

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998

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Beverly Oatman



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Alex Rosenkranz

HC 60 Box 156

Copper Center, AK 99573

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Gene W. Tansy

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Kenny Lake PTO

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Maria E. Lambert

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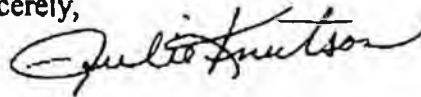
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Carla D. Schucholt

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Teacher
Kenny Lake School

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Karen Allen
P.O. Box 213
Copper Center, AK
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Jan Carlson

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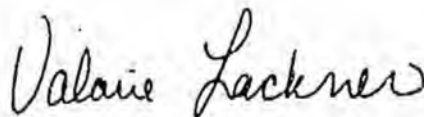
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DATE: 5/5/98

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for the

Senate Finance (SB231) teleconference scheduled on

5/4/98. A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via fax.

Thank you,
Frank Hult L10



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SPIN
 Committee on 2002 Museum Expansion Committee Name
 Dated May 5, 1998
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Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks

Enclosed three pages re:
 \$500,000 State Funding Request

S. Stanley Gilliland & Margaret A. Juhlinski

SIGNED:

Stan E. Mergo Juhlinski
 Testifier

Friends of the Museum (Vol A)
 Representing

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NEW CENTURY * BUILDING EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

2002 Museum Expansion Campaign

A Case for Support of the \$500,000 State Funding Request

Facts:

When the University of Alaska Museum opened in 1980, it was expected to be the first phase of a larger structure. At the time, the hope was that the Museum would receive additional funding from the Alaska State Legislature to add Phase II. But the Legislature moved on to other priorities and the Museum remained its original size.

Now we have simply run out of room. Our Alaskan fine art collection, more than 3,000 pieces in all, is in storage in the basement. Our visitors are elbow-to-elbow. Perhaps most importantly, our research scientists have run out of room to study and house the Museum's valuable collections of specimens and artifacts.

More than 60 volunteers have joined together to raise \$20 million in the 2002 Museum Expansion Campaign. These funds will allow us to add 26,500 square feet to our current 40,000 square feet so we can:

- Display our art collection in the 10,000 square foot *Rose Berry Art Gallery*
- Enlarge our collections space for the treasures we preserve and protect
- Expand our laboratory space and equip it with state-of-the-art technology to enhance our research capabilities
- Create a multipurpose classroom where schoolchildren and learners of all ages can explore the hands-on collections and participate in programs taught by volunteer docents
- Build a 150-seat auditorium which will allow us to present our programs in a comfortable and accessible environment
- Add a café and expand our Museum Store to better serve our visitors
- Connect, via the latest technology, with schools throughout Alaska and the world to expand our educational programs beyond the Museum's walls

A Few Compelling Reasons for State Support

- We've raised \$6.5 million already from private sources. We must have a show of state support to continue raising private and foundation funds.
- More than 60 volunteers from Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Seattle are committed to this project and are helping us raise funds.
- Senators Stevens and Murkowski, along with Congressman Young are honorary co-chairs for the campaign. Both senators are actively pursuing gifts and have been instrumental in getting private gifts from Boeing, Federal Express, and anonymous donors.
- Senator Stevens has announced publicly that he will find federal funding for the Museum. He is pursuing a \$5 million appropriation. He has told us that it is very important for him to be able to show his colleagues that the state of Alaska is also behind this project.
- The Puget Sound Committee is committed to raising \$5 million from corporations outside of Alaska. \$2 million has already been raised from out-of-state.
- We are asking the state to be a partner in protecting and promoting Alaska's heritage.
- Currently, only 5 percent of the Museum's collections are on public display. We have more than 3,000 wonderful works of contemporary and historical Alaskan art in our fine arts collection. Our current exhibition space can accommodate barely 100 of them.
- Over the past 5 ½ years, nearly 35,000 students have benefited from the Docent and Teacher led tours at the UA Museum.
- The UA Museum is the repository in Alaska for Native artifacts and paleontological specimens collected on state and federal lands. It is important and appropriate that the UA Museum receive assistance for housing our state's precious artifacts.
- The UA Museum does more than store and exhibit treasures. We are the only research museum in the state of Alaska, with collections in: archaeology, earth sciences, botany, ornithology, mammalogy, ethnology, and the marine sciences.
- The UA Museum holds over one million specimens and artifacts that represent millions of years of Alaska's natural and cultural history. These collections are like a library. Each specimen or artifact is a rare book that tells a story about disease, global climate change, the history of our Native people, historical use of our land. These "books" cannot be reprinted or replaced. They are one of a kind.

- Scientists analyze the collections we have in order to investigate questions of critical importance to the state. For example, our curators provide much information useful to the state's oil industry. Geological specimens from around the state offer insight into potential areas for oil exploration.
- We maintain collections from oil companies, federal and state surveys, and federal and state land managers that comprise a database that is actively used by oil company exploration consultants. Much of this information is not available from any other source.
- Biological surveys provide information on the species and numbers of plants and animals in potential areas for oil exploration. This is important because to know what impact exploration might have, you must first know what is there. We provide that information.
- Our Ethnology and Archeology departments provide information on native cultures in the region and provide a baseline for understanding past human use of the land. We tend to think of Alaska as untouched, unspoiled wilderness, but research proves that humans have used the land and altered the landscape for millennia.
- The UA Museum is actively involved in the training of graduate students who go on to become members of the oil industry research staff and members of permitting agencies within the state.
- Don Schell, Director of UAF's Institute of Marine Science, uses our bird collection to study the oceanic food chain. This study will affect the future of fisheries management in Alaska.
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel obtain birds and give them to the UA Museum to add to their collection. Using that collection, the ADF&G found a new sub-species of Spruce Grouse. This discovery affected game management policy in Alaska. There is a similar study going on now with Rock Ptarmigan which could have further implications on Alaskan game management.
- The National Park Service was doing a study about the diet of prehistoric Natives. Their own researchers brought 10 boxes of bones into the UA Museum, laid them out on tables and compared them with bones from our Mammalogy collection to determine what these ancient peoples ate.
- The UA Museum Mammalogy Department receives a grant of \$30,000 per year (for six years) from the Minerals Management Service to collect and provide information from which environmental impact statements are made. These environmental impact statements are the basis for the granting of offshore oil leases for oil development in Alaska.

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Dear Legislators:

I have enclosed copies of two letters that I received today from Dr. Paul Reichardt and Director of Tanana Valley Campus, Ruth Lister. Both are responses to letters I wrote UAF administration asking them to retain my developmental mathematics professor Greg Owens. Please add this to the letter I have already sent you.

Sincerely,

Betsy A. James



Please distribute to members of the conference committee on the budget.

