

APU officials announce school receives full accreditation

Alaska Pacific University officials said recently that the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges has reaffirmed full accreditation for Alaska Pacific University.

The action followed a year-long study of the institution, which culminated in a visit by a team from the association.

Accreditation by the association means the academic programs of APU are recognized by all higher educational institutions, state and federal governments as meeting the standards of quality, substance and financial support appropriate for a college or university.

APU was first accredited in 1981, five years after the institution had closed its doors for financial reasons. At that time, accreditation was extended for five years with an interim review after two and a half years. This recent action extends accreditation for 10 years with an interim review after five.

Dr. Frank Kerins, president of Carroll College and chairman of the visiting team, said "Alaska Pacific University has made a truly remarkable recovery from its closing in 1976. And its financial development is one of the wonder stories of American higher education."