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**Departures**

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CHRIS GEHRETT, Associate Professor of Philosophy
GWEN GERE, Bookstore Manager
NAOMI HAGELUND, Communications Specialist
RHODA ROEDL, KBC Administrative Assistant

**Retirements**

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ALLEN HOUTZ, Professor of Industrial Process Instrumentation
DREW O’BRIEN, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Technology
SCOTT KRAXBERGER, Associate Professor of Information Tech.
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MARCI ZIMMERMAN, Director of Administrative Services
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KRC Assistant Professor of English Scott Downing presented a workshop on organizing and integrating learning in the writing classroom and beyond through the use of portfolios. The workshop was presented to parents and students involved in the Connections Program through the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

In February, KRC Professor of Biology Dr. David Wartinbee was heavily involved as a volunteer during the Tustumena 200 Sled Dog race. For the past few years, he has been following the junior mushers to make sure they don’t lose a team or run into trouble along their 50 mile course. He was also involved in writing the proposal for funding of the junior prizes which are paid for by the Soldotna Rotary Club. The first prize is a three-credit scholarship to KPC for the winning junior musher.

Wartinbee spent two weekends in January cutting ice blocks from a pond at Fosters Gravel quarry with the Soldotna Rotary Club. Those blocks were placed around Soldotna at various businesses where they were carved and lit up.

On Feb. 5, KRC Professor of Anthropology Dr. Alan Boraas gave a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Soldotna Historical Society titled “The Russian Coal Mine at Port Graham and the End of Russian America.” Later that day, he gave another presentation at the Kenai River Center Birding Festival titled “Birds and the Dena’ina in the Time When the Animals Could Talk.”

Boraas participated in the Kenaitze Tribe’s goals and objectives strategic planning seminar establishing goals for the year 2025. He continues to write columns for the Anchorage Daily News and Redoubt Reporter.

KPC’s partnership with the Peninsula Clarion to produce the KPC Connection newspaper continued with publisher Stan Pitlo agreeing to produce seven editions of the Connection during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The first phase of development of the central Peninsula historical photo archive was completed bringing more than 1,000 images available for public viewing. The project has been in development by Dr. Alan Boraas since 1998. Future plans include expanding the database of images by inviting the public to provide images and background information.

The CIOS A260A Business Communications class again partnered with Caring for the Kenai and the Kenai Watershed Forum in a service-learning project to provide feedback for Caring for the Kenai participants from the Peninsula high schools. After spring break, the students read the entries and provided positive and encouraging feedback to the high school students who participated in the contest.

KPC Advancement partnered with the UA Foundation to bring an estate and financial planning seminar to the Kenai River Campus on April 27. Thirty-two members of the public were in attendance, filling every seat in the Steffy Building’s large classroom. The UA Foundation representative, Scott Taylor, was very impressed with the community response. Assistant Professor of Accounting Tom Dalrymple assisted with bringing this event together.

KPC Director Gary J. Turner served as the vice chair of the Alaska Select Committee on Legislative Ethics after serving as the chair in 2010. He has served as the only public member of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources’ Kenai River Special Management Area’s Guide Advisory Board for the last three years and also supported the Kenai River Professional Guide Association’s Wounded Warrior fishing event the past three years as co-emcee of the event along with retired University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton.

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Eight students from Kenai Central High School job shadowed seven KPC faculty and staff (Dave Atcheson, Scott Downing, Clark Fair, Paul Landen, Paul Perry, Robert Ramponi and Christina Stuive) during the 2011 KCHS Job Shadow Day. Krista Timlin, Career and Community Engagement Center programs manager, also worked on the planning/organizing team and was one of the speakers at the Kenai Chamber Luncheon that included the student participants and their job shadow hosts.

KBC faculty helped organize and conduct the annual Math Meet.

Cable internet installation in Seward at the Resurrection Bay Extension Site for coordinator Jackie Pepi-Marshall was completed. RBES is housed in the Seward High School at no cost to KPC. This project resulted in Marshall now having a VoIP telephone and access to all KPC domain resources.

