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## Hut-to-Hut Trail System To Benefit Hikers And Campers

The Duktoth River area in the Gulf of Alaska, and the Caribou Hills area near Kenai both include trail systems for hikers, campers and tourists through cooperative agreements between the university and State of Alaska agencies.

The university also has invested \$500,000 for a "hut-to-hut" cabin and trail system for recreational use near Cape Yakataga.

The university continues to develop cooperative arrangements to enhance recreational opportunities with other public land-holding agencies in Alaska.



## Commercial Leasing and Commercial Sales

Often, the university chooses to lease land rather than sell it. Everything from espresso bars to office buildings can be found on university land. Below is a picture of the Fairbanks Golf Course, partially located on land purchased from the university.

## Mocha Dan's Treats Fairbanks Right

Sipping a double-tall, skinny latte is the way many in the Golden Heart city begin their day. Mocha Dan's on Geist Road probably has your favorite drink memorized, if you're one of the many "regulars."

Dan's espresso stand, built as a portable building, serves roadside espresso to motorists and commuters on the east side of Fairbanks. From the



day it opened, it has had a steady stream of customers. The coffee Dan serves is good, but it's the location that has made this espresso business so successful.

Mocha Dan leases the land his business sits on from the University of Alaska. The UA Land Management office negotiated the lease, and is pleased to be a part of Dan's success.

MOCHA DAN'S ESPRESSO

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## Oil & Gas, Minerals

Alaska's extraction industries have been the economic engines that have created much of Alaska's wealth. The university not only relies on these industries to provide jobs for its graduates, but it also partners with resource development companies on university development projects.

The University system produces engineers to work in Alaska's oil fields and mining operations. Someday, it is hoped that these same engineers will work on university oil & gas and mining projects. The university currently leases land on the Kenai Peninsula for natural gas development and is actively seeking additional opportunities for oil & gas and mineral exploration and development.

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MAJOR ENERGY OR  
MINERAL FIND ON  
ALASKA'S COAST COULD  
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A MORE ADEQUATELY  
FUNDED UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM IN ALASKA.



The University of Alaska Develops Its Resources

## Stewardship: The University of Alaska's Role in the Economy

*"Consider Chapel Hill, Palo Alto, the Puget Sound, Boston... communities with strong educational institutions have strong economies."*

— Elsa Froehlich-Demeksa, UA Regent,  
Chair of Facilities & Land  
Management Committee

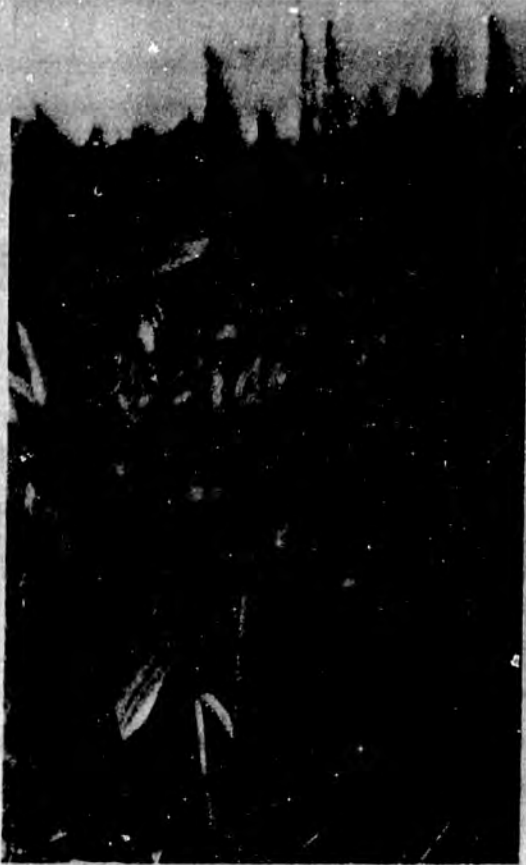
*"The Alaska workforce needs to be well trained to compete in a growing global economy. We live in a resource state, and education is key."*

— Mano Frey, President,  
Alaska AFL-CIO

*"The University can do more to improve the lives of working women and single moms than a host of government programs. We must provide the financial resources it needs today, for all of our tomorrows."*

— Eleanor Andrews, President,  
The Andrews Group





## Land Management Development Guidelines

The University of Alaska Board of Regents sets policy for management of university investment properties through a hierarchy of plans, beginning with a biennial Strategic Plan, annual Development Plans, and specific project plans. The university seeks public comment through the notice of its development plans published in local newspapers 60 days prior to the scheduled consideration by the Board and provides public notice of all major real property transactions not specifically approved in the annual Development Plan. The university is also subject to all local, state, and federal government regulations, including the Alaska Forest Practices Act, ADEC water & wastewater regulations, wetlands regulations, Coastal Management Plans, and local zoning and platting ordinances to the same level as other private land owners. In addition, Land Management commonly holds additional public workshops and community forums to address such development issues as local impacts, density, lot sizes, road maintenance, desired covenants, trail systems and architectural standards.



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## The UA Scholars Program

Each year, the UA Scholars Program offers an \$11,000 scholarship to the top 10% of graduates from qualified Alaska high schools. Students are designated by their high school based on academic standing at the end of their junior year.

The UA Scholars Program then verifies each designee's eligibility. Once designees have been deemed eligible, the Program Administrator sends an award letter and a reservation form to each Scholar. The Scholar must return the reservation form to the Program Administrator in order to complete the award process.

To use the award, the Scholar must enroll at a UA campus within 16 months of high school graduation. This grace period allows the Scholar to take time off after graduation to work, travel or even try a school outside of Alaska, before enrolling at the University of Alaska. Once enrolled, the Scholar receives \$1,375 per semester, for eight semesters, provided he or she remains in good standing.

