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TO: News Room: ATTN: Schools Section  
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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, March 28, 2007)

**Informational meeting for KPC/UAA Nursing Programs announced**

There will be an informational presentation about registered nursing programs available through KPC and UAA from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, March 30 in room 132 at the Kenai River Campus.

The information will be presented by professors Lynn Senette and Dr. David Wartinbee. They will discuss the various programs, especially those offered on the Kenai Peninsula in Homer and Soldotna. Areas such as prerequisite courses, general education courses, the NET test, and application requirements will be discussed. The ranking system used by the UAA nursing department for acceptance will be covered. There will be an opportunity for individual advising and planning sessions for those attending.

For additional information, call Dr. David Wartinbee at 262-0377.

**KPC faculty achievements**

Staying informed, interacting with peers and presenting research findings are all in a days work for faculty at Kenai Peninsula College. It is critical for faculty members to stay in touch with what is going on in their respective fields in order to bring the most current information to their students.

Dr. Christine Gehrett, professor of teacher education at the Kenai River Campus, has had her paper, “Toward a Pedagogy of Peace: Philosophical Inquiry as a Foundation for Understanding” accepted for the XIII International Council for Philosophical Investigation with Children Conference. The conference will be held in Jerusalem, Israel at the Hebrew University from June 4-11, 2007.

Having taught at Kenai Peninsula College for thirty-four years, Dr. Alan Boraas, professor of anthropology, has ongoing anthropological research projects, many that center on the cultural and history of the local indigenous population, the Dena'ina. Boraas is an expert on the Dena'ina language, actively working to document and preserve the language. In recognition of his extensive work and dedication to the history and language of the Dena'ina, he was made an honorary member of the Kenaitze Tribe.

Dr. Boraas presented a paper last week, entitled "People of the Verb: Dena'ina Language and Cognition" at the Alaska Anthropological Association conference in Fairbanks.

Boraas presented a lecture at UAA last month as part of the ongoing Polaris Lecture Series, titled "Modern Lessons Through Ancient Languages." A digital audio recording of the lecture is available in its entirety from the KPC web site home page. In this lecture, Boraas discusses the tragedy of the extinction of ancient Native languages, what can be learned from the people, and asks questions about preserving the invaluable traditions and languages of many Alaskan tribes.

Recently Boraas published poetry in the winter 2007 edition of "Ice Floe: International Poetry Journal of the North." Boraas puts an ancient twist on a modern song by translating into the Dena'ina language, "Dust in the Wind," the hit song by the 70's rock group, Kansas.

### **Open Mic Night celebrates the diverse cultures at KRC**

The KRC Student Union and the Multicultural Consortium invites the public to the a multicultural-themed installment of Open Mic Night from 7-10 p.m., Friday, March 30 in the McLane Building commons. There will be an open potluck and the Alaska Christian College Eskimo Dance Group will perform. Anyone who would like to showcase their talent is invited to contact the Student Union to reserve an entertainment slot. The Open Mic Night is intended for mature audiences.

For more information or to sign up to perform, contact the Student Union at 262-0339 or [iysgov@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:iysgov@uaa.alaska.edu) .

### **KRC Paramedic and Nursing programs upgrade simulated patient**

Students in EMT, paramedic, and nursing courses at KPC have got the next best thing to a real patient to practice on. Recently, SimMan I was replaced with SimMan II; a second generation patient simulator.

According to the vendor web site, SimMan II is a portable patient simulator designed for team training. SimMan II has realistic anatomy and clinical functionality that provides simulation-based education to challenge and test students' clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. SimMan includes well-proven software and an interactive, technologically advanced manikin that allows learners to practice emergency treatment of patients.

SimMan II comes with a 19" flat screen monitor that displays various simulated patient vital statistics. The instructor has complete control of the simulated patient's systems. Features include a realistic 12-lead EKG signal, multiple breathing modes, pulse/blood pressure in extremities (feet/hands), and lots more.

### **Advanced painting students open exhibit**

Three advanced painting students from the Kenai River Campus, Pat Lytle, Melinda Nelson and Nathan Nash will have an exhibition of their works at the Kenai Visitor and Cultural Center opening as a *First Thursday* event from 5-7 p.m. on April 5, 2007. These students have all studied under Celia Anderson, KRC professor of art, for several classes.

The exhibition, titled "Divergent Views," will show through April. For more information, contact Celia Anderson at 262-0361 or email [ifcra@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ifcra@uaa.alaska.edu) .