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## Words from Wayne

Thanks to the entire faculty for a wonderful first year as Dean; Barbara and I have been blessed here in Fairbanks. We, as a school, have accomplished much this year; next academic year will be as eventful and as successful as this year.

I will be representing UAF SOM at the Annual Meeting of the International AACSB in San Francisco during the week of April 18, 2005. I will provide a summary of the key ideas that come out of the conference in the next newsletter.

In the first week of May, Dr. Jerry Trapnell, a former colleague of mine at Clemson University and currently Vice President of all accreditation services for all of AACSB, will be speaking to the accounting faculty on obtaining reaccreditation. Jerry will have an audio conference with our accounting faculty on May 3rd between 1:00 and 2:00 pm in Bunnell 201.

The SOM is actively moving ahead with the Business Accelerator (Nanook Tech), the College of Rural Alaska partnership in which our first ambassador will be in place at Bristol Bay in September 2005, the Leadership Institute (we have restarted this initiative), the UAF Biotechnology Program, and a new 5 year MBA program joint with the hard sciences (which is underway). A common theme running through all of these activities is entrepreneurship. The SOM is beginning to take its place in a more central role around campus as a School that can innovate and add value to UAF.

Thanks to the entire faculty and staff that are involved with our new activities. If there is a particular area in which you want to become involved more deeply, please let Greg or I know.

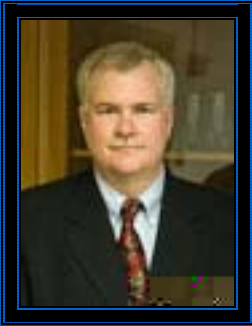
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### Executive Management Committee Meeting Summary... (Continued from Page 1)

**Accounting and Information Systems (AIS):** The committee approved moving AIS to Business Administration. Ping Lan will be the supervisor for these courses (AIS 101—Effective Personal Computer Use and AIS 310—Introduction to Information Systems. Ping will review the “quiz out” test (for AIS 101) that is administered out of the front office. Paperwork to change AIS to Business Administration will be submitted next fall.

**Notification Policy When Out of Town:** The committee discussed how faculty should notify the school when they will not be teaching classes (i.e., they're out of town). It was decided that faculty will notify Greg Goering when they will be gone. Greg will write up the draft policy and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

**SOM Web Site:** The SOM Website is in the electronic rendering stage. After a couple of proposal revisions, timely delivery of the website content, and a sketch of the homepage, the electronic designing process has begun. Faith Henry and the Executive Management Committee are working to streamline the process and get the new website up and running within the next 6 weeks. The current website is still functional and will be updated as needed, but will be phased out. Any questions or comments regarding the website can be directed to Greg Goering or Faith Henry.



Wayne Marr

2004-2005

Executive Management  
Committee Members:

Greg Goering, Chair

Jacob Joseph

Steve Landry

Laura Milner

Mike Pippenger

David Porter

Doug Reynolds

Tom Robinson

Craig Wisen

The Executive Management  
Committee meets every Monday  
afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in Room  
201.

## Faculty Spotlight

### Dr. E. Thomas Robinson

Tom has a long history with UAF. He was instrumental in the initial and subsequent maintenance of the SOM and the separate Accounting Program accreditation to The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). He is past chair of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems and past Director of the Accounting Program at Fairbanks. In addition to his service as Professor, he currently serves the SOM as the Client Services Director. In addition to the CPA certification he earned the CMA certificate being one of the first residing in Alaska. He is involved in professional organizations in addition to the Alaska Society, where he is completing his second term on the Board of Directors. He has maintained membership in the Alaska Society, where he is completing his second term on the Board of Directors. He has maintained membership in the Alaska Society, where he is completing his second term on the Board of Directors. He has maintained membership in the Alaska Society, where he is completing his second term on the Board of Directors.



Tom Robinson

# GAAP Completes Successful Tax Filing Season

Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP) is a UAF



## *Ann Kirk, GAAP's hardworking VITA Officer*

While Ann has acquired invaluable tax preparation and leadership experience, she has also learned that being GAAP's VITA Officer can make one quite famous! During the current tax filing season, Ann has been interviewed on TV twice and has been highlighted in news articles appearing in both UAF's Sun Star and the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.

### GAAP 05-06 Officer Elections Results:

*GAAP President:*

**Scott Seigmund**

*GAAP Vice President:*

**Crystal McGill**

*GAAP VITA Officer:*

**David McGraw**

*GAAP Program*

*Officer:*

**Emily Lan**

*GAAP IT Officer:*

**Erica Hansen**

*GAAP Secretary:*

**Jill Woster**

*GAAP Treasurer:*

**Bambi Konetski**



## Kudos for our Students and Graduates...

Current MBA student Clare Eden has received a Permanent Fund Internship with Kennedy and Associates in Seattle. Current MBA student Jennifer Ma has received a Permanent Fund Internship with the Alaska Permanent Fund in Juneau.

2004 SOM MBA Graduate Wayne Don is leaving military life and has accepted a position at Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage as a Systems Administrator where he will be supervising 80 people in the primary care Center in the medical services position. In his capacity as UAF Assistant Professor in the Military Science Department, Wayne served as Faculty Advisor this year to NABL (Native American Business Leaders), where he successfully mentored a group of 4 SOM students (Joel Titus, Heather Dingman, Michelle George, and Jacqueline Smith) to raise their own funds to attend the recent National Conference of AIBL (American Indian Business Leaders) in Seattle. Wayne is also a co-author with Dr. Steve Landry and Dr. Art Warbelow on the article, "Nunivak Island Mekoryuk Alaska (NIMA) Corporation: An Examination of a Native Village Corporation's Strategy Development." (Forthcoming in: The Journal of the International Academy for Case Studies.)

## SOM Faculty Senate Representatives

*Thank you to the following faculty members for representing the School of Management!*

**Ping Lan** *Faculty Senate Representative 2004-2006* (2-year term; elected Spring 04)

**Jim Collins** (**Susan Herman**, alternate) *Faculty Senate Representative 2005-2007* (2-year term; elected Spring 05)

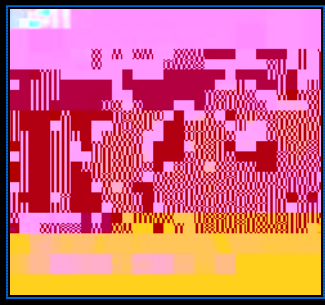
**Mike Pippenger** *Faculty Appeal and Oversight Committee 2005-2007* (2-year term; elected Spring 05)

**Vacant** *Faculty Appeal and Oversight Committee 2005-2006* (1-year term; election Spring 05).

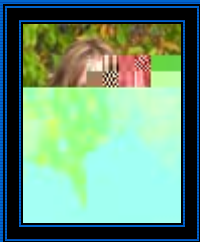
## UAF Staff Council RAFFLE

Please see Faith (SOM's staff council representative) to purchase tickets for the raffle which will benefit the Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Staff Council Ice Cream Social (12:00 – 2:00 p.m.), Wood Center multi-level lounge area.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the Newsletter, please contact Debbie at [fndlf1@uaf.edu](mailto:fndlf1@uaf.edu). Thank you!



SOM NABL officers with Adam Beach, co-star with Nicolas Cage in "Windtalkers," at the recent American Indian Business Leaders Conference in Seattle, Washington.



Faith Henry

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Officer and Student  
Advisor and Staff  
Council Representative!