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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, March 7, 2007)

**KPC Showcase Events at the Kenai River Campus this week**

The KPC Showcase invites the public to two events being held at the Kenai River Campus this week.

The first event showcases a place even colder than Alaska: the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Station located at the South Pole in Antarctica. Steven Theno, P.E., a lead engineer whose firm provided design services for the installation, will share his experiences working at the station.

This free presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow, March 8 in the KRC commons. Refreshments, including cookies provided by the KRC Psychology Club, will be served.

The following evening at 7:30 p.m., March 9, jazz comes to the Peninsula with the music of the Barney McClure Trio. McClure is an internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist. This performance comes to the Showcase series in conjunction with the Performing Arts Society. The performance will be held in the Ward Building at the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna.

Tickets for the show are \$15 general admission and \$12 for students. Tickets are on sale in Soldotna at the KRC Bookstore, Northcountry Fair, River City Books and Sweeney's. In Kenai, tickets can be purchased at Already Read Books and Charlotte's. If tickets are still available, they will be sold at the door.

All KPC Showcase events are funded in part by a grant from the Anna Fosset Goodrich Humanities Program of the Damon Memorial Fund.

**Kachemak Bay Campus anthropology club presentation: *Women and Islam***

The public is invited to an evening presentation from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at KPC's Kachemak Bay Campus (East) in Homer, centering on the current state of women in the Middle East.

The first lecture, titled *Arab Women—A Personal Perspective*, will be given by Glenna Holtby, followed by freelance writer and photographer Karen Button's presentation, "A Tribute to Women in Iraq."

For more information about the event, contact anthropology club advisor, Dr. Holly Cusack-McVeigh at 907-235-7743 or email [ifhmc@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ifhmc@uaa.alaska.edu).

**Traditional Alaskan cultural event features Athabascan Fiddlers and more**

The public is invited to a free evening of traditional Alaskan entertainment at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center (KVCC). The event is the result of collaborative efforts by the KRC Student Union, Multicultural Consortium, and the KVCC.

Performers include the Anchorage Native Entertainment Association's Athabascan Fiddlers and musical groups, *Pilot Bread* and *Forget-Me-Not*. This alcohol-free, family event will have refreshments, including fry bread and salmon spread, coffee and tea, provided by the Kenaitze Indian Tribe Tyotkas' Elders Services.

"There will be dancing, guitar-playing, fiddling, and singing. This traditional music and dancing is a result of Athabascans in interior Alaska learning fiddle music and step dancing from early traders in the region," said Harley Semekan, KRC's multicultural advocate.

**Registration open for 2007 Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference**

The fifth annual Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference will be held June 8-12 at Lands End Resort in Homer. This year's keynote presenter is internationally-acclaimed author, Amy Tan.

This year the conference will feature twenty-two award-winning, nationally-recognized authors, editors and agents. They will conduct creative writing workshops, readings, craft talks and panel presentations in fiction, nonfiction, children's writing, nature writing, poetry and the business of writing. There will be evening readings, June 9-11, by the visiting writers, including Amy Tan. These events are open to the general public at no charge.

Young writers in grades 10-12, can attend a pre-conference workshop conducted by John Straley, Alaska's writer laureate, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on June 8.

Advanced registration is required for the conference. Fees include luncheons, opening dinner presentation and workshops. There is a \$50 discount for registration prior to May 4. Participants have the option of receiving one college credit for the conference.

For more information about the conference, call KBC at 907-235-7743 or visit the website at <http://writersconference.homer.alaska.edu> .

### **KPC student artwork in multiple venues**

Six KRC art students have pieces on display in the Kenai Fiber Art Exhibition currently showing at the Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center. The exhibit will be showing through March 30.

Photography aficionados can see student works at Coffee Roasters, located in the Red Diamond Center in Soldotna, through March 30. The exhibit features images produced by beginning digital and film photography students from fall 2006 semester.

### **KPC Director appointed to legislative committee on ethics**

KPC Director Gary J. Turner was recently confirmed by the Alaska Senate and House for his appointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe appointed him to this 3-year appointment in September 2006. The committee typically meets 2-3 times in Juneau in the spring and 2-3 times in Anchorage in the fall.

