

# Regents' Recap

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UA BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING June 2003

Four new programs aimed at helping to meet Alaska's workforce needs, were approved by the University of Alaska Board of Regents when it met on the UAF campus in Fairbanks June 9-10, 2003.

The new programs, all at UAA, are:

- Nursing Post-Master's Certificate Program
- Master of Science in Project Management
- Certificate in Industrial Welding Technology
- Certificate in Nondestructive Testing Technology

The university's FY04 operating budget because the university received from the Legislature a net increase of only \$4.5 million.

increases for faculty and staff, increased health benefits costs and operating costs on new facilities.

"We will be able to proceed," said Regent Joe Usibelli, Jr., chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, in an interview with the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. "It's going to be on a reduced basis in regards to some of the programs we wanted to enhance."

The university increased tuition by 10 percent this year, and plans another 10 percent increase next year.

"We are looking at ways to help ourselves as best we can," Usibelli told the News-Miner reporter.

Executive Director of the UA Governance System

Pat Ivey, Academic Advisor at the Student Resource Center at UAS in Juneau. Barnes volunteers her time to work on various leadership projects on campus and is a recognized leader in promoting student development and leadership.

Pat Ivey, a 28-year employee of the University of Alaska, is the Executive Officer of the UA Governance System, and works closely with the Coalition of Student Leaders as well as faculty and staff. She has been a mentor to generations of

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*The University of Alaska Board of Regents is the governing body responsible for the university policy and management through the president. Regents are appointed by the governor for eight-year terms, subject to legislative confirmation. A student regent is appointed for two years from candidates nominated on each campus. (Regents' term of office shown in parentheses)*

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• Diane Taylor, Coordinator of the Kenai Peninsula College Learning Center and adjunct faculty member. She is committed to promoting student excellence, and to helping all students whether it is by encouraging, advising, mentoring or tutoring.

> **VZIR3c h**, an assistant professor of applied business at UAF's Tanana Valley Campus, was also honored with the 2003 President's Outstanding Distance Educator Award. President Hamilton made the presentation.

Brown, who has worked for the university since 1999, started using distance education in her courses in 2001 when she developed the university's first web-based applied business course. Since then, she has developed and taught a new web-based course each semester.

**7cUGZIR** director of training at the Williams North Pole Refinery and chairman of the board of the Alaska Process Industry Careers

Consortium (APICC), appeared briefly at the regents' meeting to express his thanks to the university for working with APICC to train Alaskans for jobs in the state.

Villa said his company had reduced its initial operator training costs by 75 percent by hiring graduates of the university program. The process industry is a set of industrial engineering and construction businesses that share common technical skill requirements.

**F27 WZIRdScZUeVcV ed** on UAF's partnership with the U. S. Department of Energy through the Alaska Energy Development Technology Laboratory, and later joined with other university officials for a briefing on university research.

**CV edZ chVU** the International Arctic Research Center on the UAF campus, and also toured the new Discovery Lab of the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center in the Rasmuson Library.

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