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Reaching out to alumni major priority at KPC

As old saying goes, the proof is in the pudding. Common interpretation for those not familiar with the phrase is summed up as “results are what count.” Kenai Peninsula College will be testing the “pudding” to gauge community interest in supporting a KPC Alumni Association.

KPC realizes that in order to grow and meet the current and future needs of the Peninsula there must be continual interaction and cooperation with current and former students. These alumni are business owners, attorneys, teachers, engineers, nurses, laborers, dentists, journalists, fishermen, allied health professionals, carpenters, welders, machinists, office workers, etc., etc.

Anyone who has ever successfully completed a three-credit class at KPC is invited to attend the first KPC Alumni Association meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening, Nov. 20, in the conference room of the Mining and Petroleum Training Service building at the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna. Light refreshments will be served.

Future goals of the organization will be determined by the membership, but some ideas being discussed include alumni mentoring/networking with current students and other alumni, including helping members find employment and raising funds for scholarships or capital projects. Social events organized to keep alumni in touch with former classmates and group travel opportunities are also typical activities alumni associations organize to promote camaraderie and general fun.

For more information about the event, contact Bill Howell at 262-0314 or email inwh@uaa.alaska.edu .

Need a good laugh?

Having a nationally known comedian perform during the dark, winter months at KRC is becoming a regular event. This year, Josh Sneed will be performing at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 in rooms 107-109 in the Ward Building.

According to his promotional information, Sneed is a hilarious, down to earth comedian who has opened for such acts as Dave Chappelle, Dane Cook, and Dave Attell. With his southern style and relatable material, Josh is quickly making his mark as one of the top young comics in America today.

According to the Comedy Central website, Sneed is a bright young comic making his mark in the business of comedy. In 2003 Sneed was chosen as 1 of 10 finalists in Comedy Central's *Laugh Riots* competition. Josh was selected to perform at the 2004 *Montreal Just For Laughs Comedy Festival* in the new faces of comedy category. He was featured on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* which aired in 2005. His first solo comedy album, *A Shout Out To My Peeps*, was released in 2004. Sneed has appeared on *Comedy Central Presents* and is a regular at comedy clubs throughout the country.

KPC students with a valid student I.D. and at least one can of food for donation to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank get free admission to the show. Students with a valid student I.D. and no food donation pay \$2 for admission. Admission for the general public is \$5 with a food donation and \$8 without a food donation. Tickets are available only at the door.

The opening act for the comedy show will be the local band, *Fun with Bettie*, featuring KPC students Chris Pepper and Katie Wells.

This event is sponsored by the KRC Student Union and the KPC Showcase. The public is reminded that the comedy show may contain material intended for mature audiences only.

Kenai Peninsula College faculty searches

There are several personnel searches going on at the Kenai River Campus. Interviews for an accounting faculty member are scheduled to be held later this month.

Another active search is ongoing for an assistant director of academic affairs for the Kenai River Campus. The search committee for this position anticipates holding interviews the last week of January and first week of February.

Applicants for an occupational safety and health faculty position at KPC's Anchorage Extension Site will be interviewed in mid-December.

After an extensive search process, Mike Hawfield has accepted the assistant professor of history/political science at KPC's Kachemak Bay Campus. Hawfield brings an impressive background to the position and he has been an adjunct teaching for both KPC campuses for the past 10 years.

Hawfield served as KPC's representative to the UA Distance Education Steering Committee from 2004-2005 and was the director of the Pratt Museum in Homer from 1997-2003.