

Dr. Hiatt resigns

Dr. Robert Hiatt, president of the University of Alaska, abruptly resigned his post yesterday morning.

Although the controversial administrator has been under increasing fire recently because of serious financial problems at the university, Hiatt's action even caught the Board of Regents by surprise. The board sets policy for the university and must decide whether to accept the resignation.

In a statement released to the press, Hiatt said because of a "rash of unfavorable publicity" over the university's financial problems and because "the many pressures on me over the past year are taking a toll on my health and well-being, I believe it is in the best interests of the University that I relinquish the presidency at this time."

In his letter of resignation, Hiatt asked that he be named Special Assistant to the Board of Regents for Academic Planning until his retirement.