KBC sponsored the campus’s first “I’m Going to College Day” on April 15. Sixty fifth and sixth graders were on campus for a day, taking four classes from faculty in math, psychology, history and biology. It was part of an annual Statewide project funded by the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education to familiarize children with college and financial aid opportunities.

**TECH-PREP PROGRAM**

Instructors from the various area high schools came to KRC during April in order to review the curriculum covered under the joint KPBSD/UAA-KPC Tech-Prep Program. A total of 12 high school courses were approved for college credit.
Sergei Kalityuk, a public relations director of Gazprom, Russia’s largest company and the largest natural gas producer in the world, visited KRC in late January as he traveled to Kenai and Juneau to visit Russian historical sites. Gazprom is collaborating on the restoration and preservation of such sites.

Kalityuk also visited with Dr. Alan Boraas, KRC professor of Anthropology, to learn more about the Russian archaeological sites on the Kenai Peninsula. Kalityuk plans to return to Alaska to visit again with Dr. Boraas and tour early Russian sites, one of which may be undergoing excavation.

At KRC, Allen Houtz, professor of Industrial Process Instrumentation, provided Kalityuk a tour of KRC’s petroleum technology facilities to include the instrument and electronics labs. He also observed students studying and practicing process operations using “Big Blue,” KRC’s very large process simulator.

Houtz also attended the International Society of Automation (ISA) show in Anchorage. KPC staffed a booth with information about KRC’s Industrial Process Instrumentation program. Houtz organized two seminars that were presented by ISA instructors.

Simtronics is the DCS (distributed control system) simulator used at KPC. Over the semester break, the Simtronics was upgraded and new licenses (seats) and modules were added. Two of the new modules included an Atmospheric Distillation Column and Vacuum Distillation Column module and an Advanced Gas Oil Separation module. Both of these modules are used in the Troubleshooting class. Assistant Professor of Process Technology Jeffrey Laube invited David Saltenberger, an operator in the Crude Unit at the Tesoro Refinery, to campus to work with the simulator. Saltenberger helped program real world atmospheric and vacuum distillation troubleshooting scenarios into the simulator. Jim Titus, a BP facility operator, helped set up real world Advanced Gas Oil Separation troubleshooting scenarios.

Students from both AES and KRC met at the closed Agrium Facility in April for a facility tour given by KRC Adjunct Professor Darrell Ellis and Assistant Professor of Process Technology Jeffrey Laube. One of the students wrote, “I just wanted to say thanks again for taking the extra time from your schedule to give us the tour at Agrium on Friday. I’m glad that I drove down [from Anchorage] for it. It certainly provides a better understanding of how all the equipment we have been learning about comes together into a working unit.”

The KPC instrumentation and electronics programs received a gift of 20 licenses for InTouch software for use by students learning to operate and configure Human-Machine Interface stations for process control systems. This software was provided by WonderWare (a division of Invensys) through the Alaska Instrument Company.

The Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium (APICC), a non-profit group which promotes Alaska process industry education programs, had determined a need for a portable physical simulator to educate and motivate high school students on the possibilities of careers in the process industries. APICC requested that University faculty design and build a prototype.

KRC professor Houtz and UAF professor Ellingson worked with BP in utilizing a portable simulator (which includes graphic process level and flow measurement and control) was constructed and put through its first “start up” in just six hours at KRC.

The new simulator (and others built from the same design) will be used to demonstrate to high school students and other audiences the principles of process operations.
By forging close partnerships with business and industry, KPC is able to offer students an education that is immediately applicable in their field of study. Students who study at KPC are prepared to enter the workforce with an intimate understanding of their career from the moment they graduate.
Dave Atcheson, KRC evening coordinator, authored the National Geographic book, “Hidden Alaska: Bristol Bay and Beyond.” Amazon describes the book as: “A stunning visual story of a place of wonder and mystique for every American, this book features what is legendary and beloved about Alaska, a land of magnificent wilderness and beauty, virtually untouched by human ambition. It also focuses on the key point of interest in the state today: endangered Bristol Bay, which faces potential mining of the world’s greatest deposits of copper and gold.”

Atcheson is the KPC Kenai Fishing Academy coordinator in the summer and teaches fly fishing classes as an adjunct. He wrote the book, “Fishing Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula: A Complete Angler’s Guide,” and is a regular contributor to Alaska magazine and Fish Alaska magazine.