Tanana Valley Campus

College of Rural Alaska

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April 27, 1998

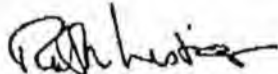
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Dear Betsy

Thank you for your letter of April 19, 1998 signed by a number of students. It is encouraging to know that the instructors we hire for our programs are effective and it is very apparent that Greg Owens is well respected by his students.

I agree with you that excellent instructors should not be let go. However, although we recognize Greg Owens as an effective instructor, and would like to retain him, we are not able to hire him due to the funding situation.

Sincerely



Ruth Lister, Director

RL:met

Cc Ralph Gabrielli, Executive Dean, CRA

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics

27 April 1998

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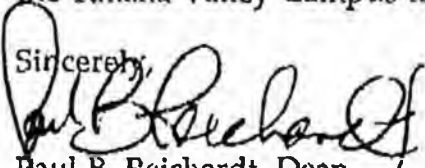
Dear Ms. James:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 in support of Greg Owens. I certainly share with you and the other students who signed the letter a high opinion of Greg and his work. I will continue to do what I can to help find funding for Greg to continue teaching for UAF, but I can't make any guarantees.

I hope that a brief explanation of Greg's employment situation at UAF will help you understand our dilemma. Until the 1997/98 academic year, Greg had been funded by a federal grant, one which we lost as the result of a renewal competition in 1996 or 1997. I discovered what had happened in mid-summer of 1997. Although the College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics (and the Department of Mathematical Sciences) had never been responsible for developmental math courses, I expressed my concern about the possibility that we would lose Greg. I felt strongly enough about the situation and was optimistic enough that somewhere within UAF we would find funding for him, that I authorized a CSEM contract for him for FY98, although I had no funds to cover the salary and benefits. Ultimately we did receive the necessary funds as a one-time addition to our budget. However, neither my efforts nor Greg's to find continuation funding have come to fruition. With the additional cuts to faculty as a result of this year's Retirement Incentive Program, we have had to rather dramatically reduce the number of sections of Math to be offered next year. We simply cannot afford to now add sections of Developmental Math, for which we have had no traditional responsibility. Thus, I have not been willing to again "take a chance" on funding for Greg; it would be fiscally irresponsible for me to do so. We do have a need for part-time instructors for 100-level Math courses next year, and Greg knows we would be delighted if he would apply.

I will continue to search for funding for Greg, and I will ask the Director of the Tanana Valley Campus to do likewise. UAF needs him.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Reichardt, Dean
College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics

cc: R. Lister

JUDY WARWICK
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Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee;

The University of Alaska has served most Alaskans in one way or another beyond it's primary function of providing further education through degree programs or individual classes to improve knowledge and skills. The University has offered us world renowned research which brings talent and revenue to our state, it provides recreational and artistic opportunities, resources for businesses, but perhaps the most endearing is the sense of pride it has generated through several decades for Alaskans.

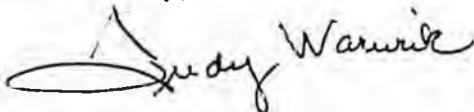
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Several years ago our University could claim excellence, however, as the years pass our University is becoming a sad icon of years gone by. We must stem the tide of the destruction of this valuable resource.

We must start reinvesting into our University, perhaps our greatest resource for present and future generations.

I acknowledge the charge before you is not an easy one. I respectfully request you support our University by fully funding it in the amount of \$3.6 million.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Warwick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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It is time now to look to the future. What is the State of Alaska's vision for the availability of higher education for Alaskans? If we continue on the road of flat funding as we have for the past decade the University of Alaska will cease to exist as a center of higher learning. Our university students will leave Alaska for the education they desire and deserve and the state will suffer the loss of these future members of the work force, as most do not and will not return to live and work in Alaska. The university is an economic engine for Alaska, it must be provided the fuel to continue providing quality education and to guarantee the future of Alaska.

The Alumni are discussing alternative funding possibilities to stop this never-ending story of decreasing university funding each year. We have identified a number of ways for Alaska to help pay for the university and other programs and are willing to work with the Legislature in developing some of these alternatives. They include, using some of the Earnings Reserve Account, after PFDs and inflation proofing, capping the PFD, Land endowments, and even sales and wage taxes. It is time for Alaska to look to the future and start participating in supporting the university and other services funding.

The Alumni of the University of Alaska ask that you look to the future, keep the importance of a strong University system in mind and allocate the funds necessary for the university to prepare Alaskans to lead Alaska into the next century.



John C. "Jake" Poole

Executive Director

University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni Association



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Iceberg ahead for UA

By TERENCE COLE

These days the University of Alaska reminds me a little of my first car, a '65 Falcon that I bought from my brother for \$400. Every time I slammed the front door the window fell down, or some other piece of the car ended up on the driveway. Now at UAF, essential pieces of the university are just falling away, and unless the Legislature provides adequate funding, the people of Alaska are going to be left with a stripped-down shell of a school, missing the parts that make it

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run.

In the last several months the University of Alaska has lost a whole tier of top level administrators and experienced faculty, many of whom are highly gifted and capable public servants. They have left or are getting ready to leave because they know the truth about what the future holds if the legislature refuses to approve the regents' responsible budget request: without a sustainable level of support, the University of Alaska is facing a disaster of Titanic proportions.

In this case the captain of the ship is the Legislature, steaming full speed ahead, intent on only one goal, cutting the budget, not heeding the warnings of regents, business leaders, students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, or concerned citizens, who are all locked below decks. A single-minded goal of cutting the budget in the short run, with no concern for the future, with no realization that a short-cut now may prove far more costly in the long run, does not show leadership, or vision, or make economic sense. Recklessly sinking your own ship is the height of fiscal irresponsibility and negligence.

How is it sound, conservative fiscal stewardship to destroy the university's academic infrastructure? We are not talking about the elimination of foolish frills, but core disciplines. At UAF we appear to have lost the geography department and the philosophy department. How can we even call ourselves a university if we eliminate the disciplines that focus on the world as it is and the world of ideas?

Due to cuts the accreditation of the music department is threatened, and actually every department from accounting to zoology faces the longer term prospect of elimination, because if the faculty leave, they are simply not being replaced.

Conceivably in a short time we could end up with a shriveled university offering little beyond what a student can get at Lathrop or West Valley High School. Students are not going to want to come and good faculty are not going to want to stay at a third-rate school.

Before it gets to the point of no return, this downward death spiral can be stopped and turned around. Despite everything, the University of Alaska has a bright future. It offers many opportunities not found at any other state university, and students here can still receive an excellent education at a moderate price. I received a fine education at UAF, as did my brothers and sisters, and I hope my children will be able to come here with pride.

In its 80-year history UA has faced many daunting challenges. Nevertheless the institution has always gone on to survive and prosper. It can do so again. The University of Alaska can survive this crisis if the Legislature heeds the call of common sense and adopts a sustainable budget for higher education in Alaska. The iceberg may be dead ahead, but we still have time to stop the ship.

