On The Move

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Hamilton Encourages Legislators to Invest in UA

University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton told legislators last week that the state's investment in higher education equals investment in Alaska's economy.

In his annual appearance before the legislature's joint House and Senate Finance Committees, Hamilton asked for a $16.9 million increase in the university's funding. Quoting General Douglas MacArthur, he said, "When you're out of money, invest in education."

Hamilton told the legislators that if the university can get the $16.9 million increase from the state, it can generate another $50 million in grants and other non-state funding.

At one point, Hamilton said, "I'd like to take issue with a few not-too-clever metaphors down here: The first is when you're in a hole stop digging. What are we going to do - stand in a hole and hope for dirt? I'm telling you to hang on to your shovels. We intend to build a ramp out of the hole."

After Hamilton's appearance before the joint committee meeting, Fairbanks Sen. Pete Kelly, co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee, was cautiously optimistic about the university's chances of getting the increase.

"Has Hamilton produced for the university? Yes. There's more and more willingness to go with his program," Kelly told reporters.

Anchorage Daily News Likes Hamilton's Approach

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Students Support UA Budget Request



UA students took their show on the road this month, and they gathered 3,400 signatures in support of the proposed $16.9 million increase in the university's operating budget for FY 03.

The student member of the Board of Regents, Joe Hardenbrook, was one of the 60 students who traveled from Fairbanks to Juneau, stopping at UA campuses along the way to gather the signatures. The trip culminated in Juneau earlier this week.

In Juneau, Hardenbrook and the other students presented the signed postcards urging legislators to fully fund the university's operating budget request.

The UA Road Show was coordinated by the UA Coalition of Student Leaders. The coalition is a statewide student association representing more than 30,000 students in the UA system. Students have been important advocates for the university in years past, and continue to play a key role in the campaign for full funding for the university.



Our View

Get Out of the Hole: Hamilton Offers Legislators Some Valuable Perspective

Here's an occasion for great glee in Alaska politics: University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton went to Juneau the other day and stood up to some of the silliness.

"I'd like to take issue with a few not-too-clever metaphors down here: The first is 'When you're in a hole, stop digging,'" President Hamilton told legislators in pitching his case for an increase in university funding. *(continued on back)*

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Many Traditions One Alaska

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He refers, of course, to the slogan of House and Senate leaders who use opposition to Gov. Knowles' latest spending proposals as an excuse not to deal seriously with the state fiscal gap. President Hamilton put the rout to that posturing in fine style. Here's the good part:

"What are we going to do - stand in a hole and hope for dirt?" the former two-star Army general asked. "I'm telling you to hang on to your shovels. We intend to build a ramp out of the hole."

And hallelujah to that!

Alaska's had a bellyful of legislative naysayers without any vision beyond the free lunch and the fond, feckless wish for the fat old days of Prudhoe Bay's prime. Those days are over. We need something better to shot for than cut the budget, keep away taxes, spend our savings and hope for some new resource bonanza. We need, as President Hamilton said, a ramp out of the hole.

He pulled out another old truism that deserves fresh attention nowadays: We can't save ourselves rich. We've got to invest - in ideas, in talent, in brainpower, in entrepreneurship, in education, in quality of life, in vision, in a ramp out of this hole.

Oh, yeah - about those spending proposals of the governor's. Here's a simple idea for legislators: Vote 'em up, vote 'em down, vote your conscience, vote your constituents' wishes. Ask yourself whether they help build the ramp or not, and vote accordingly.

Just don't use'em as an excuse for not doing your job.

Regents Meet in Juneau Next Week

The University of Alaska Board of Regents will hold committee meetings and a meeting of the full board on Thursday and Friday, March 7-8, in Juneau.

Thursday's meetings will be held in the Baranof Hotel in downtown Juneau, and Friday's meeting will be held in the Egan Library on the UAS campus.

Public testimony is scheduled to be heard on Thursday at approximately 10 a.m. In addition to the meetings on Thursday and Friday, regents will be meeting with legislators and other state officials on Wednesday, March 6.