In June, KRC Assistant Professor of English Cheryl Siemers led a collaborative presentation on service learning with Krista Timlin, KPC’s Career and Community Engagement programs manager, and Scott Downing, KRC assistant professor of English. The presentation took place at the Community College National Center for Community Engagement’s National Conference in Phoenix. The conference focused on formulas for success in service learning and community engagement and the group’s presentation identified issues and solutions in using service-learning in distance education courses.

Siemers was elected as a KRC faculty senator in February. Cheryl also attended a service-learning conference in San Diego and brought back materials on assessment and reflection to share with others involved with service-learning.

Siemers attended the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium held in Seattle in February. She is a member on the Canadian Studies Council at UAA. Of particular interest was the focus on Canada’s relationship with Alaska and critical issues that relate to the Arctic.

KRC Adjunct Professor Jeff Siemers had two art pieces accepted in the 2011 Intersecting Journeys exhibit at the Kenai Visitor Center. The show was displayed in summer 2011.

Dr. Paula Martin, assistant director for academic affairs, presented the Student Learning Progress Model to the League of Innovations for Community Colleges conference in San Diego, and at the American Assn. of Community Colleges annual convention in April. Dr. Martin was recently voted in as a new member of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council’s Scientific Advisory Committee. The council is an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the environmentally safe operation of Alyeska Pipeline’s Valdez Marine Terminal and associated oil tankers.

A paper by Dr. Alan Boraas, KPC professor of Anthropology and last year’s Edith Bullock Prize for Excellence recipient, has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Ethnohistory. He and co-author Aaron Leggett, cultural historian at the Alaska Native Heritage Center will make revisions to “Dena’ina Wars and Shaman Wars in the Late 18th and 19th Centuries: Cook Inlet, Alaska,” after which it will undergo peer review prior to publication next year.
Angela Richardson, KRC Math adjunct and Math tutor, was a participant in the Lilly Arctic Institute in 2009, a presenter in 2010 and was chosen to serve on the planning committee for 2011. Brian Partridge, KBC assistant professor of Psychology, was also a participant. Lilly Conferences and Institutes have provided opportunities for the presentation of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for more than 25 years. Since 2006, Alaska has its own annual Lilly institute that takes place in early March each year.


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KRC Assistant Professor of English Janice High delivered a presentation at the Annual Quality Matters Conference in Chicago with Dr. Heather Nash, KPC’s Title III Activities Director and E-learning developer. Quality Matters is a nationally recognized program and blended courses. Their presentation focused on extending the Quality Matters model to more effectively include cultural considerations.

High, along with Dorothy Gray, KRC assistant professor of English, and Scott Downing, KRC assistant professor of English, completed the Quality Matters Peer Reviewer Training Program certifying them to review classes through the Quality Matters program.

He also attended the Teaching Narrative and Teaching through Narrative Conference in Tampere, Finland. The conference, sponsored by the Nordic Network of Narrative Studies, focused on current uses of narrative in teaching a variety of disciplines. Of particular interest to Scott is the use of narrative in electronic portfolios as a way for students to integrate their learning across disciplines.


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Kathy Becher, Advanced Nurse Practitioner at the KRC Student Health Clinic, attended the three-day Alaska Nurse Practitioner Conference in September.

KRC Business and Industry co-chairs Tom Dalrymple and Allen Houtz spoke at the Alaska Department of Labor’s presentation “Public Agencies Serving Alaska” held at the Challenger Learning Center on March 9-10. The focus of the presentation was on the courses and programs offered at KPC, including a live, on-screen presentation of the college’s new web site, including the searchable schedule. E-learning options were also discussed.
KRC Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Debbie Boege-Tobin attended the Alaska Marine Science Symposium and Alaska Marine Stranding Network Conference in January.

KRC Associate Professor of Art Celia Anderson traveled to Orlando, Florida to view Orlando Museum’s African Textile Collection and the Mennelo Museum of American Art’s “Auspicious Vision,” an exhibition of early American Modernist work. She took new work to the Camas Gallery in Salem, Oregon, where her work is represented. She also traveled to Washington, D.C. where she visited the National Museum of the American Indian, the Museum of African Art, the Phillips Gallery, the National Gallery, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts, where she is a member.

