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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, September 12, 2007)

Short courses designed for busy Alaskans

Late registration for fall semester has wrapped up at the Kenai River Campus. There are, however, a number of short courses available for registration up until the first day of class. The courses are generally one or two credits and offered mostly in the evening. Registration has to be done in person at Campus Services.

Adjunct instructor Ted Bailey will be offering students the opportunity to travel back in time to a period of the earth's history when global temperatures were at record highs. Bailey's two-credit geology class, *The Dinosaur Renaissance*, centers on the period when dinosaurs fed on abundant vegetation on the North Slope of Alaska. There were no polar icecaps and the land was populated with plant and animal species now extinct. Bailey will present material from recent discoveries that have changed long held views of the lives of dinosaurs. The course will be offered from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday from October 18 - December 13 in room 132.

Students interested in expanding their musical horizons should consider Maria Allison's class, *Appreciating Opera*. Allison, an adjunct instructor at KRC for many years, is well known locally as a gifted pianist. Students in this one-credit class will be introduced to major arias, composers and styles of opera. The class meets Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:15 p.m. beginning November 1 - December 6 in room 107.

Many Alaskans dream of building their own log cabin. The log cabin construction class, offered by master log craftsman Tommy Corr, is designed for those serious about learning the skills necessary to make the dream a reality. The class offers a hands-on, lab component where students apply techniques and skills described in the classroom. The curriculum covers planning and organization, cost estimation and major phases of log building construction including foundation, floor, walls, roof, windows and doors and trim. The two-credit class meets September 21-29 on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-9:45 p.m. in room 105. The lab portion of the class meets from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., September 24-28 behind the welding shop.

KPC College Council meeting

One way that Kenai Peninsula College keeps abreast of the needs of the communities it serves is through the actions of the advisory body known as the KPC College Council. Members are chosen to provide representation from all sectors of the Kenai Peninsula. The college solicits interested community members when vacancies open on the Council. Prospective applicants wishing to serve submit letters of interest and a resume to Director Gary Turner's office.

KPC College Council meetings are open to the public and held monthly, except January, throughout the academic year in the communities KPC serves. The September meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. in room 121 in the new Mining and Petroleum Training Service facility at KRC in Soldotna.

Nursing informational session

Information regarding the KPC/UAA nursing program will be delivered from 2-4 p.m., on Friday in room 158. Nursing advisors Lynn Senette, R.N. and Dr. David Wartinbee will provide guidance regarding required pre-requisite courses, application procedures and the selection process.