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John Gilmore said they believe that the NCAA is a more prestigious organization. They have enjoyed their relationship with the NEIA it is time to move towards the NCAA. The two groups are the governing body for virtually all men in collegiate athletics. Almost all championship tournaments are under the direction of these two organizations. Gilmore said the NCAA has allowed double membership. Beginning a year ago they belonged to NCAA Division III. They were then Division II with provisional membership. They now have full privileges. They believe they need to go into Division II for several reasons. They can now compete in national championship meets. There is greater national prestige with the NCAA. Gilmore and President Jay Barton agree UAF and the University of Alaska Anchorage should have the same level of intercollegiate sport. Gilmore believes this will have little effect on the sport at first. The real impact will be on the men's basketball program. Rifle and skiing have always been operating within NCAA. They opted for NEIA for ice hockey which is just starting this year. Next year the Nanooks will basically play an NEIA schedule to fill previously made agreements. It may be the last time the Nanooks play their traditional foes. Gilmore said in the northwest the NEIA is a pretty strong organization. He talked about the different colleges and their athletic affiliations. At this time the NCAA will not affect the women's program. Gilmore said in the future they may have to make a decision to continue with the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) or look at the NCAA organization for women. He talked about the effects of Title IX. AIAW has a championship for women and NCAA does not and they had good services from the AIAW.

Karen Cedzo talks about the campus calendar and activities