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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, December 18, 2007)

Web registration a growing trend at Kenai Peninsula College

Over 46% of students who registered for classes during fall 2007 semester did so online. This is an increase of 5 % over the previous fall semester.

According to Shelly Blatchford, KRC registrar, this trend has continued since the advent of online registration in the UA system.

“Every semester, more and more students take advantage of web registration. Even the students who have difficulty and come on campus for help, after they are walked through the process, the next time they can easily register by themselves,” said Blatchford.

Students who need to be certain they get into the classes they need should take the time to register online right away. Those classes that meet general education requirements, courses that must be completed to meet almost all degree programs, are rapidly filling up.

The Kenai River Campus will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Dec. 21. The campus will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1. The college reopens on Jan. 2.

Walk-in registration will be 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., January 10 and 11.

New student orientations will be offered at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Jan. 8 for the general public. High school students of junior status and below will have a mandatory NSO at 3 p.m. on Jan. 9 and seniors (JumpStart students) NSO will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 9. Call 262-0330 or email iyinfo@uaa.alaska.edu to make an appointment for any of the NSO sessions.

Kachemak Bay Campus graduates first class of UAA/KPC nurses

Eight students have completed the first Kachemak Bay Campus-based, UAA associate of applied science program in nursing.

Recognition of their achievements will be celebrated at a pinning ceremony coordinated and planned by the students and college staff last Saturday.

The nursing graduates included Marjorie A. Belieu, Amy Christiansen, Cristina Ferman, Marianne Hyman, Jessica James, Heather McHenry, Heather Rothenberger and Amy Sealman.

The next cohort of nursing students begins in January 2008 at the Kachemak Bay Campus. The Kenai River Campus will start a new cohort in January 2009.

UAA Radiology Technology program set to come to KPC campuses

The new UAA/KPC Radiology Technology program is set to begin fall semester 2008. Only two students will be accepted into the program each fall on the Peninsula. The classroom portion of the program will be delivered from UAA in Anchorage via interactive video with UAA faculty. Students will complete the required clinical rotations at Central Peninsula Hospital.

Significant preparation required to meet admissions requirements into the program and because of limited seats, students who apply to the program will be evaluated on a number of criteria, including grade point average and successful completion of a number of prerequisites. Students who are interested in the program should plan on talking to an advisor before the beginning of spring semester to be sure they are focusing on the right prerequisite classes.

Dr. David Wartinbee, professor of biology at KRC, will be available by appointment after January 7, 2008 to advise students. Wartinbee can be reached at 262-0377 or ifdcw@uaa.alaska.edu.