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TO: News Room: ATTN: Schools Section  
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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, September 25, 2007)

### **Long-time Kenai River Campus professor retires**

After teaching thousands of students the business of accounting and economics over a 31 year span, KRC professor Dayne Clark has retired.

Clark served as the co-organizer of KRC's Career Day, an event that brought almost every local high school student on campus to hear presentations by professionals from many different careers.

Clark served on the board of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank and belonged to the Soldotna Rotary for many years. Clark was awarded the Professional Person of the Year by the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce in 2002.

Clark said he will be moving to Moses Lake, Washington and looks forward to doing things that he couldn't because of his teaching schedule.

### **Fall semester enrollments**

Kenai Peninsula College campuses and extension sites show a 3.8% decrease in headcount and a 2.7% decrease in student credit hours compared to 2006 fall semester. KPC currently has 319 full-time students and 1119 part-time students.

The rate at which students are registering online has continued to increase every semester since registration via telephone was eliminated. In the fall 2005 semester, 52% of class seats were reserved online; 69% in fall 2006 and this semester 75% of all course seats were booked online. It is anticipated this trend will continue as the internet gains more popularity.

### **KRC site of collaborative effort to improve service to rural students**

KRC hosted a group of 22 faculty members from the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Arts and Science and College of Education, and Kodiak College at the Kenai River Campus on August 31. The purpose of the all-day meeting was to discuss how UAA could better serve rural students that are pursuing the Bachelor of Liberal Studies and Bachelor of Elementary Education via distance delivery throughout the state. Additionally, this gave Anchorage-based faculty an opportunity to learn more about the community campus environment, meet their colleagues and enhance the communication between faculty at Kenai Peninsula College, UAA and Kodiak College.

### **KRC Paramedic program update**

The Paramedical Technology department began another cohort of Paramedic A.A.S. students in August. Paramedics from the current graduating class have all completed their required field internships at metropolitan emergency services departments from New York City to Tacoma, Washington. The program is now approved to perform all necessary testing for National and State of Alaska Paramedic licensure on-site.

The application deadline for the fall 2008 Paramedic program is Friday, April 18, 2008. For more information, contact coordinator Paul Perry at 262-0378 or [ifpep@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ifpep@uaa.alaska.edu) .