Terence Cole is a lifetime member of the UAF Alumni Association and chairman of the UAF history department.

Sinking ship

April 1, 1998

To the editor:

I finally saw Titanic and couldn't help thinking of UAF. Those musicians! Keeping an illusion of normality while the ship sank. Have you seen UAF's latest TV ads? Top education, great programs, 75 degrees. This after the Chancellor assured us that programs would be cut right and left ... Just keep fiddling as if nothing were amiss!

The Titanic's captain, between luxurious meals, ordered the engines revved up to please the company chairman's need for publicity. UAF captains, instead, try to please the state legislature, and the orders coming down from their carpeted halls are different: take out the propellers, furnaces, all that makes a ship seaworthy, and keep sailing! And, of course, our captains will be jumping ship before it sinks.

But the class distinctions are sure similar. Courses at UAF will be taught increasingly by part-timers, who have no benefits or job security whatsoever—they haven't even had a pay increase since 1982!

I wonder how many legislators and university administrators would not have given themselves a pay raise in 16 years. And the university fought faculty unionization tooth and nail: sorry 3rd class passengers; you don't deserve decent conditions, so stay behind these gates, and when the ship sinks...

The funny thing is that while the Titanic sank on open sea, the university is going down inside a harbor—in a state with over \$23 billion in its Permanent Fund coffers.

Oh! So sorry! The money is earmarked so each Alaskan can vacation in Hawaii every year. A pretty embarrassing excuse when the harbor owners will be asked why they allowed higher education to go under.

If the university captains had their priorities straight, they wouldn't play axe-wielding accountants. They would establish what it takes to provide a good education and price it appropriately. If the harbor owners deny funding, try shutting the university for a while. Give them a taste of the publicity they'll get as negligent state administrators.

I bet they'll let the ship dock for major repairs. But keep the present courses, and those TV ads will be the university's funeral music.

Sincerely,
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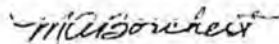
Please support the UA Museum capital funding request in the amount of \$500,000. Museum staff and volunteers have already raised a good portion of the needed \$20 million to expand the existing museum. New space is needed to display the extensive art collection, new storage space is needed for art and scientific collections, a classroom and auditorium will be built, and a café and additional Museum Store space will help in raising a larger percentage of operating costs on site.

I hope you will consider this \$500,000 for the UA Museum to be a top priority in your capital budget planning process. The UA Museum is one of the best tourist attractions in the state, and it is an internationally known research facility which is used and consulted for an ever-increasing number of scientific and cultural research problems in northern latitudes.

Museums are a popular way for everyone to learn about the world around us. It is important for the general public to have access to the information available about Alaska, its people and their cultures, its natural resources, and its history. Museums translate what may often be complicated and difficult concepts into information which is visually attractive and therefore easy to understand. We hope you will support this request for funding the additional space needed at the UA Museum.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Borchert

UA funding future looks dim in Juneau

Panels' budget targets 'devastating news,' regent says

By JEFF RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

After months of lobbying for increased state funding to higher education, the University of Alaska may actually find itself the subject of cuts.

In budget targets released Wednesday by legislative finance committees, the state House proposes flat funding for the university while the state Senate proposes a \$1 million cut.

Either of those funding levels would be a huge blow to the university, said Mike Kelly, president of the board of regents.

Regents asked the Legislature for a \$7 million increase, which Kelly said would fund the university at the minimum acceptable level. He said even the governor's proposed budget, which calls for a \$3.6 million increase, is insuffi-

cient.

"It's devastating news," Kelly said of the funding outlook. "This is an absolute red flag and three alarm situation."

Without increased funding, Kelly said the university will either have to eliminate rural campuses or continue a "tremendous cannibalization" of the system.

Some areas have already been considered for cuts. In a March 13 memo to University of Alaska Fairbanks employees, Chancellor Joan Wadlow announced that only 10 of 63 retiring faculty members would be replaced next year as part of a cost-cutting measure. With any cut in funding, she said none of the positions would be filled.

UAF has not determined where it might absorb any cuts.

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said Vice Chancellor of University Relations Karen Cedzo. But she said the school is not in a position to make any reductions without suffering.

"I think that's been the overriding goal, to not eliminate programs," she said. "That's why this is such a critical time."

Kelly said he still has some hope that the Legislature will increase university funding before the final budget is approved. "I'm very concerned, but I hold out hope that something will happen."

With increased state funding unlikely for UAF, students may be asked to contribute to four understaffed programs themselves.

The UAF student senate will vote on a series of referenda

Sunday that would ask students to consider paying \$12.50 a semester to help the philosophy, geography, justice and music departments. The four departments, which all shrank when retiring faculty were not replaced, would be subsidized by the new fees.

Steve Nuss, president of the student union, vetoed the referenda when they were approved last Sunday. The measures, which were developed by student leaders, will come back for reconsideration this weekend.

Nuss said paying for struggling programs with student fees would set a bad precedent. "I think this kind of thing should come from the general fund, not the students," he said.

Fund raiders

April 1, 1999

To the editor:

Fred Pratt has revealed some shocking information in his article on March 28 titled, "Fund's reserve protects dividends ... it's not just extra money," that came out in the Fairbanks News-Miner. His article correctly explained that the Permanent Funds' "earnings reserve" was set up for the purpose of maintaining the dividend payments should the stock market decline.

He went on to say that there were unscrupulous state agencies and special interest groups who are wanting to get their hands on the permanent fund earnings. It would be very helpful if the News-Miner or Mr. Pratt would investigate all those entities and provide us with a comprehensive list of those who want to raid the earnings.

This information would benefit all of us who are concerned about legislators and state agencies who are wanting to reduce our dividend checks so they can fund their pet projects.

Help me to vote correctly when the raiders come up for re-election.

Sincerely,
Rita Leake
Fairbanks

Would be best to cap all
dividend checks at \$15000.
and use balances to fund
University of Alaska - higher
education benefit not just
people, but the whole state

H. Anderson
Fairbanks

Speakers blame Legislature for hurting university



Alisa Mathews/Alaska Mirror

CONCERNED—James Torsen, 20, right, an undergraduate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, sits in Constitution Park with several hundred protesters rallying for the preservation of the university and its programs. From left, undergraduates Justin Zimmerman, 19; Nicholas Faiso, 19; Brandee Nicholson, 19; and William Meilman, 20, all expressed frustration for the lack of financial support the university is receiving.

BY JEFF RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Like an old-fashioned melodrama, hundreds of University of Alaska Fairbanks students booed the state Legislature and cheered UAF boosters Wednesday during a rally in support of increased funding for higher education.

