On The Move

Vol. 1 No. 12

November 7, 2001

University of Alaska Statewide



Managing Risk is a Sure Thing



The Fairbanks office of Risk Management includes from left to right: Amaya Spencer, Yvonne Boyce, David Bunzow, Alicia Willey, Carla Yurkovich and Director Julie Baecker (seated in center).

Spotlight



Statewide Office of Risk Management

When I first heard the words, "risk management" I had no idea what it meant or what function it served in the university setting. It seemed to me that someone was sadly confused. How could you possibly manage risk? Either you take risks, or you don't. As I began to explore the concept, I understood why it is so critical in the business environment. After last week's presentation by David Bunzow, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, on "Planning and Preparations for Incidents," I also realized how important it is in our personal environment and in the academic setting.

The September 11th tragedy made Americans realize how vulnerable they are to the arbitrary discretion of terrorists. Not only are we subject to this kind of event, but accidents, weather disasters and illness also fit in the category of risk. When you look around, it is staring you in the face wherever you look. "Plan for the worst, hope for the best". That simple phrase is at the heart of risk management.

Looking at the ability to predict and prevent adverse occurrences, is what risk management is all about. Environmental Health and Safety are separate but integrated segments of risk management. Different

(continued on the back)

We're not sure if he was spooked by Halloween goblins, scared by the discussion on risk management or just hungry thinking about the Thanksgiving potluck. In any case, Jennifer Bowers' new companion, Bison (above), has an expression that reflects how most of us feel this time of year, when the days shrink, the nights get longer and colder and the thought of winter makes us consider our sanity. Remember that winter activities enhance your mental and physical well-being. Get involved in a quilting group or go contra dancing. Join the UAF Life program to swim at the Patty Center pool and work out at the SRC. For $75 per semester, you can use the facilities on a limited basis. You can also use the facilities on an unlimited basis for the same price if you are a part-time student. As a UA employee you can get free tuition of up to 6 credits per semester. There's no reason you should be bored or frustrated this winter!!

Thanksgiving Potluck

The Statewide Administration Assembly Thanksgiving potluck is coming up on Wednesday, November 21st in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Butro. Bldg. from 11:30 until ?? As we plan and prepare for this annual event, please start thinking about what you would like to contribute to the potluck.

We need all the traditional (and not so traditional) dishes as well as beverages and condiments. If you know what you want to bring, email or call Chris Garris to sign up. Or stop by his desk in suite 103 and take a look at what is needed, x5319. chris.garris@alaska.edu.





The potluck is a fun way to break into the holiday festivities and share a few laughs with coworkers. If you need some great recipe ideas for the potluck, stop by and see Adela Batin, suite 209, Butro. Bldg. Adela is the author of the cookbook, "Best Recipes of Alaska's Fishing Lodges." Courtesy of Adela, reprinted below and on the back are two recipes you might like to share with your family over the holiday season.

Kantishna Cranberry Salad

We're lucky in Alaska to have an abundant supply each fall of easy-to-harvest lowbush cranberries. If you didn't have a chance to capture a gallon or two this year, you can substitute Ocean Spray cranberries, coarsely chopped into smaller pieces. This is a delicious salad to serve with your holiday turkey or ham.

4 cups lowbush cranberries
1 cup granulated sugar
1 6-ounce package raspberry flavored gelatin
2 cups boiling water
1 8-ounce can crushed pineapple
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Combine berries and sugar in a bowl. Set aside. Stir gelatin in water until dissolved. Cool and add to cranberry mixture. Stir in pineapple and walnuts. Chill unti gelatin is firm. Serves 10-12

Published by the Statewide Office of Public Affairs, Director Bob Miller
Design, Layout & Photography by Adela Batin

To submit information for this weekly newsletter, send via email to bob.miller@alaska.edu or call 474-7272

UNIVERSITY of ALASKA
Many Traditions One Alaska



Pumpkin Cheesecake

1/2 cup butter
1/3 box graham crackers
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups pumpkin
5 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg or cloves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a small saucepan. Crush graham crackers. With a pastry brush, brush a small amount of butter on the sides and bottom of a springform pan. Dust the pan with a small amount of cracker crumbs. Mix the remaining butter and crumbs. Press into the bottom of pan to form crust.

In a mixing bowl, cream the cheese, sugar and pumpkin until smooth. Add eggs and mix until well-blended. Add vanilla, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg or cloves; mix gently. Pour mixture into graham cracker crust. Place springform pan in a larger pan of water and bake at 325 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Makes one 9-inch cheesecake.

