

Sackett, Helmericks, Stitham appointed new UA regents

Former State Sen. John Sackett of Ruby, North Slope businessman Mark Helmericks and Fairbanks high school teacher Susan Stitham have been named to the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointments, which include two to fill expiring terms and a third to replace Grace Schaible, who has been appointed attorney general.

Sackett, 42, will fill the remainder of the term being vacated by Schaible, which expires in February 1993.

Helmericks, 28, fills the seat vacated by Willie Hensley of

Kotzebue, whom Cowper recently appointed to the state Senate. Helmericks will fill a full eight-year term.

Stitham, 43, is being appointed to a full eight-year term currently held by Tom Miklautsch of Fairbanks.

"The university system will be a major player in Alaska's future as we move from an economy based on oil dollars to one dependent on individual initiative, marketing and the best and fastest use of information," Cowper said.

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unique skills to the Board of Regents, but all share a long-term perspective we'll need in the years ahead," he added.

Sackett retired last year after serving two terms in the state House and four terms in the state Senate. The valedictorian of his 1963 class at Sheldon Jackson High School, Sackett is a former president and chairman of the board of Doyon Ltd., a former director of Alaska International Industries and a current board member of MarkAir Inc.

Sackett holds a bachelor's in accounting from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He has an extensive list of public service positions, including chairman of the *Tundra Times*

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board, board member of the UA Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies and a trustee of Alaska Pacific University.

Helmericks, who lives at a family homestead on the Colville River about 50 miles west of Prudhoe Bay, is president of CES Inc., a Prudhoe oil field service company, and is a former consultant for McKinsey & Co., an international management consulting firm.

Helmericks grew up on the Colville River and was educated by cor-

respondence through the eighth grade until he moved to Fairbanks where he attended high school. He holds a bachelor's in geological sciences from Harvard University, a master's from Oxford University, and he was a Rhodes scholar.

Stitham, a Lathrop High School English teacher, is a member of the National Education Association's national board, a past president of the Fairbanks Education Association and a former president of the Alaska National Education Association.

She holds master's degrees in English and teaching from UAF, and she is a former Fairbanks Teacher of the Year. Also, she is active with the women's shelter in Fairbanks and the Alaska State Writing Consortium.

All three names were submitted to the Legislature for confirmation.