FYI ~ Spring 2008 opening enrollment figures for the UA system are below. Please refer to the attachment for additional details and supporting data tables, also available online at: www.alaska.edu/swoir

Opening statistics do not reflect the total spring enrollment; however, they serve as an indicator for where student enrollment will land by the end of the semester.

*Estimated Spring Closing Enrollment*
Enrollment headcount, student credit hours (SCH) and full-time equivalent (FTE) are estimated for spring 2008 closing. This projection shows a 2.9% increase in headcount (949), a 2.6% increase in SCH (6,296), and a 2.7% increase in FTE (442) over spring 2007 closing numbers based on historical enrollment trends.

*Actual Spring Opening Enrollment*
Compared to the spring 2007 opening, student headcount at the UA system level increased 2.8% (469). Student headcount increases were seen at all MAUs, with UAA up 2.3% (379), UAF up 3.1% (249) and UAS up 7.4% (205).

Highlights of the spring 2008 opening enrollment compared with spring 2007 opening include:

--At the UA system level female enrollment increased by 4.6% (728) while male enrollment increased by just 0.2% (23). See Table 4.

--Enrollment of Alaska Native students increased at the UA system level by 4.9% (157), as did headcount for Asian students (+2.1%, 33) and Hispanic students (6.7%, 67), while enrollment of African-American students dropped 3% (-26). See Table 4.

--At UAF, a 2.2% decrease (-95) in headcount at Fairbanks campus was mitigated by gains at the community campus level. Northwest campus increased its headcount by 53.5% (69) from the spring 2007 opening freeze, while headcount at Rural College increased by 9.6% (199) and Tanana Valley increased by 4.9% (147). UAF rural campuses reported substantial increases in FTE enrollment and the amount of SCH being delivered as compared to spring 2007, with Chukchi increasing FTE enrollment by 73.1% (20) and SCH delivery by 73% (299). Meanwhile, Northwest increased FTE enrollment by 41.4% (10) and SCH delivery by 40.7% (153), and Rural College increased FTE enrollment by 11.9% (69) and SCH by 11.8% (1,003). See Tables 1, 9, and 10.
--At UAA, a 10% decrease in headcount at PWSCC (-87) was offset by increases at Anchorage (2.8%, 366), Kenai (+8.2%, 114), Kodiak (+10.5%, 48), and Mat-Su (+6.2%, 75), while headcount decreased at Kenai (-2.5%, -37) and Mat-Su (-1.3%, -18). Kodiak campus experienced the largest growth in FTE enrollment and SCH delivery, increasing FTE enrollment by 34.4% (40) and SCH delivery by 32.4% (+564) from last year. See Tables 1, 9, and 10.

--At UAS, Juneau campus increased its headcount by 8.6% (165) compared to last spring, while increasing FTE enrollment by 4.3% (38) and SCH delivery by 4.0% (514). While overall headcount at Ketchikan campus declined by 2.7% (-12) from last spring, FTE enrollment increased by 1.9% (3) and 43 additional SCH were delivered (+2.1%). At Sitka, overall headcount increased by 6.1% (44), however FTE enrollment and SCH delivery remained virtually identical to last spring. See Tables 1, 9, and 10.