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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, April 25, 2007)

UA President and UAA Chancellor visit central Peninsula

KPC's Kenai River Campus in Soldotna is hosting University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton and University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Fran Ulmer today.

During their visit, Hamilton and Ulmer will address the Kenai Chamber of Commerce during the regular Chamber luncheon meeting held today from noon until 1 p.m. at the Kenai Merit Inn in Kenai.

This afternoon, the President and Chancellor will meet with KRC faculty, full-time and adjunct, as well as staff and students in the commons from 3-4 p.m.

Celebration of the Arts and Band-Aid concert set for the weekend

The public is invited to see first hand what art means on the Kenai River Campus at the annual *Celebration of the Arts*. A variety of events are planned beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28.

The evening begins with the annual student art exhibit closing reception in the G.L. Freeburg Gallery in the Brockel Building. This is the last chance the public has to see student art chosen for this juried exhibition. The student artists will be on-hand to discuss their pieces and interact with the public. In addition, there will be a lecture and slide presentation titled, "KRC Arts at a Glance," by Celia Anderson, professor of art. Anderson will serve as master of ceremonies at a fiber structures fashion show presented by her fiber structures class. The *Celebration of the Arts* will culminate with the release and signing of the 2007 edition of "Driftwood," KRC's literary and art magazine published by Dr. Barb Christian.

The evening continues with a fundraising concert, dubbed *BAND-AID*, which benefits the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. The concert is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. in the Ward Building. The concert features local musicians donating their time talents to make the concert possible. Musicians scheduled to perform include David Edward-Smith, Chaz Nixon, Whitey, Melissa Kay, Dan Pascucci, Casey Mclure, Dan Spencer, Chris Pepper, Aaron Allen, Katie Evans, Vickie Tinker, Steve Schoonmaker and Robb Justice.

The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank will be serving free soup at the concert and a number of door prizes, including an acoustical guitar and case, will be given away during the concert. The public is asked to make an \$8 donation at the door to support the fundraiser and t-shirts commemorating the concert are available now for \$15 each at the KRC Bookstore and will be available at the event.

Time running out to apply for fall 2007 semester scholarships

Anyone planning on attending Kenai Peninsula College this fall semester should be aware that the deadline for submitting a variety of scholarship applications is 5 p.m., Friday, April 27. Completed applications should be turned into the financial aid office at the Kenai River Campus.

Applications for campus-based scholarships and high school senior tuition waiver scholarships are available to download and print at the KPC website at www.kpc.alaska.edu/ . Applicants are reminded that only complete applications will be evaluated. The campus-based scholarship application packet enables applicants to apply for 13 different scholarships with the one application.

The City of Soldotna is offering a total of \$7500 in four different scholarship categories. Applicants are limited to 2007 high school graduates meeting specific scholarship criteria and residing in Soldotna or attending Soldotna area schools. Applications for the scholarships are available at the KRC financial aid office. Applications must be returned to the KRC financial aid office by 5 p.m. April 27 or, if mailed, post marked by 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

There are *many* more scholarship opportunities available for current students and potential students. Unfortunately, many scholarships go unclaimed every year because of a lack of applicants. Anyone who needs money to attend college should stop by the financial aid department right away to be sure that they are not missing an opportunity to win a scholarship they may be eligible for.

Internships and student employment opportunities continue to increase

According to the business and industry division at KRC, students are finding more and more real world opportunities to work in their fields of study. Internships are an important component of students' educations in that the connections they make often result in future employment.

Agrium Nitrogen Products has recently announced they are creating four new internship positions for students pursuing process technology and instrumentation degrees.

Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company also announced they will be creating two new internship positions in instrumentation at their refinery in Nikiski.

Enstar Natural Gas Company has conducted twelve student interviews for the first time and will fill several full-time, temporary positions in the fields of process technology and industrial instrumentation. The positions will be 40 hours per week plus overtime, from May until October, with competitive pay scales. The company has indicated they are prepared to make accommodations for students' class schedules when classes begin.