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Student housing options discussed

A student housing industry open house was held October 2 at the Mining and Petroleum Training Service facility at the Kenai River Campus. UAA facilities and land representatives attended. Although only two interested parties attended, several others expressed interest but could not attend due to schedule conflicts.

KPC director Gary Turner said, "The meeting went well and the next step is to meet individually with these folks to answer their specific questions."

Director Turner told students at a recent student forum that any private partnership to establish student housing at KRC would require UA Board of Regents approval and that a realistic timeline for the establishment of housing would be approximately three years.

KRC Student Union hosting movie night for students and Open Mic for the public

The KRC student union will host a movie night featuring the Michael Bay film, *Transformers*, offered free to students with KPC I.D. cards, and also to staff and faculty. The film will have two showings, one at 5:15 p.m. and 7:40 p.m., on Friday, October 19 in room 109. They will serve free popcorn to attendees.

The KRC student union is hosting what production officer Chris Pepper calls "The Sweetest Open Mic Night" from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 in the KRC commons. The public is encouraged to dust off any and all talent and bring it to the Open Mic Night.

Kenai River Campus art department news

One of the goals of the art department at KRC is displaying as much student art work as possible. Art professor Celia Anderson's *Beginning Painting* students currently have an exhibition of landforms on display in the KRC commons. Student work is also on

display in the library, hallways and some faculty and staff offices, including the director's office.

The current exhibition in the Gary L. Freeburg Gallery is comprised of work from the Photo Fest conference recently held in Homer. The event was the result of collaboration between KPC and the Pratt Museum in hosting the "Portfolio Winners" exhibition. KRC digital art degree-seeking students and photography instructor Jayne Jones took part in the conference workshops and presented work in group photography shows in various Homer venues during the Photo Fest.

The next exhibit in the gallery at the Kenai River Campus will be opening the week of October 22 and will feature art by the KPC art faculty. The show will debut work created by the newest KRC adjunct art faculty member, Ellen Chambers.

The Art Students' League Association has started planning for this year's *Arts Extravaganza* that will be held at the Kenai Visitor Center on December 8. The fundraising event will consist of a live auction, silent auction and raffle as well as refreshments and gourmet desserts. The event focuses on student art offered for sale just in time for the holidays. As part of the fundraising effort, the group will sell raffle tickets for a lidded, ceramic vessel decorated with hieroglyphic moose created by Fairbanks artist James Brashear.

New Process Technology lab under construction at KRC

Work is underway to install and configure a new *Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition* (SCADA) lab on campus. When operational, the SCADA lab will contain 9 control "nodes," each with an Allen-Bradley/Rockwell-Automation programmable logic controller (PLC) and a computer workstation. The computer will be used to re-program the PLC for different functions and will act as the graphical user interface for the control system. The SCADA lab will be one of the most capable venues of its type in the state allowing hands-on experience in control systems programming and tuning and industrial plant operating procedures. The lab is projected to be functional by next semester.

KRC Paramedic students take national and state exams

Recently the KRC paramedical technology department hosted practical examinations for KRC paramedics seeking their national and state licenses. The paramedic examiner overseeing the testing process was Kathy Griffin, Alaska paramedic

coordinator for the southcentral region. Nine KRC paramedic graduates tested, with a 100% success rate.

For the first time, PMED A241 – Paramedicine I has been made available via distance delivery. The class is being offered in a hybrid format, with the majority of students receiving the course work face to face with the instructor at KRC and a few students attending via Elluminate Live technology on the internet, from Anchorage, Kodiak, and other areas.