

Soundings

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Program assessment underway at all campuses; Budget targets released

University of Alaska President Jerome Komisar said this week that the university's ambitious program assessment process is well underway and the second phase of the review will be completed by the end of September.

Hundreds of programs, both administrative and academic, were identified in the first, or inventory, phase, and are now being given a preliminary examination to place each of them in one of three categories: A - no further assessment needed at this time; B - further assessment may be warranted; and C - full program assessment to be undertaken now.

To assist the campuses with the categorization process, which is to be finished by September 26, Komisar released preliminary budget targets totaling \$21.4 million divided among the university's four major administrative units over a three-year period. By unit, the targets are:

- University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), \$6.1 million
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), \$11.9 million
- University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), \$1.3 million
- Statewide, \$2.1 million.

"These are the target amounts we have tentatively identified for reallocation for Fiscal Years 1996-1998," Komisar said. The targets were developed using a common set of assumptions across all campuses.

The figures are preliminary because Komisar has asked each of the system's three chancellors to calculate additional revenues for the three-year period based on projected growth in enrollment, research volume and other sources.

Komisar said the preliminary target figures were based on the assumptions that over the next three years inflation would average 3 percent a year, and that state general fund appropriations would be limited to a total 3 percent increase during the three years. Additionally, the targets were derived assuming modest tuition increases in each of the next three years and the elimination of the current tuition policy that does not charge students for credits beyond 13 hours per semester. The targets also assume that campuses will reallocate 2 percent per year from their unrestricted base for the protection and enhancement of existing programs to assure that high quality and integrity will be maintained.

"To bring the university's programs into balance with its resources and enable to continue to meet its responsibilities to the people of Alaska, the university must selectively allocate its resources to its basic missions," Komisar said.

(This story was taken from a September 12 press release prepared by the Statewide Office of Public Affairs.)



It was so successful last year, we're doing it again!

be made out to "University of Alaska Foundation/10,000 Flowers."

Volunteers are asked to gather at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 8 at the Mourant Building. Like last year, volunteers will be divided into teams and lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Student Activities Office at 465-6528.

"We were treated this year with an enormous amount of positive comments about the flowers from students, staff, faculty and residents of Juneau," said Chancellor Marshall Lind. "It's great that we're planning to carry that enthusiasm forward and do it again this year."

Members of the UAS Campus Landscape Committee are hopeful that in the years to come the thousands of spring flowers will naturalize and color the campus each spring in sweeping drifts.

October 8: 10,000 More Flowers!

Everyone who enjoyed the colorful tulips, daffodils and crocuses on the Auke Lake campus last Spring is invited to help make the place twice as beautiful next Spring. Plans call for an all-volunteer force to plant 10,000 more bulbs throughout the campus on Saturday, October 8.

Once again the Juneau Garden Club is assisting with planning the event and has made a financial contribution of \$500 to purchase bulbs. Student Government voted to donate \$750.

Financial contributions from individuals are welcome. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to the University of Alaska Foundation/10,000 Flowers, UAS Public Information Office, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK, 99801. Checks should

UAS participating in CANstruction '94

Student activities is coordinating the Juneau campus participation in a drive to collect donated canned goods (labels must be on!) for donation to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.

Drop-off points on the UAS campus for donating canned food are at the Mourant Building, Bill Ray Center and Student Housing.

The community-wide event includes building sculptures with the donated cans. The sculptures will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

Campus architect Jack Wolevar will be heading up the UAS entry in the contest. An organization meeting for students, faculty and staff interested in participating will be held at noon on Monday, September 26 in the UAS Student Lounge.

Rogers resigns from finance post

Brian Rogers, vice president for finance for the University of Alaska since 1988, has announced his resignation from the post effective January 14, 1995.

Rogers said he was leaving the university to pursue other professional and business opportunities in Fairbanks.

"When I came to the university in 1984 as statewide budget director, I expected to stay only three to five years," Rogers said, "and now over 10 years have passed. I'm proud of my accomplishments on behalf of the university and now I'm ready to move on to new challenges."

University President Jerome B. Komisar said he was accepting Rogers' resignation with deep regret.

"Brian is a remarkable executive whose knowledge of the state and the university has made him a key figure in the university's development over the past decade," Komisar said. "His contributions to the university are enormous. The university owes him a great deal, and he has our friendship and best wishes."

(This story was taken from a September 14 press release prepared by the Statewide Office of Public Affairs.)

Petty cash closed for six days

Petty cash reimbursements will not be available from Friday, October 14 through Friday, October 21.

Ketchikan News

High school, UAS team up to offer Japanese

Ketchikan campus and Ketchikan High School teamed up for a second-year course in Japanese language, sparing students a cut-off of their studies. KHS students are getting high school and college credit for a course conducted by a Japanese exchange teacher and overseen by university and community residents.

Ketchikan High School nearly lost its second-year course for lack of a certificated instructor. UAS set up a class taught by Kayoko Kitajima, the Ketchikan School District exchange teacher. Kitajima is aided and supervised by Carrie Stephens, instructor in Japanese culture at Prince William Sound Community College. Also supporting the course are Bill Trudeau, director of student services at Ketchikan campus, and local residents active in Ketchikan's exchange program with a Japanese sister city.

Elevator completion 6 weeks away

Students in Ketchikan are dodging a construction zone to enter the Ziegler Building, where an elevator installation is about six weeks from completion.

The project will allow handicapped access to the second floor and permit wheelchair users to avoid a circuitous route through a nearby building and along a walkway that is often snow-covered.

The end of the project will improve another kind of access: staging for the job has taken out a dozen precious parking places next to the Ziegler Building.

Barrier returns to teach math

Ketchikan campus welcomed back a one-term part-time instructor and put him to work in an expanded role this fall.

Ed Barrier moved from North Carolina in fall 1993 to teach math as an adjunct instructor. He was retired after about 25 years in teaching and administration at Isothermal Community College. Barrier returned to the East Coast after a death in his family, but circled back to Southeast in August.

Ketchikan campus assigned Barrier an algebra class, but he's also tutoring in both math and English at the Learning Center.

Thanks

Thanks to all who contributed: Dean and Donna Chantry would like to thank university staff for sending a card to Dean during his recent illness.

Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 17

- *Welcome Cruise: MV St. Rufina. Catamaran cruise down the Gastineau Channel; \$15 at UAS cashier. Students, faculty and staff only.*

Sunday, Sept. 18

- *Children's concert: Dan Crow. Jeff Brown opens. 1 p.m., Centennial Hall. \$6 Advance, \$8 Door. Cosponsored by KTOO. Tickets available at UAS cashier and Hearthside Books.*

Monday, September 26

- *CANstruction meeting: Noon, UAS Student Lounge*

Wednesday, Sept. 28

- *Foundation Board of Trustees: Anchorage*

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29-30

- *Board of Regents: Fairbanks*

Deadlines set for Spring Schedule

Oct. 3: Course information from schools due to Records and Registration.

Oct. 3 - Nov. 2: Records and Registration inputs course information, schedules rooms, provides schools with proofs and downloads courses.

Oct. 28 - Nov. 1: Schools proof schedule.

Nov. 3-13: Information Services designs schedule and completes paste-up for printing.

Nov. 14: Schedule printed.

Nov. 15: Schedules available on campus.

Nov. 18: Schedules inserted into Friday edition of *Empire*.

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