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Suzanne Summerville talks about the new Honors Program

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Steven Lay said the University of Alaska Fairbanks was looking for the state's top students for the honors program. The new program is designed to meet the needs and provide a unique challenge for the best prepared and motivated freshman. Suzanne Summerville, associate professor of music has been named the director of the program. It is a new commitment to meet the special needs of the best and the brightest the state has to offer. Summerville said it is primarily for outstanding freshman from Alaska and outside. She thinks it will be an important recruiting tool. They do know they are getting smarter freshman students. Because it is part of the land grant commitment that the university has to the state they are committed to providing a program of broad based education for high school graduates. They do know that there are outstanding students out there and they want to give them an academic environment which is suitable for their high capabilities. Lay said program participants will be enrolled in enriched honors classes and participate in an honor seminar course. Summerville said they will have broad based course in the natural sciences. They are offering a broad based and stimulating education to freshman and sophomores. The honors courses are designed to offer a greater depth of material and will be more demanding. Students in the program who maintain their averages will be designated graduates with honors at the end of their four years. The designation many increase their opportunities for graduate school. Summerville talked about entry requirements into the honors program. The honors program will start in the fall of 1983.

Steven Lay reported on activities on campus and in Fairbanks.