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Karen Cedzo said the meeting of oceanographers will be held in San Antonio next month. The University of Alaska Fairbanks will be well represented by the scientists from the Institute of Marine Science. Many will be presenting papers and some will be chair sessions. Dr. Vera Alexander, Director of the Institute of Marine Science, explained the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) has become particularly important to biological and chemical oceanographers over the years. ASLO publishes the most significant journal in the field of oceanography. For the first time the American Geophysical Union (AGU) will be co-sponsoring the meeting. Alexander said AGU has been the principle physical oceanography vehicle and organization. In the past they have held separate meetings from the biological ones and this time they are finally getting together. Alexander thinks oceanographers are finally realizing working together is an opportunity for a more cosmopolitan audience for the papers. It is reflected in the number of interdisciplinary sessions that are set up for the meeting. John Gearing is attending. He will be presenting on PROBES (Processes and Resources of the Bering Sea Shelf (Project)). This six year international project has been attempting to answer the question of why there are so many fish in the Bering Sea. Dr. Alexander will be co-chairing a special session on the physics and biology of ice edges based on her research and Dr. Joe Nebauer research in the Bering Sea. Alexander said the most important thing is contact with other scientists from other institutions. Time outside of the meetings is just as important as inside of the meetings in terms of planning research and making people aware of what you are doing and making people aware of the University of Alaska's involvement in oceanography.

Karen Cedzo reports on the campus calendar for the week.