On The Move

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Landscapers have been busily at work in front of the Butrovich Building planting a variety of native trees and perennials.



Thanks, Computer Folks

Kudos to the Computer people who helped make all the new connections: Ricky King's shop and his staff: James Elieff, Anthony Shaw, and Michael Simmons.

Mike Brase's Network Control staff: Laura Letuligasenoa, Earl Voorhis, and Collin Lichtenberger.

And, of course, the Help Desk folks: Martin Miller, Lana Grimes, Matthew Miranda, and Lori Fields.



Janene's Moving On, and She'll Be Missed

A woman who has helped solve computer problems for nearly everybody in Butrovich is on her way to Colorado where her husband has a new job and she will ponder pursuing a Ph.D., do some part-time work creating web sites, and even think about motherhood.

V. Janene Sikkink, who received her MBA from UAF, worked for UAF and Alaska Internet before joining statewide in 1998. She was also elected to the Statewide Administration Assembly, and has served as secretary for the past several months.

Janene and her husband, Jeff, will leave for Boulder later this month. Jeff, who has received his Electrical Engineering degree from UAF, will start with IBM in August.

"I've had the honor and pleasure of working for several different managers/directors and managing many fine staff," Janene said. "Robert Noland, Sharon Gramstad, Art Greenwalt, Kevin O'Connor, Laura Katucki, Michael Simmons, Terry Miller, Lana Grimes, Martin Miller and Lori Fields to name a few. I've learned from every person I've worked closely with."



V. Janene Sikkink

Janene's last day here will be Friday, July 20. ***On the Move*** wishes Janene and Jeff the very best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

Tearing Down to Build Up

The Butrovich Building will be transformed in some areas next week with demolition work that needs to be done before new construction can begin. We're still looking at completion in mid-September, and ***On the Move*** will keep you posted.

SDButro and SDStaff listserv messages will continue to go to both Butrovich and the Villa (Whole Earth).





Above left to right: Ricky King, Manager, Micro-LAN Support and Barbara Branton, Coordinator, General Counsel Below: Mike Bates and Yoda.

Photo by Kate Wattum

Water, Water, Water, Water Everywhere

Mike Bates, director of IT's User Services, is drinking lots of water these days as part of a new diet regimen. Welcoming him to HR's water group, Vickie Gilligan and Carolyn Weaver, assisted by a few others, surprised him in great fashion. They placed water containers of all shapes and sizes, some including fish, on virtually every available surface in his office in his absence.

"They are very creative people," Bates observed wryly upon his return. A friend remarked that Bates had been "Gilliganized", a reference to Vickie's superb ability to craft remarkable practical jokes.

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Good Friends Make A Difference for Buddy

Buddy's a lucky dog. After getting hit by a car in Big Delta on May 30, he lay by the roadside, badly hurt, for two days until he was rescued by UA employee Gary Hagestead.

Gary's co-workers at ARSC and others in Butrovich donated cash and goods to sell to raise just over $1,000 to help pay Buddy's vet bills.

After several surgeries, Buddy's doing okay, though he may still lose his left rear leg because of severe nerve damage.

Thanks to Gary and his wife, and to all the others who helped, Buddy is now being properly cared for, and he's being treated with love and respect. Both he and Gary are grateful for the support.

You can check on Buddy at his website: http://web.acsalaska.net/~gary.hagestead/rescue/



Plants and computers aren't the only ones moving. So is Janene Sikkink.

Four Years & Seven Different Spaces

By V. Janene Sikkink

Change happens. Since joining statewide I've worked out of four cubicles and one office. Add the two cubicles I lived in when working for ARSC and that brings my total to 7 spaces in four years.

This last round of moves has me a bit stumped - it seems to me like this building is a set of legos and we've rediscovered our creative side. I know that many people have been impacted and more change is coming. In a year or two everyone will look back and say, 'what extra space?' Since President Hamilton's taken the wheel, I've had the feeling that we were on the move. We're adding bodies to help carry the workload. We're adding projects to meet the needs of our customers and entice more students to make UA their choice.

Speaking of moving, you should see my home. Jeff and I with the help of our close friend, Ajay Nautiyal, pulled up our carpet just last Saturday. Movers came on Thursday and by Friday morning all that was left was what could fit in the trunk of our car.

Back to Butrovich - last week Barb Branton from the General Counsel's office asked me if she could place an umbrella plant on our cabinets (we have computer based training cds that anyone can check out—they are in a case near the window—see Lori Fields for more information.) 'Okay...' You should see the jungle now, it extends from the sink to the window. I'm glad to see our friends from upstairs come down to visit, and if I were going to be here when they leave, I'd probably be happy to see that too. I think the jungle is a great improvement. Maybe when General Counsel leaves others will bring in more greenery to fill up the empty space. That's all from me!

Send us your story. You could win 500 frequent flyer miles on Alaska Airlines.



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For Sale or Trade

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

From Carolyn Nethken, 457-3304:
A white Danish Modern single bed with bookcase headboard and trundle, and a matching five-drawer dresser for sale for $250 OBO. Can be seen by appointment.

From Janet Jacobs, 457-5790:
19.9 cubic foot Whirlpool refrigerator, good shape $175; Yamaha Electone organ and bench, some books/music $1000; 4 drawer file cabinet $25; '98 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited V8, 5.2 Liter, less than 37,000 miles, one owner, just serviced, $23,000; towing package (front) possibility.

From Ruth Duerr 479-8513:
'92 Ford F150 4wd w. towing package - $7000;
Maroon fiberglass topper - $600 OBO; Riding lawn mower $700 OBO; 55 gal. fish tank (w. fish & plants) - $150; 29 gal. fish tank (w. fish & plants) - $50; turn of the century treadle sewing machine w. original instructions - $125;
Solid oak round table - $250;
Oak loveseat - $ 100;
Yard sale on August 4-5, noon - 4 p. m., 5418 Anderson Road (off Dale), numerous other/ smaller items.

From Adela Batin 455-6691:
Large bird cage suitable for macaw, cockatoo or amazon. Black wrought iron, 5'tall, 3'x2' wide, on rolling casters. $200 obo.

Wants to Buy

Wanted by Kate Wattum, 455-4610:
Small freezer; twin bed box spring; bunk beds; living room couch and loveseat.

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Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, July 17th by the end of the day.