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New Digs Ideal for Fairbanks Land Management Office



From left to right, Lance Cook, Laurie Swartz and Kristi Sherman.



Land for sale at Peregrine Heights Subdivision, 3.2 mile Chena Ridge Rd.









Spotlight



Fairbanks Land Management

Kristi Sherman has been involved with University of Alaska land matters for the past 18 years, and it took nearly that long for the Fairbanks Land Management office to find the ideal office space.

Kristi is Associate Director of Land Management for the university, and she and her staff are very pleased with their new digs at the old Whole Earth store building.

"We love it here," Kristi said. "Parking's not a problem, and it's very easy for members of the public to come in and see what land is available for sale."

Laurie Swartz, the office's administrative assistant, also serves unofficially as the receptionist simply because her desk is near the main entrance. Surprisingly enough, there are still two or three people a week who drop by looking for the muffins they liked to buy at the organic grocery store that used to be in the building. One look around tells them they're probably in the wrong place.

Kristi's office is lined with bookcases filled with land reports, feasibility studies, appraisals, soil reports, and environmental assessments. Above the cases are photographs and maps so it's easy to see where and what land might be for sale. There was no place to display maps in the Butrovich Building so they had to be rolled up or kept in drawers and pulled out whenever anybody wanted to look at them.

Lance Cook, a real estate technician, rounds out the three-person staff, and he's involved with property reviews, permitting processes, title searches and the rest of the extensive paperwork that accompanies virtually every land transaction.

The rest of the land management operation is located in Anchorage. The Fairbanks office deals mostly with university land in the Interior, but occasionally is involved in other areas of the state, depending on the total land management workload. Recently, Kristi's shop was responsible for acquiring about two acres in Juneau for future expansion of the UAS campus there. In fact, that's an example of an educational land deal, but they also deal with investment properties, land that is managed,

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leased or sold for investment purposes.

Proceeds from such leases and sales go into the university Land Grant Endowment Trust Fund to support educational programs and projects throughout the university system, including the popular UA Scholars Program.

Right now, the office is working on the Loftus Road extension project, which will create a new entrance to the UAF campus in Fairbanks.

The plan is for the university to grant an easement to the state Department of Transportation which will build the road, but the university will own and maintain it.

They also do subdivisions. The Peregrine Heights Subdivision on Chena Ridge Road is one of theirs. About 40 lots, ranging from two to four acres, have been sold, and a number of homes have been built there. Another subdivision is Riverhaven with what Kristi calls "very affordable" two-acre lots off Nordale Road. They have also begun work on the Phase III Wrangell Subdivision near North Pole.

Mari Montgomery, Director of the Land Management office, said she relies heavily on the Fairbanks office, and for a lot more than just Kristi's institutional memory.

"The staff up there really likes working on land issues, and can be counted on for innovative solutions to the complicated problems we sometimes encounter. If Kristi and her staff are involved, I'm always confident their projects will be successful."

General Counsel Space Completion Delayed

To the surprise of almost no one who's been paying attention, the General Counsel's space on the second floor will not be finished this week.

Official word is that some redesign has been necessary to take care of air circulation and a couple other problems, and the new target date for completion is Oct. 8. ***On The Move*** will keep you informed.

Regents Meet in Anchorage This Week

The UA Board of Regents is meeting in Anchorage on Thursday and Friday this week at the University Commons on the UAA campus in Anchorage.

Regents also will hold a joint meeting with the State Board of Education on Wednesday evening at the Captain Cook Hotel in downtown Anchorage.

They will be considering new degree programs in transportation, logistics and physics, and having preliminary discussions about new academic initiatives and budget for the next fiscal year. The university's FY03 operating and capital budget requests will be submitted for board approval in November because the request must be submitted to the Office of the Governor in December.

New Compensation Director Named

Jeannine Senechal will be the new Director of Compensation in the Statewide Office of Human Resources, according to Janet Jacobs, HR director. Jeannine has dual degrees in English and History from the University of Washington. She has 30 years experience in human resources within higher education.

Currently the associate director of Human Resources Administration at the University of Washington, Jeannine has specialized over time in recruitment/retention, classification/compensation, training, benefits programs, program development and communications. She has also worked for the University of Alaska as a consultant on the Information Technology classification pilot project, and is familiar with that process and history.

Jeannine will arrive in Fairbanks on October 2, but she will be coordinating some activities for the IT classification pilot group in the interim, according to Jacobs. "Jeannine adds considerable strength to the collective knowledge and experience in the Human Resources office," Jacobs said. "With a staff of three now committed to the classification project, we are positioned to accelerate our review of positions and creation of job classes."

Enrollment Up Again

University classes started last week, and for the second year in a row, there's an increase in enrollment.

Preliminary figures show UAA enrollment is up about 7 percent; UAF is up 2 percent, and UAS is up about 13 percent. The numbers may change a bit before enrollment closes later this month, but the news is good.

Last year, enrollment was up for the first time since 1994, and it's great to have good news again this year.

Transitions...

Hans Gunderson will be the next Coordinator of the Coalition of Student Leaders of the University of Alaska. Hans is a history major and senior at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has an extensive background as a leader and trainer of Boy Scouts, is currently an ASUAF Senator and is team leader for the ASUAF leadership retreat. He is also an outstanding web designer and researcher.

Hans succeeds Lisa Villano, who is student teaching this year and was recently appointed to a two-year term as Student Commissioner on the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.



Hans Gunderson

Dave Read of the Internal Auditor's staff has attained two professional certifications, and has been promoted from Associate Internal Auditor to the new position of Information Systems Auditor. Read, who spent considerable time studying on his own for his new certifications, is now a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) as well as a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).

For Sale or Trade

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

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 Ben Shilling, 479-8214 evenings:
Bunk Beds for **sale**. Includes sheets, comforters and valence. $150. **Wanted:** riding lawn mower preferably with a grass catcher and a youth size semi automatic .22 caliber rifle.

From Rolonda Horning, 490-6787:
Washer and dryer for sale. The set is $300.00. Works great!!!

From Laura Letuligasenoa 456-3829:
1996 Dodge Sport SLT Truck. 50,000 miles, 5.9 liter, excellent condition, fully loaded, $16,400.00

From Rhonda Ooms, 457-4153:
For sale, season hockey tickets, Nanook section center ice, section 105, F 10/11 (2), behind penalty boxes. $332 for both or $166 each.

From Leone Thierman 457-1081: Enclosed utility trailer, 6'x10', V-nose, single axle, rear spring-loaded ramp cargo door, plus side entry door, aluminum body. $3150 obo. View at www.gi.alaska.edu/admin/human_resources/Classifieds.htm

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