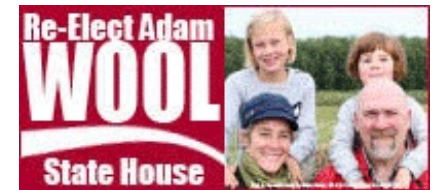




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# Budget cuts force UAF to drop men's hoops tourney



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FAIRBANKS—The GCI Alaska Invitational men’s basketball tournament has been eliminated as a result of budget cuts at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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Cutting the tournament was among budget cuts that were released by the university on Wednesday.



According to athletic director Gary Gray, eliminating the tournament saves the athletic department about \$40,000. The UAF athletic department, according to Gray, has to cut about \$600,000.



“We’re still working on it. We’ve identified at least half of that,” Gray said during a telephone interview on Thursday night. “We’re optimistic we can raise more money.”

The Alaska Nanooks, of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, had been hosting the Alaska Invitational since the 2009-10 season. Last season, Minnesota State Moorhead claimed the tournament title.

Gray said the athletic department looked at all four tournaments the Nanooks host. Volleyball hosts the Flint Hills Resources Nanook Classic to begin the season while women’s basketball has the Mt. McKinley Bank North Star Invitational in November.

The hockey team hosts the Brice Alaska Goal Rush the second weekend of the season.

While the invitational has been eliminated, the Nanooks still are hosting a tournament this season. Alaska Anchorage, Hawaii Pacific and Chaminade are coming to Fairbanks on Nov. 13-

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“We started the crossover and that kind of took the place of it,” Nanooks head coach Mick Durham said by cellphone on Friday. “This year, we probably won’t miss it. The following year, we may miss it having to go on the road for the crossover.”

Unlike the invitational, the crossover won’t cost the Nanooks any money to bring teams to Fairbanks.

The crossover is a four-year commitment for the Nanooks. In the 2016-17 season, the tournament will be hosted by Hawaii Pacific before returning to Alaska in Anchorage the following season. The final season of the current arrangement would see the tournament return to Hawaii and be hosted by Chaminade in Honolulu.

The Nanooks have hosted a men’s basketball tournament at the Patty Center every year since at least the 2006-07 season.

According to Gray, it is cheaper for the Nanooks to fly to Hawaii than it is to travel to Bellingham, Washington, for GNAC games against Western Washington.

Durham said the teams involved in the tournament were trying to do a six-year arrangement.

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“What we tried to do was add (Montana State) Billings and (Hawaii) Hilo but Hilo didn’t want to do a six-year commitment,” Durham said. “If we can roll it over and do another four years, it’ll be good.”

Both games in the crossover count as NCAA West Region games for the Nanooks.

Eliminating the invitational gives Durham and the Nanooks some flexibility when it comes to scheduling the rest of their nonconference schedule.

With the addition of Concordia to the GNAC, the Nanooks have eight games to schedule at the beginning of the season. The invitational would take up three of those games while the crossover uses two.

“If we do three of them boom-boom-boom, that means we have five games to play over seven weekends,” Durham said.

“We’re going to have weekends where we don’t play.”

Durham added he would like to continue to be a part of the crossover after the current four-year rotation.

“Definitely we would want to continue to do that,” Durham said.

“Only thing is it’s only in Fairbanks once every four years.”

Getting rid of the Alaska Invitational is only the start of the

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budget cuts for the Nanooks. Gray said they have to make cuts everywhere, including recruiting and scholarships.

“We’re still working on it every day,” Gray said. “You just can’t do one or two things different. You have to do lots of things different.”

“We’re trying to be creative,” Gray added. “We still want it to be a good experience for the student-athletes.”

The Nanooks begin the season with their Blue-Gold game on Oct. 30 at the Patty Center. The regular season begins with a two-game road trip where they’ll face the Nevada Wolfpack on Nov. 6 in Reno, Nevada, and Brigham Young University on Nov. 7 in Provo, Utah.

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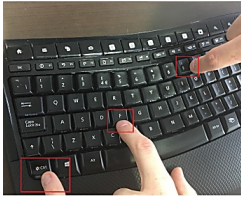
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