours Start Again June 12

ARSC will begin hosting summer tours again beginning on June 12. In order to coordinate the tours with the Geophysical Institute and the International Arctic Research Center, this year's tours will be held on Wednesdays at 1p. m. through the end of August.

Butrovich employees who would like to try-out the virtual reality tour or learn more about the Crays and the new IBM are invited to drop by ARSC. Tours meet outside the computer viewing area in the basement each Wednesday. For more information, please contact Jenn Wagaman at x6551.



John Mitchell New President of SAA

Congratulations to the new Statewide Administration Assembly (SAA) officers for 2002-2003 who were elected at the SAA Annual Meeting on May 13.

John Mitchell of ITS Advanced Technologies and Special Projects was elected President. John has served as Vice President this past year. He succeeds Kerry Digou, who is stepping down after two terms at the helm of SAA.

Melissa Hill, a newly elected member who leads the Professional Development Program - Career Planning for the Statewide Office of Human Resources, was elected Vice President.

Lisa Sporleder of ITS Production Services was elected Secretary. She suceeds Laura Jackson of SW Risk Management in Anchorage. Lisa previously served as the SAA Secretary in 1998-1999 and as Vice President in 1996-1997.

The Assembly also approved certificates of appreciation to:

-Jeannie Phillips for being the United Way Representative for 19 years.

-Public Affairs (Bob Miller and Adela Batin) for starting the On the Move newsletter.

-John Mitchell for organizing the Adopt-A-Family drive.

-Laura Letuligasenoa for chairing the Outstanding Employee Awards.
Selection Committee

-Chris Garris for organizing employee potlucks.

-Carol Pickett for chairing elections.

-David Rohwer for serving on the parking advisory committee.

The next SAA meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2002, in the Sherman Carter Conference Room. SAA meetings are open to the public. All statewide employees are encouraged to attend.

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work Control Center, Mike Brase, Dan Brodigan, and Vincent Yelmene. Videotaping for the webcast was done by Jeff Silverman of Blueberry Productions in Anchorage.

The University of Alaska sponsored the live and archived webcast in order to increase access to rural health care providers who could not attend the conference in person, Perdue said.

In addition the conference hosted the top federal officials in rural health care today: Dr. Betty Duke, Administrator of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); Dr. Sam Shekar, head of the Bureau of Health Professions; and Dr. Marcia Brand, Director of the Office of Rural Health. Officials in DHHS in Washington D.C., including the Secretary's office, were able to tune in to the webcast and watch Dr. Duke make a major policy address on rural health.

Bob Carr and his staff worked for more than two months to ensure the webcast of two full days worked smoothly, Perdue said. She added that Steve Smith, the university's chief technology officer, gave his full support to the effort.

Regents to Meet in Fairbanks June 11-13

The University of Alaska Board of Regents will meet on the UAF campus in Fairbanks June 11-13.

The board and its committees will meet in the Butrovich Building and all meetings, except for executive sessions, are open to the public.

Public testimony is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. and on Thursday at 8 a. m.

Amanda Wall Graduates

Amanda Wall, coordinator for the UA Foundation and the Statewide Office of Development, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UAF at commencement on May 12. Her degree is in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in English.

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Like New - 2 HermanMiller Task Chairs, Dove Grey color, tall, pneumatic stool with full foot ring, seat and foot ring have height adjustment. A great deal at $250 for pair.

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Suzuki GZ250 Street Bike $2,000 obo.

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