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**RE: Weekly Schools Column (published Tuesday, April 8, 2008)**

**Summer semester registration open**

Web registration for the summer session is open to the public. Course offerings can be accessed from the KPC homepage. Six online and six face-to-face classes are being offered. There are several other classes being offered for currently enrolled paramedic students and two occupational safety and health courses offered at KPC's Anchorage Extension Site.

Four courses offered meet general education requirements for most all college degree programs. These include *Methods of Written Communication*, *Technical Writing*, *College Algebra* and *Trigonometry*.

Classes have various start dates throughout the summer. For more information, contact Campus Services at 262-0330.

**Sustainability on-campus**

Kenai Peninsula College, along with the University of Alaska Anchorage, have made movements toward making choices that help reduce waste and avoid destroying the ecological balance of the surrounding environment. Efficiency and conservation also help reduce costs for the college and a sustainability campaign helps to remind students and employees that everyone plays a role in making KPC a "greener" organization.

Many aspects of this new mindset have grown out of increased energy costs. Examples where energy consumption has been reduced include upgrading the automation systems that monitor start and stop times of ventilation systems so they match building utilization times and installation of energy efficient lighting, including in the parking lot. Motion detectors have been installed in public use and building corridors that restrict lighting areas only when they are in use and measuring energy consumption of campus equipment. Testing is underway for auto-off switches on computers and other peripheral equipment.

Staff and faculty have been asked to turn off lights and equipment in offices and classrooms when not in use. And the campus eatery, Joe's Café, is enjoying a recent remodel that replaced electric powered stoves and ovens with natural gas fired appliances.

According to Phillip Miller, Kenai River Campus facilities manager, these efforts have decreased electrical consumption from 98,240 KWH in December 2003 to 76,640 KWH in December 2007, while adding 7,000 square feet of additional building space in September 2007.

Apart from energy conservation, other measures to increase sustainability on campus include reducing printed materials that can be electronically accessed online. The fall 2008 semester will mark the first time in many years that every household on the central Peninsula does not receive a 64 page course schedule in the mail. Instead a flyer with a list of class offerings and information where the complete schedule can be accessed will be bulk mailed to central Peninsula residents. Recycling on campus is increasing with an average of 1,100 pounds of paper per month being collected, cardboard being pulled from the waste stream and retired electronics being submitted for recycling.

Purchasing surplus equipment from the UAA campus in Anchorage such as chairs, tables and office equipment has helped reduce costs. KPC also offers surplus items to the public via auctions. The next surplus auction at the Kenai River Campus is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 26. Preview of the items to be auctioned will be available from 1-5 p.m., Friday, April 25 and the day of the auction beginning at 8:30 a.m.