Anderson co-curated an exhibition, with UAA Department of Art Chairperson Mariano Gonzales in the UAA’s Kimura Gallery. The exhibition represents a retrospective of the late artist, William Allen, a longtime Kenai Peninsula resident.

KRC Associate Professor of Accounting Tom Dalrymple helped proctor the Fundamentals of Engineering/Professional Engineering (FE/PE) exams held semi-annually in Anchorage. Dalrymple has assisted with these exams for the past three years.

KRC Assistant Professors of English Cheryl Siemers and Scott Downing, along with Assistant Professor of Counseling Chris Stuive, attended UAA’s E-portfolio Institute. The week-long institute focused on the use of e-portfolios to enhance, assess and showcase student learning within departments or programs. Cheryl, Scott and Chris are planning to use e-portfolios in the classes they are teaching as part of KPC’s Smart Start Cohort pilot beginning in the fall. KPC will pilot the use of the e-portfolio platform titled Digication. This application is also being tested by various K-12 school systems.

KRC Assistant Professor of Psychology Paul Landen’s poster proposal for the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology 2011 was accepted and he presented it in January at the Annual NITOP in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

The KRC Student Union selected outstanding faculty and staff in spring 2011. Celia Anderson was named KRC’s Outstanding Full-time Professor of the year for 2010-2011. KRC adjunct Math faculty Angela Richardson was chosen as the Outstanding Adjunct and Carrie Burford was named Outstanding Staff.
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**Growth**

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KPC graduated 135 associates, six certificates and 80 GEDs in 2011, which was a KPC record. Previous records were set in 2010 and 2009. KPC awarded a total of 53 certificates and degrees in 2001, representing a 166 percent increase in 10 years.

In spring 2007, 28 veterans were enrolled at KPC. In spring 2011, 130 veterans took KPC classes.

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Core themes

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Teaching and Learning
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- Students achieve their academic, workforce, professional and/or self-enrichment goals.
- Offer enhanced and expanded programs that meet both the current and future student needs.

Core Theme #2
Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
- Support bipartite and tripartite faculty and student research, scholarship and creative activities.

Core Theme #3
Student Success
- Provide supportive student services that promote student success in a safe, stimulating learning environment to a culturally diverse student body.

Core Theme #4
KPC Community
- Attract and retain highly qualified, innovative, culturally diverse and inspiring staff.
- Provide the best equipped, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally responsible facilities in the state.
- Integrate cutting edge technology to optimally support college function and growth.
- Provide responsible fiscal stewardship.

Core Theme #5
Public Square
- Students, faculty and staff contribute to their local and global community.
- Offer public programs and partnerships that meet both current and future needs of our local and global community.
During the spring/summer 2010 hiring season, KPC Process Technology and Industrial Process Instrumentation students fared very well competing for full-time industry positions and for salaried student internship slots, which often lead to full-time employment. In 2010, KPC graduates were selected and hired by: BP Alaska, ConocoPhillips-Alaska, Tesoro, ConocoPhillips-Washington, CH2MHILL, REC Silicon-Washington, ASRC, Udelfhoven, IISCO, Schlumberger and other firms.

KPC was represented at the Elders & Youth Services/Business Expo, sponsored by the Alaska Native Professional Association, last October in Fairbanks. KPC also had a booth at the Anchorage College and Career Fair in the Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage and at the Kenai Central High School College Fair. These events provided excellent opportunities to show Alaskan students what KPC has to offer.

KBC-UAA nursing students staffed a table at the annual Community Health Fair in November, taking blood pressures and providing educational materials.

In April, BP visited three UA campuses in search of interns. Fifteen offers were made; six from KPC’s AES, five from KRC and four from UAF/CTC. Interns reported to work on June 6, 2011.

The KRC Student Union hosted the end of the year BBQ with more than 100 faculty, student and staff in attendance. BBQ ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and many desserts were consumed. Music was provided and arranged by Chris Pepper and Jordan Oleson.

The UAA AAS nursing program at KRC reported a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensing exams for the 12 graduates of December 2010. This is the second time in 10 years a cohort has had 100 percent pass rate on the first try of this difficult exam.

