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Former KPC counselor died his way

Jim Morrison was an associate professor and counselor at Kenai Peninsula College's Kenai River campus from Aug. 1, 1975 until he retired June 30, 2002. After fighting illness for a long time, Morrison died at home on Sept. 12, 2008.

"I wanted to let the community know that Jim died. He was such a private man that he didn't want people to know or see him so ill. I promised there would be no obituary or service. But I think that there are those who would want to at least know of his death. He touched a lot of lives, both students and faculty, during his years at the college," Morrison's wife, Pat, said.

"People who knew Jim know that death was not a word that he feared. He taught, after all, "Death and Dying." He was able to do it his way in the end: here at home with me, not in pain, and not afraid. I guess, in this life, you can't ask for more. The battle was long but we are glad that he is at peace."

Condolences can be sent to P.O. Box 1615, Soldotna or e-mail wspirit@alaska.net.

University of Alaska Coalition of Student Leaders elects KRC student as speaker

Todd Marshall-Closson has been elected as speaker of the UA Coalition of Student Leaders for the coming year at the annual UA President's Retreat. Marshall-Closson currently serves as vice-president of the Kenai River Campus Student Union. Marshall-Closson formerly served as the chairman of the System Governance Council.

The Coalition of Student Leaders is a statewide student organization consisting of student government representatives from across Alaska. The coalition provides a forum for student expression and facilitates dialogue between faculty, staff, administration, state legislature and Alaska communities.

It was also announced that KRC Student Union President Ruth Griess and Kachemak Bay Student Association President Lucas Wilcox were elected to the System Governance Council.

The council provides a mechanism for students, faculty and staff to interact with the university president and regents regularly to discuss policies and procedures for, and

participating in, the university budget process; the framing of long range plans; university development; enhancing the university's public image; and educating the public.

Unique program supports art education and student scholarships

The Triumvirate Theatre, located in the Peninsula Center Mall in Soldotna, has announced they are accepting applications for *Class Act*, a drama troupe of up to ten students, grades seven to 12. Students must apply (postmarked no later than Oct. 20) and if they qualify they will be invited to audition for the troupe in early November. Applications can be downloaded at www.triumviratetheatre.org .

According to the Triumvirate Web site, students chosen for *Class Act* enrich their arts education and have an opportunity to earn scholarship money for college. Half of all funds earned by troupe shows go into an interest-building fund. Upon graduation from high school, each eligible student receives their share of the funds in the form of a scholarship.