Butrovich Building's Air Quality Under Scrutiny

Last fall several employees in the Butrovich Building complained about itchy eyes and scratchy throats, prompting a hard look at the building's indoor air quality.

Carbon monoxide monitoring at six locations in the building showed that carbon monoxide concentrations peaked at noon and at 5:30 p. m., corresponding to the times people were warming up their vehicles before lunch and before going home at night. None of the concentrations was considered excessive, but during the monitoring, several other contributors surfaced, according to David Bunzow, Environmental, Health and Safety Manager for Risk Management.

"Temperature was found to be too high and humidity too low for the comfort range of many people," Bunzow said. "The use of organic solvents in ongoing construction was also found to be contributing to the air quality, and cigarette smoking entering via doors and from people smoking inside the building were also cited."

What's that again? Smoking inside the building. Not supposed to happen, but, apparently, sometimes it does.

The temperature and humidity have been adjusted into appropriate ranges, and that particular problem seems to have been solved for now.

It appears that people are being more careful to plug in their vehicles when the temperature is 20 above or colder, Bunzow said. And vehicles are not supposed to be left idling in front of the building where the exhaust can more easily get into the building.

Bunzow said the building's air quality will continue to be watched closely, and if you have suggestions or comments, contact him at telephone extension 5005, or email him at sndab1@alaska.edu.

On the Move is Online

Go to: www.alaska.edu/opa/onthemove. **Deadline** for the next issue is Monday, March 11th by the end of the day.



Jennifer Bowers (above) is the new Administrative Assistant for Statewide Health Programs with Karen Purdue.



Dawn Wall (above) has been promoted to the accountant position in statewide cost accounting, effective February 18th. Most recently, Dawn was the Research Associate with the SW arm of the Epscor program. Previously, Dawn worked for a number of years at UAF Grant and Contract Services. She brings a significant amount of knowledge with respect to University accounting practices and federal regulations.

Dawn will be responsible for reviewing and approving journal vouchers and labor reallocations and reviewing cost transfers for sponsored projects. She will be developing costing procedures and allocation methodologies, developing accounting policies and procedures, and monitoring compliance with practices disclosed in federal disclosure statements. Dawn will also be reviewing SW general ledger reconciliations and providing technical expertise on Form 1099 reporting requirements and procedures.

For Sale or Trade

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

From Jenn Wagaman at x6551:
I'm selling brownies and other baked goods for the next few weeks in Butro 108 to raise money for my bike ride. I'm raising $3000 for AIDS Charities and riding 575 from San Francisco to L.A. in June. So we're selling brownies and such or people can sponsor me for a tax-deductible donation.

From John Dickenson at 457-2824:
1997 GMC SLE 4x4 Pickup -Z71 Excellent inside and out, 34,000 miles, two-tone paint, CD, bed liner, bug screen, V8, auto, air, cruise, split bench seats, two sets of rims. $14,500 OBO.

From Kristen Clare, 337-3175:
Pentax 35m manual camera, includes regular and zoom lenses, flash and bag. $225.

From Kathy Tamburello, 474-7213:
MUST SELL! 97-Toyota Tacoma, extcab, 4x4, 5speed, 4cyl., new tires & brakes, CD player, excellent shape in & out, 75 K. $12,800 obo.

From Jennifer Bowers at x6281:
Brand new medium size dog kennel/crate. Bought in Dec., barely used. 27"L x 20"W x 19"H with handle. Light tan in color, ideal for Beagles, Shelties, Min. Poodles, Cockers, Lhasa Apsos. Paid $39.99, asking $20.

From Thom & Torie Foote, 479-0908:
98' Dodge Grand Caravan LE, AWD, Loaded, remote start, studded tires and a summer set. Great condition. $17,700 obo

From Robin Porter, 474-0777 (leave message):
1986 Jeep Laredo; $3,600 or best offer; MUST SEE. 146,000 miles; Approx. 15,000 mi. on rebuilt components: engine 2.8 liter 6cycl; transmission; carburetor; axles; etc. long list. Have all maintenance receipts. Fully loaded except power windows & locks.