Kathleen Griffin, assistant professor of Paramedic Technology, and her five Mat-Su College paramedic students visited KRC to work with eight paramedic students and 13 nursing students in the fall. The day-long session was KRC’s first interprofessional simulation using a variety of technology enhanced teaching aids simulating emergencies and needed patient care.

Paramedicine faculty at UAA/KRC and UAA/Mat-Su Campus are now co-teaching courses through the use of interactive video equipment at each site. Assistant Professors Paul Perry of KRC and Kathleen Griffin of Mat-Su College began collaborating on the program in May 2010.

The Art department was pleased to congratulate two KPC students from Digital Photography courses at KPC, and KPC College Council member Joe Kashi and his daughter for being juried into the traveling exhibit “Rarefied Light 2010.” Only 53 Alaskan photographers were selected.
The KRC Student Union hosted a Mexican buffet food event on Jan. 31, providing free lunch to approximately 150 students, staff and faculty. A free breakfast pilot program was offered to students, staff, and faculty during the last two weeks of the fall 2010 semester with approximately 50 attending each day. Free massages were also offered to the campus community during finals week of the fall semester with more than 200 free massages given. A visit from Santa Claus, portrayed by Tom Dairymple, was held on Dec. 1, with about 250 children attending the successful event.

Donna Schwanke, a student in Associate Professor of Art Celia Anderson’s watercolor class, won an award at the Alaska Watercolor Society Exhibition at the Anchorage Museum at the Rasmusson Center.

KRC’s Celebration of the Arts was held in April. The event was open to the public and the Art Students’ League Association gave demonstrations of art media and processes including Photoshop, batik, discharge dying of fabric, pastel painting, watercolor, acrylic painting, sculpture and more.

The UAA School of Nursing has provided the KRC Nursing Department with student response clickers to allow remote (or local) instructors to quickly ask for and receive student responses from all students on multiple choice questions. Students respond to questions using the clicker and results are captured by a receiver in the classroom and relayed to the instructor via the Internet. The results can be displayed and discussed within seconds of posing the question.

Six KRC Art students had their work accepted for the November 2010 UAA “No Big Heads” national self-portrait competition; 44 of 99 works submitted were accepted.

The upgrade of the Process Technology DCS (Digital Control System) simulator “Simtronics” was successful. This upgrade has increased the number of students who have access to the simulator and increased the simulator models available at both KRC and AES. Currently, students have access to 11 simulator models. This upgrade has also allowed the simulator to be used by students from any Internet connection so they can do simulator assignments from anywhere, including the North Slope. With the upgrade, the Troubleshooting class was offered last spring for the first time as an e-learning course.

KRC students protested proposed Kenai Peninsula Borough budget cuts in front of the borough administration building on Feb. 15. The borough mayor had proposed that funding provided to KPC through a 1/10th mill levy approved by voters 20 years ago be suspended for a year to help the borough pay for the construction of a solid waste transfer station in Homer. KPC received $637,570 from the borough last year.

Shauna Thornton, KRC Student Union president, LeAndra Macauly, KBC Student Association president and Kathy Cox, KRCSU communications officer, traveled to Juneau with the Coalition of Student Leaders Feb. 19-22 to advocate for funding for needs-based financial aid for UA students statewide and funding for deferred maintenance for UA campuses statewide. Thornton and Cox met with House Speaker Mike Chenault, Representative Kurt Olson and Senator Tom Wagoner. Thornton also met with Governor Sean Parnell.

Rick Cupp, KPC Digital Art degree student, who is approximately 2/3 of the way through the degree, achieved a big honor in fall 2010. A work of photographic fine art that he started in ART A323 Color Photography was reworked and submitted to Rarefied Light last summer. He was accepted in the juried show and now the Anchorage Museum has purchased the artwork he displayed. The piece, titled “Photoshoppian Man,” now resides in the Museum’s permanent collection. It draws on his knowledge of Art History and a piece by Leonardo Da Vinci called “Vitruvian Man.”

