**Achievements**

*The Performance Report 2010* showed that UAF’s FY10 performance improved in all areas compared with FY09, and overall was the best since the university began reporting. The report includes information on research expenditures, student retention and student credit hours, and describes increases in the number of degrees, certificates and occupational endorsements awarded.

UAF will go to an online-only class schedule starting fall 2011 to give students the most up-to-date information possible. Eliminating the printed schedule will also contribute to campus sustainability. A booklet will guide new students through the registration process.

The Cooperative Extension Service received a $411,256 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to develop and deliver a course called the Alaskan Growers School in rural Alaska. The course will help participants in remote communities grow food to complement traditional subsistence activities. The program could have a big impact in villages where food is very expensive and fresh vegetables are limited.

An Interior Alaska Cooperative Extension Service 4-H leader received a national award for the second year in a row. Nancy Graff, leader of the North Pole Ptarmigan 4-H Club, was chosen from four regional winners for the award.

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences researchers played a major role in the Census of Marine Life, a 10-year international initiative to describe the distribution and diversity of ocean life. UAF scientists led two multiyear projects as part of the census.

The Keith B. Mather Library at the Geophysical Institute now houses the state’s only Patent and Trademark Depository Library. The library can receive and house copies of U.S. patent and trademark materials, make those materials available to the public, and disseminate patent and trademark information.

A new report offers international policymakers guidance for navigating the political and practical ramifications of shipping in the Arctic. The report, “Considering a Roadmap Forward: The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment,” is the result of a workshop hosted by UAF in October 2009 as part of the University of the Arctic’s Institute for Applied Circumpolar Policy.

**In Progress**

UAF students were the beneficiaries of nearly $80,000 in savings from the Follett Group Rent-A-Text program after less than a year into the program. There are currently 379 textbook titles available for rent in the UAF Bookstore.

Inside Out, a program launched in 2006 to introduce prospective students and their parents to the university, has been put on every spring and fall since for an average of 65 participants. Approximately 66 percent of participants later enrolled at UAF.

The Alaska Center for Energy and Power, in the College of Engineering and Mines, received a $3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to study options to optimize wind-diesel hybrid energy systems in rural Alaska.

Alaska Sea Grant received a $25,000 federal grant to conduct a series of workshops to engage and inform coastal Alaskans on how the National Environmental Policy Act works. The first workshop was in Togiak; participants were eligible to receive college credit through the Bristol Bay Campus.

Facilities Services is working on the Skarland Hall remodel, which includes demolishing and rebuilding the restrooms and showers on the second, third and fourth floors. Substantial completion is planned for February 2011.

**What’s Next**

Nominations are open until Feb. 15 for the Chancellor’s Cornerstone Award to recognize UAF staff for sustained outstanding contributions toward accomplishing and enhancing the UAF mission and strategic plan in seven categories of excellence. Nominations are encouraged and accepted from anyone in the UAF community.

WINTERmester, which takes place Jan. 3 – 14, lets students complete a 3-credit course in two weeks. Anthropology, French, music, philosophy and psychology are among the subjects offered this year.
Bindu Gadamsetty, a graduate student pursuing a PhD in electrical engineering, enjoys a round of musical chairs during the Diwali celebration sponsored by the Namaste India student club.

Newly appointed UAF sustainability coordinator Michele Hébert is interviewed by a local reporter during the kick-off barbecue marking the renewed campus paper and cardboard recycling program.

Local residents Josh Robinson, left, and Dan Rosevear play a round of disc golf on the 18-hole campus course.

KUAC FM host Lori Neufeld visits on air with Carol Diebel of the UA Museum of the North and Chancellor Rogers during the radio station’s fall fundraising drive. The record-breaking drive raised $275,745 — more than $25,000 over the goal.