

Cowper proclaims 'Celebrate Sobriety'

Due to a program sponsored by Alaska Pacific University, Gov. Steve Cowper has proclaimed Saturday as "Celebrate Sobriety Day" in Alaska.

The day is the brainchild of APU's Susan Benson and Chipp Leibach.

"It's important for people to see just how many alternatives they have to chemical dependencies," said Leibach, APU's dean of students.

"For this day, the entire campus will be alive with music, food vendors, sports demonstrations and other activities."

Opening ceremonies begin at noon at the Atwood Center on the APU Campus. All events are free, and the public is encouraged to participate. Demonstrations and music will continue until 4:30 p.m.

Benson and Leibach have pulled together 22 health agencies, the Anchorage Police Department and numerous businesses for the day.

Pepsi-Cola is one of the major sponsors. In addition, demonstrations by REI, Sports West, G&B Skate and Sport, Orca Oceanic and Gary King will be presented.

The University of Alaska's

Wilderness Program members will demonstrate rappelling, and Mickey Sleeper and her skydivers will land on the lawn in front of Grant Hall.

A free raffle has also been arranged with prizes from Alyeska Resort and Nova River Runners. A cash prize has also been donated.

Those who want more information may contact Benson at 564-8254 in Anchorage.