The KRC Student Health Clinic had a site visit from Harborview Medical Center/University of Washington Project Echo Hepatitis C staff, John Scott, MD and Kent Unruh, Ph.D. They reviewed inclusion requirements of their research and service project helping people who have limited access to health care for the prevention, screening and treatment of Hepatitis C. The clinic worked with the IT department to ensure weekly access to teleconferences that will start as a training opportunity and evolve into a consult and treatment conference as patients are identified through increased screening promotions on campus. The clinic planed to begin implementing this project around Nov. 1.

DC Electronics, ET A101, is required for both the Industrial Process Instrumentation and Computer Electronics AAS degrees and it is a recommended elective for the Process Technology AAS. With the assistance of the KPC Title III group, an e-learning version of this course was developed and piloted by Assistant Professor of Computer Electronics Rich Kochis for a small cohort of students. For the majority of the course’s hands-on lab requirements, students used MultiSim electronic simulation software in conjunction with a small lab kit of electronics hardware, including a digital multimeter, DC power supply, wires, resistors, electronic prototyping board, lamps and other components.
College improvements.

KBC’s Bayview Hall opened to the public on May 13 with an Open House. Approximately 80 people toured the new facility and extended congratulations to KBC faculty and staff.

WELDING HELMETS

In 2002, the KRC welding dept. became the first and only educational institution in Alaska to use Powered Air Purifying Respirator welding helmets; the Alaska Railroad is the only major corporate/business entity that also uses these helmets. This technology provides an environment which is far healthier, more comfortable and more effective for teaching and learning welding. Welding department Associate Professor Fritz Miller predicts that OSHA and industry safety departments will soon require this equipment for most welding jobs. State funding enabled KRC to replace the PAPR welding systems purchased eight years ago with state-of-the-art modern systems.
With the planning and efforts of Professor Allen Houtz and Adjunct Instructor Jake Main, KRC’s Instruments Lab received a much-needed makeover. Obsolete equipment was removed, new lab bench space was created, and additional functionality was added.

KPC’s new web site was deployed Sept. 3. The new site brings all KPC locations together in the same format, while allowing campuses and extension sites to maintain their own identity. E-Learning education also has its own area of the web site to assist distance students in locating resources unique to the e-learning format. The site has a clean, modern design and is organized from a user’s perspective and is different in that it’s administered via a content management system, allowing for multiple content authors. More new site features such as blogging and an Intranet will be implemented in future phases.

Three new faculty offices were created in room 129 of KRC’s process simulation lab area. Professors Henry Haney, Jeffrey Laube and Darrell Ellis are now housed in this space.

The Title III Team provided lots of faculty support throughout the summer for those who attended the week-long Distance Education Workshop in May. Support continues for those faculty who are providing distance or hybrid courses.

KRC IT began setting up Softphones for selected faculty members that are teaching off-campus and some out-of-state locations. These phones allow communication with students as if the faculty member had an on-campus phone. The package includes all the features of a campus phone, including voicemail. Nine faculty members were selected by their department chairs to test this new technology.

KBC’s West Campus officially closed May 25, marking a significant milestone for KPC and KBC.
Notable grants and donations received.

2011 Highlights

KPC’s annual, internal giving campaign culminated on May 6 at the KRC end-of-the-year BBQ with 53 donors participating. Thanks to all the generous staff, faculty and College Council members who participated, the amount of the donations totaled $12,566, representing 46 percent participation.

The totals from the last four Momentum Campaigns are as follows:

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Note: these numbers do not reflect the UAA Chancellor’s matching of new donations and any amount more than a donor’s previous donation, up to $2,500.

KPC received $378,100 from the Alaska Technical Vocational Education Program funds.

KRC’s Learning Center received a donation of $1,000 from the Kenai River Rotary Club to support the Read to Your Baby project.
### KPC donations — UA Foundation

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The Kenai Fishing Academy, now in its ninth year, had a successful course in late June. Twelve anglers spent five and a half days learning fishing techniques, stream ecology, wildlife safety and caring for their catch.

They also experienced a number of fishing trips where they learned from some of the state’s top fishing instructors.

Project Grad’s annual Summer Institute, co-sponsored by KBC, was held at KBC’s Pioneer Hall (previously East Campus) from June 6-10. More than 40 tenth through twelfth graders from area villages attended.

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