Holding signs with slogans like "Abandon all hope ye who enroll here" and "UAF is doomed," a stream of speakers lashed out at a Legislature they believe is strangling the university system with inadequate funding.

Many of the comments had the same theme, urging angry students to remove politicians who do not support higher education.

"I think we want to send a clear message that we're a sleeping giant up here," said Shawn Casey, a member of the student senate who helped organize the event. "If they're going to threaten my education, I'm going to threaten their jobs."

The crowd even joined the local college band Mr. McFeely in a sing-along of the "UAF theme song," which includes the verse "The school's being destroyed, we'll be unemployed, hooray for UAF."

Amid the gloomy message, speakers said the Legislature still has time to reverse the decline of the university system.

The board of regents has asked for \$171 million next year, a \$7 million increase. The crowd was told to send a clear message to politicians to approve the added funding.

"We need to vote intelligently so the people we have in office care about the future of this state," said Thom McLenn, a UAF student. "They need to have the foresight and maturity to look ahead more than just a few months."

Marie Scholle, a UAF employee and chairwoman of the alumni association, said Alaska has more than enough money to fund an in-

We need some 2020 vision

Lawmakers must look beyond today's polls

The annual pilgrimage to Juneau by the local Chamber of Commerce representatives and the Board of Directors of the University of Alaska Foundation was a listening and learning experience. There were visits to all or almost all of the 60 legislative offices of elected representatives to the House or Senate, breakfast, lunch and dinner sessions and a meeting with the governor and some of his staff.

The discussions were open, informative, frank, without rancor, no complaining or fault-finding—only a joint search for a better way.

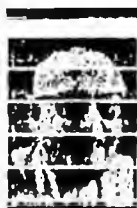
Primary concerns of the lawmaker appeared to be focused upon the immediate and short-term, the frustrations and irritations of now. The groping and coping often centered upon the most current opinion poll.

In a lively breakfast session with the Interior delegation, a dedicated, solid, sincere, hard-working group of men and women familiar with the political ropes and forces in place, the comment was made, "Why not look beyond 1998 to the year 2020?"

By then our children and grandchildren now in pre-school and primary grades will be young adults—needing job opportunities, self-fulfilling outlets and a satisfying lifestyle.

Will there be an Alaska to hold them here? What will it be like? What do we do now to make conditions better for people generally than they are today? How do we best use what we have, especially the talent, intelligence and spirit of residents, to build that more attractive, more abundant tomorrow...not elsewhere but right here?

For the moment let's forget 1998; that's on its way past, almost gone. Better to look beyond our feet to the 2020 horizon. We can make the good things happen



William R. Wood

that will stem the outflow of our brightest and best.

But just where among our elected representatives is the vision? Where is the leadership? Where is the thinking of the people beyond "preserve the permanent fund. I like that individual dividend getting bigger and bigger every year." Think and think again. Is a handout, however helpful, even essential in some cases, ever a solution in itself?

Billions and billions secure or at risk in the Alaska Permanent Fund cannot offset intellectual nourishment of our youth. Thousands and thousands of dollars in our annual dividend check does not hold youth in the home state nor build an economic, a social and a cultural milieu that encourages pride, confidence and fulfillment in being Alaskan.

Apparently some dislike our own democratic form of governance at any level, hate taxes and still remain eager to accept from that government and ask for more and more to be paid by someone else. Why? Somehow this appears to lower self-esteem, to border on the irrational and self-defeating.

For a change, think 2020. Lessen dependence upon this morning's opinion poll. It does matter if one gets elected or re-elected for a cluster of opinions not in the best long-term interest of the voters. Lawmakers have tough distinctions to make between just being responsive and being responsible. The assignment of the elected is the latter.

See how the political popularity of the opinion poll, enhanced by myopic enthusiasm of the media and entertainment worlds, as a basis for decision-making and advocacy, as a short-

cut to political power status, appears inadequate in an information age. It tends to avoid the longer process that requires "reasoning together," an in-depth examination in context of all pertinent facts available, a "peering into the future," a weighing of odds and probably outcomes. The political poll, nonetheless, is today's Bible of choice.

Yet a particular poll can be distorted and manipulated by almost any clever wordsmith. Do questions raised in a typical opinion poll really reflect a respondent's full understanding of an issue in its complex context?

Seldom. Rather a typical response is apt to be an off-the-cuff expression of one's feeling toward a "stand-alone" matter.

In a democratic order, the people select their representatives to gather all pertinent information on any matter of widespread concern, to define the concern clearly, to discuss the options in depth, to use common sense and sound reasoning to reach policy level conclusions well-calculated to be fair and in the long-term best interest of the many—not the few.

In practice, subsequent analysis and interpretation of decisions made may provide a bit of flexibility to cover the out-of-the-ordinary and unpredictable.

One recalls an old saying from prairie farm-boy days, "Son, you can't just pool ignorance and come up with wisdom."

Think 2020. Reason together. Build for tomorrow.

William R. Wood is a retired president of the University of Alaska now volunteering as executive director of Fairbank Fairbanks.

Balancing the books

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS article on the front page the other day said that this will be the first year that investment earnings from the state's savings accounts will exceed the combined total of oil taxes and royalties.

For the past couple of years investment earnings have already been greater than oil taxes alone.

Royalties are the funds generated by the sale of what is typically the one-eighth share of oil that Alaska owns from fields developed on state land, as opposed to taxes levied on production of the seven-eighths of the oil owned by the oil companies.

For this fiscal year, investment earnings are expected to make up 42 percent of total state income, while oil taxes and royalties will constitute 25 percent. Revenue Commissioner Wilson Condon announced.

Most of the investment earnings are produced by the Alaska Permanent Fund, which is "practically off limits to politicians," in the words of the Associated Press reporter.

That's a political judgment, not one based on state law. Most of the earnings are available for appropriation by the Legislature at any time.

These distinctions are important in the debate in Alaska today about what the state can afford and the political portrayal of the status of state finances.

A recent questionnaire mailed by Sen. Mike Miller and Rep. Gene Therriault repeats the assertion that lawmakers want to "close the fiscal gap that exists between our annual income and our expenses."

The questionnaire from Miller and Therriault refers to a "projected deficit" of \$600 million in the next fiscal year.

Any analysis of state money matters would reveal that there is no "projected deficit" in state finances.

Calling the current surplus in state finances a "deficit" will not turn it into one any more so that calling a square a circle will change the rules of geometry.

With cash flowing for a new Anchorage prison and an expansion of the Anchorage airport, she questioned why the university has had its funding frozen for a decade.

"We are the richest state in the nation, yet we rank 50th out of 50 states in terms of (paying) for higher education," she said. "Why is that?"

The current funding level of about \$104 million is about the same as it was in 1987. While the funding has remained stable, student tuition and fees have increased 60 percent to try to make up for inflation.

