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Budget proposal outlines \$90 million in cuts

With the announcement of the Governor's amended FY90 budget came the stark realization for the University of Alaska that it too may be targeted for the ten percent across-the-board cuts that State agencies may have to bear in addition to the layoffs slated to further reduce the State's deficit. The proposal outlines \$90 million in spending cuts to State agency operations and the University of Alaska. It would reduce the University appropriation for next year by \$15.9 million from the original recommended level advanced by the Governor. It would set the FY90 appropriation level for the University at approximately \$143 million, about where it was in FY87 after all the budget cuts that led to the restructuring.

Chancellor Lind met with his cabinet early in the day on Wednesday to discuss the effect the ten percent cut might have on UAS. He also met with Karen Cummins, classified association president, Dutch Knight, student body president, and Tim Fullum, faculty senate president to alert them to the situation.

Lind said that UAS is not in a position to take any additional cuts. "We have already pared it back to the minimum with restructuring. Any more cuts would mean an impact on programs and the service we can deliver to the region. I am, however, remaining optimistic," said Lind. "I want any cuts to be discussed in the open with all of our constituencies. I view this as a joint effort. If it's something we have to do, then I want us to do it together." Attached to UA employees paychecks this Friday is a memorandum from Donald O'Dowd, UA president, to colleagues throughout the University of Alaska System addressing the budget situation.

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A glimpse at AASCU's policy on governance of higher education

The following is an excerpt from a policy statement developed by the Committee on Governance of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and approved by the association membership at the 28th annual meeting on November 22, 1988.

"The state government has a dual role in the governance process: the legislative branch is responsible for establishing broad policies and for providing sufficient resources to allow institutions to meet their goals, and the executive branch in most states develops regulations and programs for monitoring performance. Both elements have a strong and appropriate concern for the effective management, coordination, and development of educational institutions that will serve their citizens well....State governments should also recognize the important and genuine differences between higher education and other units of state government. Strict administrative

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NEWS BRIEFS

Northern Development

The 1989

Hokkaido/Alaska Conference

Governor Steve Cowper will kick off the 1989 Hokkaido/Alaska Conference on Northern Development on Monday April 17, at 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks. The three-day conference includes topics on comparative economic development, energy, finance, investment and both educational and cultural exchanges to be covered by leaders in those fields from both

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A note of thanks

Dear Marshall:

Thank you very much for your hospitality and the hospitality of your entire campus last week during the orientation period for new regents. I learned a lot and will continue to learn a lot as I visit other campuses and meet the fine people - students, faculty and administrators - who make up the University of Alaska statewide system.

The program you put together for us truly demonstrated the depth and breadth of the work you do in Juneau and throughout Southeast Alaska. You have a lot of responsibility for a lot of different kinds of educational interests. I commend you for the foresight with which you have organized all the disciplines and for your thoughtful approach to the areas of concern created by the restructuring process.

I was particularly pleased to meet the deans and directors and to have an opportunity to learn something about their programs. The presentations were both thorough and thoughtful. And our lunch with the students was the best function of that kind we've yet experienced. They really told us, with a great deal of comfortable openness, what they had on their minds. Thank you and your staff, finally, for putting on such a nice conclusion reception. Eric and I both particularly appreciated your including community people on the guest list.

The orientation program was certainly helpful to me in my new role as a regent. I can begin, now, to put faces and pictures to words and numbers, and meaning will come out of the process.

Thank you again,
Warm regards,

Virginia Breeze

Preregistration for fall '89 starts Monday

Preregistration for fall semester 1989 begins this Monday and will be as follows:

Program Students -- April 10 - August 25
Returning Students -- April 24 - August 25

Payment will be accepted at the Business Office beginning August 1, and all fees must be paid by August 25.

May 5 is the date

Yes, it's that time again. Commencement is set for Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall. Faculty planning to participate in the ceremony should contact Zrinka at ext. 525 to make arrangements for caps and gowns.

Welcome

The UAS Juneau campus has a new purchasing agent. Judy Pohl is officially on board at the business office. She moved to Juneau from Redmond, Washington where she was purchasing manager for the Ecova Company. Stop by and welcome her to UAS.

Accreditation update

Open discussions of the second draft of the self-study report will be held the end of April in Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka. These will be open forums for students, faculty, and staff as part of the internal review process.

AASCU policy (from the front page)

and fiscal requirements -- such as those imposed on a state highway department, for example -- not only are inappropriate to a college or university but may also ultimately weaken the institution by robbing it of the flexibility and institutional independence it needs to flourish as a center of learning. Short-term efficiency and long-term effectiveness are not necessarily synonymous, and excessively tight and uniform controls may serve the ends of short-term efficiency at the expense of long-term strength and effectiveness.... With effective communication and an appreciation for the rights and responsibilities of each element, the conflicts often present within the governance process can be transformed into a positive and creative tension that will enhance rather than diminish the ability of state institutions to meet the educational needs of their citizens. For this to happen all parties must face the challenge of discovering and using processes of enlightened negotiation and cooperation. They must recognize that governance is a means, not an end, and that effective governance is a way to achieve meaningful educational ends.

