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### **Spring semester registration update**

Four weeks of registration remain until the first day of classes on Jan. 12, and 25 class sections have filled at the Kenai River Campus. Nine are Web-based courses, falling into the general education requirement category.

At the Kenai River Campus 195 full-time and 576 part-time students have registered for spring semester—52 percent more students than the same time last year. The comparison, however, is skewed because Web registration opened two weeks earlier this year—the earliest ever.

“We are doing really well, but we know that we will level out. The important message for folks is if there are certain classes they want, it would behoove them to get registered,” Bill Howell, KRC student services director, said. “Registration at KPC is not the way it was ten years ago. KPC classes are in demand, our degrees are in demand and registration on the Web has increased competition for classes vital to certain degree programs.”

Howell emphasizes that planning now for next fall semester can really pay off for students, especially those seeking financial aid.

“Talk to the financial aid office right now. Get advice needed to make sure that all required forms, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, are in place to secure aid for the fall. Take logical steps to plan for coming to college now,” Howell said.

### **New commons attracting students**

Now that the construction is complete, the new commons at KRC is becoming a student destination. The commons with a view, anecdotally referred to as the Skywalk, recently was marked with a 14 x 40 feet, soon-to-be lighted, sign.

“It’s nice, relaxing and quiet, but not library quiet,” Devin Copple, dental hygiene pre-major, said. “We love all the windows and the computers.”

Trent Semmens, a biology and physical education major, and Grace Olendorf, undeclared major, think the space is still the best secret on campus.

“It can be crowded in the downstairs commons,” Semmens said.

“We love the massive monitor on the wall; now all we need is a printer and copy machine,” Olendorf said.

### **The Art and History of Brewing: Learn to appreciate beer**

Part of KPC’s educational mission is to provide community interest classes, providing life-long learning opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. In that vein, Bill Howell, student services director and adjunct instructor, developed the Art and History of Brewing class to share his personal enthusiasm for what he calls the golden age of beer in the U.S. Howell’s goal is simple: raise awareness among locals to the larger world of beer.

The upcoming semester will be the third time Howell has offered the course. The one-credit class, delivered in 15 meetings beginning Jan. 29 and ending April 28, will meet from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday nights in room 132.

Howell emphasizes this is not a how-to-brew beer class. “We have one lecture on brewing, but I emphasize beer appreciation, pairing beers with foods, different styles and history of brews, glassware for serving beer and proper beer storage,” Howell said. “We taste beer in each class—just one to two ounces for academic purposes, so students must be 21 years old.”