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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, December 4, 2007)

Registration for spring semester available now

The public can now register for the upcoming spring semester online at kpc.alaska.edu. The key thing for anyone who needs a particular course is to not procrastinate—sign-up for the course right away. Most of the classes that meet general education requirements fill-up rapidly. Examples include, but are not limited to, *Methods of Written Communication*, *Technical Writing*, *Fundamentals of Oral Communication*, *General Psychology* and preparatory level English and math courses.

The spring semester course schedule is available on the KPC homepage in both a condensed, “classes only” format and the entire “print” version that will be mailed out in the next two weeks. It is important for everyone who registers for classes to check the “classes only” version occasionally, and definitely prior to the beginning of the semester, to ensure that there have been no changes, including cancellations, to the classes they have signed up for. That will allow for time to modify schedules to clear up any conflicts that may result. Although every effort is made to avoid changes to the planned schedule, inevitably they occur—often for reasons out of the college’s control.

Anyone having trouble registering online is encouraged to contact Campus Services at 262-0330 or email iyinfo@uaa.alaska.edu for help. There are computers available in Campus Services and the main commons area dedicated to the registration process. Peer advisors, student employees trained to help fellow students, can walk anyone through the process.

KPC courses offered targeting local backyard mechanics

Due to some late scheduling snafus, there were two classes that did not get into the “print” version of the spring course schedule. According to business and industry

department chair, associate professor Scott Kraxberger, they will be of great interest to all motor heads.

“For the first time ever, adjunct instructor Bruce Galloway will be teaching *Engine Theory and Diagnostics*. The class is new to KPC and we hope it is well received in the community. It will be taught at Kenai Central High Schools auto shop in order to utilize the lift and state of the art computerized diagnostic analyzer. The 3-credit class will be held from 6-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays,” Kraxberger said.

The other class not printed in the schedule book is *Gasoline Engine Rebuilding*, also taught by Galloway at KCHS auto shop. The 3-credit class is also offered in the one-night per week format, from 6-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

These classes are a great winter diversions for hobbyists or anyone wishing to hone their mechanical skills. For more information, contact Scott Kraxberger at 262-0354.

5th Annual Art Extravaganza set

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, mark the calendar for the Kenai River Campus Art Students’ League Association’s annual fund and fun raising event. The Art Extravaganza will be from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Kenai Visitor’s and Cultural Center.

Enjoy gourmet desserts while bidding on original works of art by silent or outcry auction. The student club is also selling raffle tickets, available at the KPC Bookstore, for large pictograph, ceramic vessel by artist James Brashear.