Walter Bonesch, a retired philosophy professor, termed the effect a "Chinese torture exercise of death by a thousand cuts."

The UAF philosophy and geography departments, which have the only such degree programs in the state, will be down to one faculty member next year because of reduced funding. Bonesch warned that many other programs are rapidly shrinking; only about 15 percent of 63 retiring faculty members will be replaced next year.

He said legislators and managers are starting to view the university system as a "factory model" instead of an institution of learning and should not expect it to be a money-making venture.

Tom Moyer, an aide to Gov. Tony Knowles, told the crowd the governor agrees that the university is struggling and will approve any cuts. He did not specifically say how Knowles plans to help the university, which left some students shouting "What's the governor going to do?" as Moyer walked off the podium.

Sen. Bert Sharp, R-Fairbanks, and Rep. Gene Therriault, R-North Pole, who co-chair their respective finance committees, were not available to comment on the Legislature's funding approach for the university.

State lawmakers will likely hear more from frustrated students. Similar rallies are being planned for the Anchorage and Juneau campuses next week.

Speak up

July 6, 1987

To the editor:

I arrived back in town after a six months' leave to find big changes going on at the U. Under the Retirement Incentive Program, over 80 employees are gone, many of them senior faculty who are not being replaced. For example, two of the three philosophy professors on campus have retired and apparently the major in that area is being scrapped.

On top of this, I read that President Komisar plans to eliminate the local chancellor's office and run the Fairbanks campus out of his statewide administration. I worry that this may mean that UAF will be run by an administrative assistant with little clout, while Anchorage and Juneau retain their independent chancellors and administrations.

Of equal concern is the proposed shift of some key academic areas to the Anchorage campus. If this goes through, students coming out of local high schools may no longer have the option of taking a business or a liberal arts degree in Fairbanks where only math, science and engineering are to be stressed. Those interested in the arts and humanities, in education or health science would have to go elsewhere—to Anchorage or out of state.

This shift of programs could have an impact on the community as well. If, as now seems possible, the Music Department goes the way of Philosophy, Fairbanks could lose its symphony orchestra and Summer Fine Arts Camp, both of which receive major support from the local music faculty. Visiting writers, artists and musicians brought by the university contribute a lot to Fairbanks and these programs are also threatened by the proposed changes.

Under serious financial pressure, the administration has to respond to the Legislature's mandate for cuts. Still, the people of Fairbanks should have some say in this. Shipping key programs to Anchorage will inevitably change the nature of UAF, making it more like a technical college and less a well-rounded university. If such changes are not to your liking, I hope you'll speak up now.

Sincerely,

John Morgan

Professor of English, UAF

Use fund earnings for Alaska

Permanent Fund spins off extra \$948 million

With primary and general elections this year, leadership to solve Alaska problems is a campaign issue.

Alaska has an enviable position with assets any state or nation only dreams about. The 600,000 Alaskans have more than \$26 billion in cash in various accounts and more than 104 million acres in state-owned land and little or no state debt. That is \$43,833 and 173 acres of land for every man, woman and child in state. Plus Alaskans pay no state income tax. Instead the state pays each Alaska resident man, woman and child \$1,900 a year from the earnings of the \$23 billion Permanent Fund.

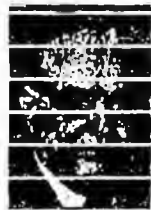
But living is hard in some places. Roads, harbors and airports need repair. Schools classrooms are in short supply or deteriorating. Rural residents and their schools still use honeybuckets, and pay a high cost for energy. Urban residents have traffic problems on roads and in harbors and a shortage of both classrooms and jail cells.

Considering problems and the assets available to solve them, all that is needed is leadership.

Legislators tried to address part of the problem. An interim committee came up with a plan to reduce deferred maintenance of public facilities. The committee suggested using a portion of the \$3.3 billion Constitutional Budget Reserve to set up a special bond redemption fund. Earnings from investing that fund would retire \$1.1 billion in revenue bonds issued for the purpose of eliminating deferred maintenance over six to 10 years.

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Williams Jr.

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Then the price of oil dropped. That means that \$600-\$650 million will be required from the budget reserve fund to help pay state operating expenses for the next fiscal year. That is after the Legislature cuts the operating budget by another \$50 million this year.

That lower price for state oil means the budget reserve may be needed in the next few years just to fund operating expenses. However, oil is no longer the biggest revenue source for the state.

Considering its historic price fluctuations, that's good news. Oil provides about \$1.6 billion a year while the \$23 billion Permanent Fund earns \$2.1 billion and will rise as more oil revenue is added annually.

Some of us remember the argument for creating the Permanent Fund: To have money available to run the state when oil production dropped. The Permanent Fund principal is protected constitutionally and by a dividend program which distributes one-half of the annual earnings, on a five-year average, in dividends. Another portion goes into the principal for inflation-proofing the fund.

The balance of the earnings are there for the Legislature to do with as it sees fit. In the past, the surplus earnings have gone into the fund principal. This year the surplus earnings (after dividends and inflation-proofing) are \$948 million. There are bills in the Legislature to move that to the principal and to continue to

ignore the deteriorating condition of state facilities.

There is talk of issuing general obligation bonds to pay for deferred maintenance. With more than \$900 million in Permanent Fund earnings, after paying dividends and inflation-proofing, why add general obligation bond repayment to the general fund budget, a further drain on the budget reserve, when a special revenue-producing fund could pay for the maintenance and other capital improvements without increasing taxes or reducing dividends?

The University of Alaska Board of Regents recently passed a resolution urging use of the \$948 million in surplus Permanent Fund earnings for the deferred maintenance for all state facilities.

The university accounts for only \$160 million of the \$1-billion-plus deferred maintenance problem.

Those regents urging passage of the resolution believe that it is appropriate for the university to provide state leadership in solving state problems, at least when no one else appears to be providing the leadership.

Regents asked leaders of student, alumni, staff and faculty organizations at the February regents' meeting if they would support the regents on such a resolution. All answered yes. All of those people, 30,000 students, 7,000 UA employees and untold alumni, are constituents of the lawmakers and the governor. Maybe, the regents thought, they could start a landslide for responsibly solving Alaska's problems. We'll see. We haven't heard much from the university community at this writing. But the Legislature has two months to go.

Low Williams is a retired Ketchikan newspaper publisher who serves on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

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Arctic research focus is vulnerable

By GEORGE NEWTON

Universities are creators of new knowledge. Economic and social progress in a region or a state is fundamentally dependent on the vitality of its institutions of higher learning.

It is not by happenstance that classic industrial growth has been experienced along Route 128 near Roston and the Silicon Valley south of San Francisco. Clearly both of those healthy

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areas were initially stimulated and are now sustained by their close proximity to active research-oriented activities. It is research that provides basic understanding, an element essential for success in our efforts to accomplish things we as a nation see as important.

