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TO: News Room: ATTN: Schools Section  
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RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Wednesday, May 2, 2007)

**Art classes added to summer schedule**

Celia Anderson, KRC art professor, has recently added two art classes and a workshop to this summer's course offerings at the Kenai River Campus.

The workshop, *Still Cinema Digital Photography Multimedia*, will be offered June 4, 6, 12, 13, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The class on June 14 will be held 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. All the classes will be held the computer lab in room 119 at the Kenai River Campus. The one-credit, short course will be taught by Spelman Evans Downer, visiting art instructor. Currently, Downer is the art department chair and an assistant professor at Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree, California.

“In an information technology centric society that is ever more involved with the manipulation of visual and audio content, it is increasingly important and highly relevant that university students be adept at multimedia technologies. Anyone attending the workshop will benefit from knowledge of audio/visual production,” said Downer in his course description.

Downer's expertise is in teaching artists and photographers how to create shows that rely on manipulating primarily still images with sophisticated dissolves and transitions including the addition of text and synchronized soundtracks to create moving audio/visual projects.

For those people who have always wanted to learn to “throw” pottery, this summer KRC will offer both beginning and intermediate wheel thrown ceramics. The two, three-credit classes will be offered simultaneously by adjunct art instructor Joy Falls. The classes will be offered 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Fridays, May 18 through July 20 (no class held

on July 6) in the three-dimensional art lab in room 102. There is an additional \$75 materials fee.

Registration for the summer term is currently open and complete course information is available at [www.kpc.alaska.edu](http://www.kpc.alaska.edu) .

### **Registration for fall 2007 semester open**

The Kenai River Campus opened web registration for the fall semester to the general public yesterday. The course schedule is available from the home page of the website and registration can be accessed by clicking on the UAOnline icon located on the lower, right side of the page.

Anyone needing a specific course is encouraged to register right away as popular classes fill quickly. Also, classes with low enrollment may be cancelled prior to late registration. Avoid disappointment and register early.

Contact Student Services at 262-0330 for assistance with the registration process.

### **KRC paramedic students experience forensic pathology at UAA**

Several KRC students joined Dr. David Wartinbee and paramedic instructor Paul Perry at UAA for a session in the gross anatomy lab for hands-on work with human cadavers. This was a unique opportunity for the students to actually see human anatomy they have been studying for two years. According to Wartinbee, the experience was facilitated by UAA professor Dr. David Pfeiffer, who teaches gross anatomy for UAA undergraduates and for medical students in the WAMI program.

The highlight of the experience for faculty and students alike was the fact that nationally recognized medical examiner Dr. Cyril Hecht was on hand. Hecht is the former coroner of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and has served as an expert examiner in some of the most high profile cases in U.S. history. Some of the well known cases include including Jon Bennet Ramsey, Anna Nicole Smith & her son, Lacy Petersen, JFK, Robert Kennedy, John Kennedy Jr. and many others all over the world. He is also the author of a number of books on forensic cases and experiences. Wecht was at UAA as a guest lecturer and at the invitation of the Anchorage Medical Society he addressed hospital staff, students and the general public.

Wecht joined a number of UAA students, along with KPC paramedic students, in the gross anatomy lab where he moved into the “teaching mode” examining cadavers. According to Wartinbee, Wecht methodically examined cadaver organs making predictions, based on what he saw, of what would be seen in other organs. He was able to determine the actual cause of death of the human bodies he examined.

The students and instructors were universally impressed and inspired by their interactions with Dr. Wecht. This is an example of the advantages KPC students can have by virtue of the fact that KPC is a community campus of University of Alaska Anchorage.

### **Kachemak Bay Writers’ Conference registration discount**

Time is running out for the discounted registration rate for the upcoming 2007 Kachemak Bay Writers’ Conference to be held June 8-12 at Lands End Resort in Homer, Alaska. This year’s keynote presenter will be the internationally-acclaimed author, Amy Tan. The conference will feature twenty-two other award-winning, nationally-recognized authors, editors and agents.

The general conference fee, including luncheons, opening dinner presentation and workshops is \$285 prior to May 4; then \$335. Advanced registration is required. One UAA academic credit is optionally offered. For specific program and registration information see: <http://writersconference.homer.alaska.edu>