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Dick Stenard, interviewee

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Dick Stenard talks about Yak Estates. He said the demand for the units will be there in the future, but it will be very expensive to replace the units. They were opened in 1972 to meet a demand for increased housing for faculty and staff at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. They were to house 45 percent faculty, 45 percent staff and 10 percent students. Except for in the pipeline period it was never fully occupied. There are 96 units. During the pipeline period there was an extremely long waiting list. After the pipeline they had a change of the rent structure. There was a decreased demand for the units and the occupancy fell. In the past December only 33 of the units were occupied. He talked about some of the physical problems of the apartments. The Yak Estates are heated with electricity. At the time it was built contractors were encouraged to use electricity as energy. They have had it analyzed. It is two by four construction which was common at the time of construction in the Fairbanks area. Keeping the units or boarding them up has been a topic for discussion. This coming fall all of the units will be rented for the first time since the pipeline. Stenard said they revised the rents and made it more attractive primarily for married students. They have always had a high demand for married student housing to the point of having waiting lists. This now presents an alternative for some of the people on waiting lists. Some of the units are undergoing extensive remodeling.

Karen Cedzo talks about the campus calendar and activities