Such a concept is equally valid for the arctic and the state of Alaska. Such important topics as the sustainable development of natural resources, the effects of global climate change, the transport of environmental contaminants into and within the state, sustainable fisheries and many more are important for the improvement of the health, well-being and progress of all the state's residents. Without the necessary fundamental research, our ability to deal with these important issues will be severely hampered.

In the past several years, changes have been occurring in the "state" of the University of Alaska—principally at Fairbanks. These changes have not been positive. Moreover, they have been brought into clear focus this spring by three events: the resignation of the president of the university; the departure of the UAF provost; and yet another round of proposed severe budget cuts.

Morale at the university is low and faculty members have expressed concern about the future of the university. Some researchers have decided to retire. Others have moved on to other positions outside the state. The impression emerging nationally is of a university in decline.

The U.S. Arctic Research Commission has the responsibility to encourage cooperation between federal agencies and the state in research matters. The commission also collaborates with the 12 federal agencies that make up the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee to construct and revise the National Arctic Research Plan. Without a strong and enthusiastic research presence at the University of Alaska, the efforts of the federal agencies will lack an essential point of focus for their research efforts.

The University of Alaska is essentially our country's only arctic university. De facto, it should be THE center of excellence for arctic research. Without this stable and important base of expertise and experience in the northern regions, the new understanding that flows from it and the students trained to understand it, our efforts to continue and expand research will be substantially more difficult. Worse yet, Alaskans will find that the intellectual resources necessary to deal with the special problems they face will be seriously diminished. The commission encourages the citizens of the state of Alaska to give their full support to their university and to demand no less from their state.

Renewed and enduring support of the university is the best investment that the state can make in its future, both in the near and far term.

George B. Newton of Round Hill, Va., is chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. He began his career as a Navy officer on nuclear submarines, eventually directing research under arctic ice and elsewhere. After retiring in 1981, he worked in private consulting on arctic research projects. President George Bush appointed him to the commission in 1992, and President Bill Clinton reappointed him as chairman in 1995.

Future of UAF

April 6, 1998

To the editor:

It was with continued dismay that I read that there are to be more budget cuts for UAF. Perhaps there is mismanagement of funds for the university but can we afford to sit back complaining while "our" university falls into further ruin? We dare not underestimate the importance of our college students to the future of state. If they cannot receive an education here they will look for other states that care enough about education to make that a high priority when state funding is considered.

We also must not fool ourselves into believing that these motivated young people will return to our state and community to "help us out of our problems." It's easier to save something that hasn't shut down completely than to try to resurrect that which has been declared dead. We need to start working together to find a solution to guarantee that future young people will have a local university to attend.
Joyce Hilyard
Fairbanks

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is in horrible shape. Its buildings are falling apart and only one in six retiring professors is being replaced. The Legislature's response is to cut the University of Alaska budget and talk about putting this year's \$900 million earnings reserve into the Permanent Fund.

There is a difference between fiscal restraint and fiscal responsibility. I oppose any more state budget cuts solely for the sake of meeting a preset goal, while we ignore the fact that the Permanent Fund is now one of our biggest money earners. I don't believe it's time to dip into the Permanent Fund, but it is time to start using some of its earnings. If not that, then we should institute a state sales or income tax.

Eric Troyer
Fairbanks

University funding cuts beyond what is prudent

Over the past decade there has been an annual decrease in State funding for the operation of Alaska's only university system.

This has occurred due largely to State Legislature decisions, which have dramatically impacted on a constitutionally mandated system and a prime investment tool for the future success of the state. In terms of real dollars, the university's general fund budget has declined 36 percent over the past 10 years.

State spending on the University's operating budget has fallen \$6 million during the past four fiscal years from \$175 million in fiscal year '94 to \$166 million in fiscal '98.

These reductions have resulted in the State of Alaska having the dubious honor of being ranked 50th out of 50 states in state funding for institutions of higher education. Also, Alaska is one of only two states in the country that actually decreased funding to higher education over the past two years.

According to a recent public opinion poll conducted by the McDowell Group on higher education priorities and needs of Alaska Households provided some interesting findings.

Ninety-five percent of Alaskans questioned believe the University is important, 88 percent of the Alumni are satisfied with the quality of the education programs and 66 percent of those polled want to see an increase in the funding of their university.

Additionally a significant number of the state's registered voters have some contact with the university either as students, alumni, parents, employees or vendors who rely on the univer-

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sity's business for their livelihood.

These figures show Alaskans strongly support the University of Alaska; any further reduction or zero change to the University budget will be contrary to what the Alaskan public wants and will have a detrimental impact on the lives of thousands of Alaskans.

At the same time the University budget has decreased by over one third in terms of real dollars, there has been a 12 percent increase in students. In order to try to meet the needs of this increased student population while working with reduced dollars, a number of unpopular but necessary actions have been taken.

Tuition has doubled, the numbers of classes have been reduced, the replacement of faculty has been limited and student services have been reduced. All of these factors have been detrimental to the quality of the education the students are receiving.

Alaskans know that the state needs to be fiscally prudent, but jeopardizing the university and the future of the state is not prudent. Education is an important and hot item in politics today. The emphasis on K-12 schools and providing the best for students is commendable. But what does it say to a high school student who visits a University of Alaska campus and finds the computers are older and slower than those in their high school classes?

We need to look at the whole educational picture and guarantee that all levels of education are properly funded to meet the

needs of all our students. All Alaskans deserve the opportunity for a strong college education, in Alaska, that will prepare them for the future and provide them with jobs at home instead of outside the state. The Alumni of the University of Alaska Fairbanks are dedicated to their alma mater and are working closely with the board of regents and the university administration to identify new ways to reduce costs and streamline the operation of the campuses.

The Alumni are also participating in the search for a new university president and are committed to selecting a strong leader who can lead the university into the next century. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Alumni recently approved and sent to the Legislature a resolution urging the Legislature to support full funding of the university. The alumni are working closely with the university to improve their visibility and reputation with the public and the legislature because they believe in their alma mater and want to see it continue to be a strong and effective center of higher learning. There are over 16,000 UAF Alumni with more than 11,000 of them living and working in every legislative district in Alaska. Eighty-two percent of these Alaskans have stated they have or will encourage their children to attend the University of Alaska. These are significant statistics and demonstrate that a strong university is important to Alaskans, provides Alaskans with the skills necessary to be successful in Alaska and further proves that the university is an investment in the future of Alaska.

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April 23, 1998

Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Legislators:

I am a student of the University of Alaska, Northwest Campus based in Nome is the campus I attend. I write this letter to ask for your support of the University budget. As you know, we have been dealing with budget cuts (especially in terms of real dollars) for some time now. At this point, the only action the university can take to spend less is to cut classes.

