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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, November 27, 2007)

Spring semester registration right around the corner

The year is rapidly coming to a close and Kenai Peninsula College will be finishing up the current semester Dec. 15.

The spring semester schedule is online at kpc.alaska.edu. The printed version of the schedule will be mailed out to residents during the second week of December.

Web registration for spring semester opens on Dec. 3. Walk-in registration will be held on from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10 and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11.

Everyone is reminded to sign-up early for classes as most fill-up quickly.

For students new to the area or new to the college experience entirely, KPC's Kenai River Campus offers new student orientation sessions. There will be two sessions for the general public at 3 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8 in rooms 107-109 in the Ward Building. Separate, mandatory sessions are offered on Jan. 9 for high school juniors and below at 3 p.m. and at 6 p.m. for high school seniors taking advantage of the JumpStart program. Students are encouraged to sign-up for the sessions by calling 262-0330 or emailing iyinfo@uaa.alaska.edu.

Spring semester classes begin January 14. There are more distance delivered (online) classes offered by KPC than ever before.

Kenai River Campus students sought after for work in Cook Inlet

The department chair of KRC's business and industry division, Scott Kraxberger, reports that ConocoPhillips, through oilfield contractor Peaks Oilfield Services, will be hiring two current instrumentation or process technology students to assist in maintaining and correcting the piping and instrumentation diagrams (P&IDs) of the Tyonek Platform.

Selected students will spend approximately 21 days on the platform working with ConocoPhillips instrumentation and operations technicians, tracing existing piping and instrumentation circuits and confirm and/or correcting the platform diagrams.

“ConocoPhillips/Peak says that the selected students will probably be allowed to ‘fly to the beach’ for Christmas Day,” said Kraxberger.

Kachemak Bay Campus hires new faculty

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.

Don’t miss the best laughing opportunity in town

Comedian Josh Sneed will be performing at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 in rooms 107-109 in the Ward Building of the Kenai River Campus.

KPC students with a valid student I.D. and at least one can of food for donation to the Food Bank get free admission to the show; with no food donation it’s \$2 for admission. General public admission is \$5 with a food donation and \$8 without.

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.

