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Ann Tremarello said at the times when the employment picture is not as good as it can be then they find it is a good time for students to return to the university. They have more time to take more credits and the student credit hours increases more rapidly than their head count. Karen Cedzo said Ann Tremarello is the director of admissions and records at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). Unlike many universities around the nation UAF continues to enjoy healthy increases in enrollment. The head count at UAF this fall is 3,582 which is a three percent increase over last fall. According to Tremarello student credit hours have reached an all-time high at over 39,000 hours. That is up over nine percent over the fall of 1979. Tremarello said over the past five years the head count has increased 38 percent and their student credit hours have increased 52 percent. She said this shows there are more full time students returning to the campus. During the pipeline years they had a greater percentage of part-time students attending the university. Cedzo said reading enrollment figures by department is a little like following the stock market. Tremarello pin points the real gainers at UAF. She said the departments that have increased over the last five years are in the School of Management, the Department of Economics, and Business of Administration. They have seen good gains in education, the geosciences, physics, psychology, speech and mathematics. There has been a recent large gain in the School of Mineral Industry which can be attributed to interest in the petroleum industry particularly in the last two years. Cedzo said national trends like the increased interest in business alert the UAF that they also will experience increases, but Tremarello said we don't always follow the pattern. Tremarello said some national trends which they don't follow at all such as in the area of education. Nationwide it is hard to get a teaching position, but that isn't true in Alaska. Business, natural sciences and environmental sciences have had increases regularly over the last few years. They also do some enrollment forecasting based on the applications that are coming in. They can see what departments might be attracting more students than they anticipated and warn the departments before the beginning of the semester. Tremarello said a big increase has been in the transfer, returning students and returning graduate students. There has been an effort in their recruiting activities to attract upper division transfer students. Their lower division courses have always been nicely filled. Cedzo said Tremarello is expecting a high spring enrollment as well.

Karen Cedzo reports on campus activities.