

Popular 'Film Noir' online class returns to KPC

Bob Amundson will be teaching Humanities 220, Film as/and Literature, during the spring '09 semester as an online course. The class fulfills a humanities requirement that many students need to graduate. The focus of the class will be "Film Noir" and the literature that inspired "dark films", which were produced between 1945 and 1955. Film Noir has been recognized as a unique American cinematic art form. "Common characteristics of these films include the use of black and white film stock and high contrast lighting, frequent use of oblique/high/low camera shots, and voice-over narration; which when employed, allowed the story to unfold as a series of flashbacks," according to Amundson. Film Noir plot lines dealt with "doomed love triangles, femme-fatales, obsessive/aberrant behaviors, lone-wolf and altruistic private eyes, and a host of alienated and flawed characters set against the backdrop of large, impersonal cities in post World War II America." Student assigned reading will include works by Lionel White ("Clean Break"), David Goodis ("Dark Passage"), Patricia Highsmith ("Strangers on a Train"), and Kenneth Fearing ("The Big Clock"). For further information contact Amundson at bobamundson@hotmail.com.

Career Day to be held at KRC

KPC's 19th annual Career Day will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov 14. at the Kenai River Campus. Anywhere from 200-300 students are expected to attend the event. Last year over 320 students attended from all over the Peninsula, including Nanwalek, Seldovia and Tyonek. Presentations will be given by various speakers about their occupations, what skills and training that someone in their occupation needs and various other career-related topics. Each presenter will speak for 30 minutes.

"Career Day has been a really powerful career exploration event where high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as KPC students and career changers in the community can check out different career options, in this community and beyond, that are projected to be in demand in the future," Krista Timlin, KRC's Career & Community Engagement Center's programs manager, said. There will be a total of 66 presenters at the event, and several people representing 11 organizations will be at tables in the upstairs commons for the duration of Career Day. For those interested in finding out more about Career Day call Timlin at 262-0337, or John Lagoutaris or Allison Hulst at 262-0376. The Career & Community Engagement Center staff can provide people with a schedule and help them prepare to make the most of attending the event.

New art show in KRC's art gallery

Steven Godfrey, assistant professor of art and head of the Ceramics area in UAA's art department, will be showing new works in the Gary L. Freeburg gallery from Nov. 16 to Dec. 11. There will be an opening reception and artist talk Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m in the gallery. See examples of Godfrey's work online at <http://art.uaa.alaska.edu/godfrey/index.html>.