As a student, this is very discouraging (and even scary.) To keep our students in the state, we must have the classes available to finish our degrees in a reasonable amount of time. This will be done when you support the budget the university proposes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I know you are all very busy this time of the year. Your support means very much to me, so again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Stasenko

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To: Legislative Information Office

RE: University of Alaska Funding

The funding for the university simply cannot remain level or decrease. If we, as State of Alaska's citizens, will have to face the fact that the services the university provides to us will have to decrease or be eliminated altogether. Some of those services (not inclusive), that may or not be obvious, that will have to be curtailed are:

- 1) Reporting of information including annual reports that legislators, the governor, and state agencies receive and refer to.
- 2) Assistance on the phone and in small, often free, classes, seminars, and presentations. This assistance ranges from the Cooperative Extension's safe food programs to the Geophysical Institute's scientific education programs.
- 3) Assistance to students and prospective students will be more difficult to obtain because there will be less people answering requests in writing, on the phone, and in person. The public will have to wait much longer to obtain the assistance they need.
- 4) Internet access and assistance with any problems on the web, assistance with network computers, and assistance solving problems related to the statewide university computer system will be slower, less responsive, and perhaps non-existent in some cases.

The budget cutting must stop or the university as we are accustomed to it will not exist any longer. The University of Alaska is one of the most important resources we have.

PLEASE STOP DESTROYING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA!

Jacqueline Scholle
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate Finance
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committee on

325 UA BUDGET
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4-23-98

The students of Kenai Peninsula College need and request your support for full funding of the University Budget.

We are currently operating on a bare bones budget. There is nothing more to be cut without drastically affecting students Education.

Signed:

Joyce E Cox

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Personal & KPC Student Union (pres.)

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April 21, 1998

To whom it may concern:

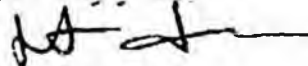
Enclosed is copy of a "Petition in Support of Chukchi Campus," addressed to the governor, members of the Alaska House of Representatives, the Alaska State Senate, the University of Alaska Board of Regents, UA President Jerome Komisar, UAF Chancellor Joan Wadlow, Executive Dean Ralph Gabrielli of UAF's College of Rural Alaska, and Lynn Johnson, director of Chukchi Campus in Kotzebue.

The hundreds of local signatures in this petition, we believe, signifies the high regard that the people of the NANA region in Northwest Alaska hold for the local branch campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Hundreds of local students have taken advantage of Chukchi's course and program offerings over the years, subsequently finding success in their personal and working lives. Chukchi graduates are working throughout this region and around Alaska. Over the years, the local community has come out in strong support of Chukchi. This petition drive is merely the latest example. Gutting higher education in this region is not wise and costs the state more in the long run.

Despite Chukchi's strong local support, however, the campus has not fared well in recent years, suffering severe cuts in gross disproportion to other subdivisions of the university system. For example, just since 1994, Chukchi has lost nearly half of its operating budget and may lose a total of 56 percent of its budget if local cuts stand this year. We believe this is both unfair and unnecessary. On behalf of the Chukchi Community Council and the people of Northwest Alaska, I urge you to support Chukchi's vital mission in this region with adequate funding.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Pete Schaeffer
Chukchi Community Council

Enclosures

Distributed by Sen. Adams

PETITION IN SUPPORT OF CHUKCHI CAMPUS

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Lynn Johnson, Director, Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue

STATEMENT:

Postsecondary education is both vital and essential for a healthy, productive, economically sound society in every region of Alaska. Over the past 10 years, Chukchi Campus, a Kotzebue branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has endured massive budget cuts in much greater disproportion to the rest of the statewide university system's subdivisions. Further reduction of Chukchi's already modest budget, or elimination entirely of local access to postsecondary education in the NANA region, threatens the economic and personal welfare of every resident.

Chukchi's educational services supply residents with continuing education and training opportunities so they can participate fully in the economic and social development of Alaska. A local, adequate, professional, university-level instructional presence must continue in this region, supported adequately by clerical and administrative staff and a well-operated physical plant, if Alaskans believe that every resident, regardless of location, deserves the opportunity to become a viable contributor to our economy and the general welfare through the benefits of postsecondary education.

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22 April 1998

Finance Committee
Senate
State of Alaska

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I have been a faculty member at UAF for 25 years, presently serve as the Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics, and will assume the position of Provost on July 1. I have devoted my professional career to this place, and I think it's one of the greatest public institutions in the State. I am proud to have contributed to the education of thousands of Alaskan students over the years, and I look forward to continuing to assist others in their educational pursuits.

My concern is that without at least funding the UA System for FY99 at the continuation level of \$164M plus an additional \$3.5M for salary increases the State will be risking long-lasting damage to the institution. I wish we could get together so I could share with you "exit surveys" which are now coming into my office from graduating seniors in our College. If you saw them, I'm sure you would agree with my assessment that our seniors appreciate the fine education that they have received here but have grave reservations about the type of education we will be able to provide future students. The "atmosphere of doom" portrayed by these students is affecting our recruiting and retention efforts. Once things are headed in that direction, it will take herculean efforts to turn things around. In the meantime we will be increasing our most valuable export--our own kids to out-of-state institutions and to out-of-state careers.

I know that many of you question how well UA uses its resources, and I understand the State's cash flow problem. However, I urge you to provide us at least the level of funding described above. Less than that will pose a real risk to the future of higher education in Alaska. For my part, I guarantee that I will be looking for every nickel of administrative savings that I can put into academic programs.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Reichardt

22 April 1998

3118 Chinook Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Senator Drue Pearce
Senator Bert Sharp
Senator Dave Donley
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator Al Adams
Senator Sean Parnell
Senator John Torgerson
Senate Finance Committee
State Legislative Offices
Juneau, Alaska

Senators:

I write to ask that you, as members of the Finance Committee, urge that the legislature fund the University of Alaska budget before you. UA must have its budget of \$165,000,000, plus the additional \$3.5 million in salary increases recommended by the Senate Finance university subcommittee.

As a staff member at UAF, I will not receive a raise. But I know, if the legislature does not fund the university at this recommended level, that UAF will fall farther and farther behind in its educational and research goals. I can see that the university is suffering already, losing status as an academic institution, and losing students. Both are a great loss to the State of Alaska.

The university is reaching the point where it will not be able to recover from these losses. Students doubt whether or not their degree programs will survive long enough for them to graduate, and they doubt whether, when they enter the job market, a UA degree will command respect from employers.

You have the power to stop this degeneration by fully funding the UA budget and the salary increase money. Please give the university a chance to fulfill its promises.

Sincerely,


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From: SANDRA BOATWRIGHT

To the Senate Finance Committee

Please support the University of Alaska. We need a great University system for our state; we need increased funding to achieve that greatness.