Hokkaido Conference (from the front page)

Alaska and Hokkaido. Following Cowper's welcoming remarks Monday morning will be remarks by Kiyooki Suehiro, consulate general of Japan, Bruce Botelho, mayor of the city and borough of Juneau, and Marshall Lind, chancellor of UAS. The rest of the first day looks like this:

11-12	General Address •Dr. Gary Anders, UAS Assoc. Prof. of Econ. •Dr. Hiromi Ishigaki, Prof. of Econ. Hokusei Gakuin, and Dean Emeritus, Hokkaido Univ.
12-1:30	U.S. - Japanese Economic and Political Relations •Dr. Ryuzo Sato, C.V. Starr Professor of Economics
1:45 -4:30	Comparative Northern Development Approaches •Mr. Kiichiro Abe, director general, Sapporo Branch of MITI •Mr. Kiyoshi Kawamura, Director General, In service Training Institute, Hokkaido Prefectural Government •Dr. George W. Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Economics, UAF •Dr. Arlon Tussing, President, Arlon Tussing and Associates

The second day will cover **Institutional Cooperation for Development, Strategies for Socio-economic Development at the Local Level in Korea, and Educational and Cultural Exchanges between Hokkaido and Alaska.** A Native food reception hosted by Goldbelt Corporation, a reception by the Hokkaido delegation, and a banquet at 7 p.m. will round out day two. Day three will begin with the topics of energy and finance, the question of whether Alaska is ready for the liquified natural gas (LNG) boom, and a wrap up on the future of Hokkaido/Alaska exchanges.

Trade exhibits will be set up beginning Monday evening and will be open all day for the second and third days. Hosting the first day of the conference will be Peter McDowell, UAS visiting assistant professor of accounting. Hosting the second and third day's sessions will be Patrick Anderson, director, Alaska Economic Development Center and Sharon Cook, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration. The school is sponsoring the conference jointly with the Japan - U.S. Friendship Commission, the Northern Regions Research Center, the Office of the Governor, and the Office of International Trade. Registration for the conference is \$195.00. Register at the UAS School of Business and Public Administration or call them at 789-4402 for more information.

One-Day course in commercially produced algae offered tomorrow

A one-day course in Porphyra (also known as nori or laver), an economically valuable genus of algae commercially produced in Japan, Korea, China, Washington State, and soon British Columbia will be held Saturday, April 8. The course will be taught by Dr. Sandra Lindstrom of the Department of Botany, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Anderson Building at Auke Bay. The course will cover the algae's characteristics, life cycle, physiology, taxonomy, cultivation, and diseases, and will conclude with a sushi-making demonstration. The cost of the course is \$38 if taken for credit, and \$15 for no-credit. Register Saturday morning at the class. Call Mike Stekoll at 789-1393 for more information.

Computer Fair April 14-15

UAS Academic Computing and the School of Business and Public Administration are sponsoring a Computer Fair April 14 and 15, at the Bill Ray Center. The fair is planned to share information, exhibit information technology, and demonstrate applications of interest to the university and general community. The fair will begin each day at 10:00 a.m. and run until 8:00 p.m. in Rooms 151 and 152 at the center. For more information call Academic Computing at 789-4521.

Whalesong editor recruitment underway

Applications for the position of Whalesong editor for the 1989-90 fall and spring semesters are being accepted at the Office of Personnel on the Juneau campus. The successful applicant will have completed or be enrolled in journalism courses, and must be competent in journalistic writing, grammar, and English composition. Supervision and direction of a staff of student reporters will also be required. The deadline for application is April 10, at 5 p.m.

Rotary grants for teachers

Rotary Foundation Grants are available through Rotary International for university teachers to serve in developing countries. Ten grants per year are provided worldwide in the amount of \$10,000 and they may be used at the discretion of the recipient for living expenses, transportation, research and miscellaneous costs. Applications are due by April 15. The literature is available at Information Services.

CALENDAR

- 4/7 Juneau Campus Advisory Council - BRC /noon
- 4/12 Chancellor's Cabinet- CCR/10-12
- 4/14 Juneau Campus Forum - Housing Lodge 2-4
Curriculum Committee 11-1
Outreach meeting - Travelodge
- 4/14-15 Computer Fair - BRC/10-8
- 4/17 Summer Session Registration begins
- 4/17-19 Alaska/Hokkaido Conference - Centennial Hall
- 4/19 Regional University Council - CCR 8:30 -5
- 4/19 UA Foundation - Sealaska Bd. Rm. 9-5
- 4/20-21 Board of Regents - Centennial Hall
- 4/20 Reception for Regent Abel - Housing Lodge/5-7

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