Regents Meet in Fairbanks This Week

Meetings of the UA Foundation Board of Trustees and UA Board of Regents will be held in the Butrovich Building this week. The Foundation will meet on Thursday morning and then meet jointly with the Planning and Development Committee of the Board of Regents that afternoon.

On Friday, the Board of Regents will meet to review and then approve the FY03 operating and capital budget request. After approval, the budget request is forwarded to Governor Knowles.

The meetings will be held in Regents' Conference Room 109. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Wall at x7687 (Foundation) or Jeannie Phillips at x7908 Board of Regents.

Spotlight *continued*

situations and concerns exist at each one of the campuses in the university system. Some of these differences are based on resources and location. Each MAUs approach is more campus-oriented than with a statewide focus. David's job at statewide is to harmonize the entire UA system and through continued improvement, bring it to world-class status.

There is clearly a need to elevate the entire system. David's approach has always been: Why not be the best? This is what he is striving for in each environmental health and safety program the University undertakes.

One drive behind this need comes from the EPA document titled, "20 Questions for College & University Presidents: How Do You Deal With These Issues?" In the document, the EPA said they would not only hold universities to the same standards as industry but also expects them to be role models in their preparation of personnel for roles in industry. They asked for colleges and universities to look at their programs and make these important upgrades.

David Bunzow was hired because of recognition that the UA system currently doesn't meet all these EPA requirements. But President Hamilton and the Board of Regents intend that we do. They have requested that all UA campuses be harmonized.

What would these changes entail? According to David, "New programs, attention to details, going beyond the minimum requirements and a change in behavior and attitude between campuses and administration. We must assess and properly put into perspective our commitment to the state of Alaska and its citizens. If we are creating Alaska's leaders in our university, we have to create an awareness of environmental health and safety concerns that start right here. That kind of commitment requires continual improvement at all levels and systems within the UA system.

In the past, colleges and universities didn't do a good job of preparing students for their roles in industry. We have to understand the importance of the process and incorporate at the educational level influences that affect science, business and financial curriculums.

Living on the Edge

Develop a worse-case scenario…well, make that a **credible** worse-case scenario. When David was working for the industrial segment, one of the fears was a disaster in which an airplane might hit a building. When all the financial numbers were put together to cover the costs it was so astronomical that it was rejected as being an outlandish thing to expect… Let's pick something that is more likely to happen. So the criteria was changed from worse-case scenario to credible worse-case scenario. Many businesses didn't want to look at the costs to cover themselves if the worse-thing DID happen. The smart companies, however, used this as an opportunity to upgrade their employee education and training programs, and to develop Business Resumption Plans to handle contingencies.

When working for the industrial segment, David observed that many companies had internal responders (instead of relying solely on external capabilities) in place and would come to rely on them in the initial stages of a disaster. They knew that in the case of a large disaster, they couldn't rely on others. He is challenging the UA system to learn what are some of the things we must do to ensure our security. What will we do to protect ourselves in the Butrovich building in case of a disaster? What happens during the first five seconds of an incident often determines the outcome. You've heard the old adages: a stitch in time saves nine. God helps those who help themselves. We've gotten away from these simple values in the name of freedom and on 9-11, many of us received a rude wake up call in response to our complacency. (*Risk Management Part 2 continued with the next issue of* ***On The Move.***) *-Adela Batin*

For Sale or Trade

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

From Jennifer, x5892:
WANTED: One medium or large dog kennel.

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 Bess Rounds, 474-6301:
2 female black AKC Pedigree labs. Ready at Thanksgiving.

From Adela Batin, 455-6691:
Do you need a woodstove to keep your cabin warm this winter? Beautiful, antique "Ben Franklin" type of stove for sale. $250. Keep your feathered friends happy: large bird cage on rollers. Will accommodate macaw, cockatoo or amazon, $175 obo. Brand new large accordian-style folding doors, 10'x 20' oak with rails, $800 obo, 8'x 15' mahogany with rails, $500 obo. Large metal quonset hut frame, approx. 20'x30', perfect for chicken coop or cover for horse barn or greenhouse $400 obo. Beautiful sheepskin coat from Germany, worn only once, women's size 8, $400 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.

From Mike Gardner, at 590-0343:
Yamaha P-200 Professional Electronic Keyboard 88-weight, touch sensitive keys; MIDI; piano instruction software; and more, $1,000.

On the Move is Online

Go to: www.alaska.edu/opa/onthemove

Deadline for the next issue is Monday, November 19th by the end of the day.