A concerned citizen

4/21/98

Senator Drue Pearce, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

Dear Senator Pearce,

I am writing to urge you to support full funding of the University of Alaska budget. The University has been reduced every year over the last several years. These cuts are eroding our ability to meet the postsecondary needs of our citizens. It is critical that funding be restored to cover the proposed operating budget and salary increases which have just be negotiated. There have been no increases in salaries for over 4 years. Alaska must have a strong university system to train Alaskans in Alaska for the next century. Thank you.

Karen M. Ward
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April 21, 1998

Alaska State Senate
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Senators

I have listened to reports and presentations by professionals, heard dissertations of fear from students and read letters and newspaper articles. I find it all very sad that a gem of Alaska appears to be ready for disintegration. The pride that one feels for the University of Alaska is being undermined by groups of individuals who don't seem to understand the importance of this institution to the state and its people.

We all know that the University of Alaska is the place of higher learning where one goes after high school if an academic degree is to be sought. But has the legislature really considered all the gifts the University has given to the communities?

Music comes to mind. The University has enabled thousands of young people to pursue and appreciate the art of music. As an extension of the University, a variety of youth groups have been offered which have helped students direct their activities in a positive direction. These kids develop their skills, learn teamwork and respect for one another, learn pride in their accomplishments and stay off the streets and out of trouble. In addition, they provide wonderful entertainment for the community.

Our Symphony Orchestras have travelled throughout the state giving rural regions opportunities to experience the arts.

The Theatre Department offers excellent productions for the enjoyment of all residents in the area. And, those with a thirst for Visual Art have an opportunity to view new methods and the works of up and coming students. Many community members continue to develop their talents through the university.

How about the Science Fair? Many University employees support youth's curiosity in the scientific world.

When my children participated in Speech Contests, the University was involved. Many members of the community have benefited over the years from the personal and physical development classes. The library has been available to all.

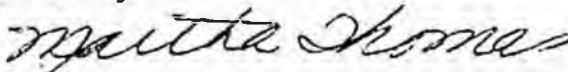
All levels of education profit from the vast knowledge contained within the walls of the University of Alaska. Many professors take time from their schedules to visit public school classrooms to make presentations in the area of their expertise. These same professors are available as information resources for classroom teachers, as well as a myriad of non-profit agencies. I know from first hand experience as a Girl Scout leader.

Our communities need skilled people. A variety of employment goals can be amply met through the University of Alaska, both academic and vocational. Why would we want to send out children outside to schools for training they could just as easily and less expensively obtain here in Alaska? There is an advantage for many students to receive their education in the familiar surroundings of their home where their education matches the environmental challenges of the Alaskan climate. One would like to think a percentage of students trained at home will want to help develop the State of Alaska economically. But we certainly are not going to encourage students to stay in Alaska if their educational opportunities are constantly eroding.

There is so much talk about hiring Alaskans first and keeping the money in the state, yet with the potential cut backs in programs, students are forced to seek education elsewhere, paying astronomical amounts in out-of-state tuition. That money could stay in Alaska if the programs continued to remain strong and a positive campaign is launched to encourage students to stay home.

My concern comes from many directions. I am a student, alumni, a mother of three students all currently registered at the University of Alaska and I am an employee. It is interesting when I consider that my UA degree program was eliminated from the university 20 years ago, one of my children is unable to get the classes she needs for her degree and so will move outside, the courses I am wanting in the senior citizen field do not exist in my location and the stress and pressure placed on those remaining University system workers is incredible. Yet I am proud of our institution and strongly support the University. I see its future potential as a guide for all of Alaska's children, but our future is only as strong as its educational programs. Let's get these programs properly funded!

Sincerely



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Message:

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Dear Senators:

Please join your colleagues on the Finance university subcommittee in voting for the restored budget of \$164,304,500 plus \$3,500,000 for salary increases. Actually, even this amount is too little, but I want to be realistic. I don't think you can possibly understand how much damage underfunding has already done to the university's faculty, facilities, student body, and morale; or how important the university is to the local community and to the state as a whole. If you did, you would not consider making more cuts.

From

to 19074652187

at 04/22/98 09:29a Pg 002/002

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Yours sincerely,
Burns Cooper



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE Senate Finance
 COMMITTEE NAME
 COMMITTEE ON HB 325 DATED 4-23-98
 BILL/SUBJECT

My Name is Nettie Jane Warbelow from Tok, Alaska and I am a Board member for the Upper Tanana Head Start Program *and a parent.*

I want to express my deepest concerns regarding cutbacks relating to the Head start program. I support the Governors choice regarding the SMART Program. The State of Alaska is at a turning point regarding our Economic Development and there has been to many cutbacks regarding Families already.

If we are going to succeed as a State we need not to cutback where there is hope in preparing our children for self betterment.

I personally feel that we take away from those who need the support the most and put it into Administration at the Capital level and this does not assist families who are in need for immediate services.

I have been working with the Head Start Program and the Staff almost on a daily basis and I see that this Program is very much needed for the Tok community and its surrounding Villages and not only that but it is important for the whole state.

I have been involved in Human Services for many years and it is very sad in most cases that we neglect and take away from the next generation that will one day run this state.

I urge that there is no cutbacks regarding this Program as it is needed for the State of Alaska.

SIGNED

Nettie Warbelow
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As you know, Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood program for children prenatal to age 5 and their families whose emphasis is on prevention & early intervention. While we appreciate the fact that Head Start funds have not been cut over the past few years, there has been no increase which means that we serve more children and families with less money due to rising costs.

Head Start is an important investment for families, particularly in this time of welfare reform as Head Start provides training and employment opportunities for our local communities. For example, 14 of the 21 Head Start staff of our local program are former or current Head Start parents. We are fortunate to have and appreciate support from our local communities in the form of space for classrooms, office, & materials.

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Therefore, the Governor's request for an increase in Head Start funds would allow for more direct services in the areas of health education family services, and disabilities to children and families. Yes, I realize funds are tight but cutting from prevention and early intervention programs such as Head Start is not the answer.

Children are an important resource of our state. Please look to the future - by investing in our children we are investing in the future of Alaska and will save money in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

SIGNED Pam Gingue
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COMMITTEE ON HB 325 DATED 4-23-98
BILL/SUBJECT

As you know, Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood program for children prenatal to age 5 and their families whose emphasis is on prevention & early intervention. While we appreciate the fact that Head Start funds have not been cut over the past few years, there has been no increase which means that we serve more children and families with less money due to rising costs.

Head Start is an important investment for families, particularly in this time of welfare reform as Head Start provides training and employment opportunities for our local communities. For example, 14 of the 21 Head Start staff of our local program are former or current Head Start parents. We are fortunate to have and appreciate support from our local communities in the form of space for classrooms, office, & material.

SIGNED _____
TESTIFIER

REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER