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KPC students invite community to trick-or-treat

The Student Union is hosting an afternoon of safe, fun-filled trick-or-treating open the public at the Kenai River Campus from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. Various departments will decorate their offices and offer candy to visiting trick-or-treaters. Maps of participating departments can be picked up at the Campus Services desk or the Student Union office. The Student Union will also be hosting a movie night at 5 p.m. following the trick-or-treat session. The KRCSU will be showing *Wall-E* and *Hancock*. The movie is available to KPC ID-holding students and guests.

KPC offers financial help to next semester's students

As the struggling economy continues to decline, the challenge of financing a college education is becoming increasingly difficult for students. Tuition and fees, which are always on the rise, increased 56 percent between 2000 and 2007 in the UA system, but is still a great deal for students at 24 percent below the average for public universities nationwide, whose tuition increased 74 percent since 2000, according to *Understanding Alaska*, a series of studies funded by the University of Alaska Foundation.

KPC offers a large number of options to help students afford college. Students can apply for KPC's campus-based scholarships with one application – the Campus-Based Scholarships 2009 Spring Semester Application – available for download on the web at [www.kpc.alaska.edu/Spring 2009 KPC Scholarship Application.pdf](http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/Spring%202009%20KPC%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf) and can also be picked up at KRC's Financial Aid office. In addition to the application, applicants are required to fill out a two-page, double-spaced personal essay outlining their career and educational goals, attach unofficial transcripts and fill out the FAFSA in order to assist the scholarship committee in determining financial aid. All of the recipients must be UAA, KPC or UAS degree- or certificate-seeking students. There are restrictions and special instructions for some of the scholarships. Scholarships summaries are available on the application. The deadline for the KPC

campus-based scholarships is 5 p.m. Nov. 7. The applications must be at the Financial Aid office by that time.

The federal government, recognizing the huge financial hurdle college expenses pose, offers Federal Pell Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, as well as Stafford Loans and Parent Loan Programs that students can apply for. The state of Alaska also offers Supplemental Education Loans.

New art show at Kenai River Campus

KPC art faculty has work up in the Gary L. Freeburg gallery. The art incorporates material from the machine shop that was headed to the dumpster, donated to the artists by Drew O'Brien, KRC's mechanical technology instructor. The art show will run through Nov. 13 and features Celia Anderson, Cathleen Rolph, Joy Falls, William Heath and Ellen Chambers.