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## KPC to support Arctic Winter Games in big way

Kenai Peninsula College, a community campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage, will be supporting the Arctic Winter Games in a big Alaskan way from feeding hundreds of Alaska student athletes during their first night in Soldotna to loaning the Games its furniture.

The college has thrown its support behind this international event that occurs during their Spring Break because they see it as part of their mission. "Ever since the college was established in 1964, we've been an integral part of our community," said Gary J. Turner, director of the college. "From faculty and staff volunteering their time to community organizations to sponsoring weekly cultural and educational events at the college for the community, this is part of who we are," he said.

When University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Elaine Maimon joined UAA two years ago, she made the "university as the public square" her focus and has continued to reiterate the importance of UAA campuses taking an active role in their communities. Turner says KPC has

that covered and it will become even more evident during the Games.

Here is a brief snapshot of what is planned by the college so far:

A Pizza feed for 380 Alaska student athletes will be held at 8 p.m., March 3. UAA has provided funding for the pizza and Coca Cola will donate their products. The college has ordered 120 pizzas to feed the hungry athletes that will have spent most of the day on buses enroute to Soldotna.

The college's Kachemak Bay Campus will serve as the media center for journalists covering events in Homer. Daily news briefings from the AWG media headquarters at the Challenger Learning Center in Kenai will be broadcast to the campus via interactive video teleconferencing allowing journalists to receive the briefings live and ask questions.

Free use of 57 computer stations, broadband Internet connections, and wireless

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## MAPTS to get new building at Kenai River Campus

Aaron Yankey, Journalism student

Next year will bring a big change to the Kenai River Campus with the construction of a new 6,682 square foot building. It will consist of two classrooms, offices and instructional lab. It will be located at the south end of the main parking lot.

Bidding for construction begins in May, said Gary Turner, director of KPC, and construction is expected to be completed by January 2007. The funds for the \$3 million project have already been appropriated from the state by Senator Tom Wagoner, according to Turner.

The new MAPTS site will provide training for those interested in and already involved in the natural resource industry. The site will not be utilized the same way as the other buildings on campus.

"It is a dedicated building for the Mining and Petroleum Services," said Turner, "and will have a very different mission."

Primarily, non credit work force development classes will be offered in the new building, added Turner. Some of the training that MAPTS provides includes Oil Spill Response in numerous environments, Industrial Health and Safety, and Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, according to the MAPTS website.

"The classes can run anywhere from two to four hours to a week," said Turner. There will rarely be semester long classes.

The MAPTS building will even look like the industry it caters to. Its exterior design will be based on the industrial image of an oil platform, according to a narrative description supplied by Turner. For more information on MAPTS <http://www.alaska.net/~mapts/>

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## KPC supports Arctic Winter Games

connectivity at the campus in Soldotna will be available to AWG visitors.

The college will be a stop on the AWG bus route meaning 100s of people will visit the campus throughout the week.

Assistant Professor of Art Celia Anderson has arranged for the college's Gary L. Freeburg Gallery to be the site of an exhibition called "Arctic Dreaming." This exhibition will include artwork from 12 Alaskan artists from Homer, Soldotna/Kenai and Anchorage who have each lived in Alaska for 20 years or more. The artwork will speak to the meaning the Arctic and/or the Northland holds for these individuals.

Dave Atcheson, evening coordinator and KPC part-time faculty member, has arranged for a show by Pamyua, the popular Alaskan Native singing group and winner of the Native American Music Awards 2003 Record of the Year. They will perform at the Kenai River Campus at 7:30 p.m., March 4.

Assistant Professor of English Janice High and Director

Turner will work with 23 student journalists from KPC and the Anchorage Campus, to write and edit the Ulu News, the official newspaper of the Games. The newsroom will be located in the Kenai River Campus computer lab.

All campus lobby furniture will be loaned for use at the Game's VIP venues.

The 2006 Arctic Winter Games will be held in the Kenai Peninsula Borough in March 2006 and is expected to include more than 1,900 athletes and cultural performers, and 800 special guests from seven participating circumpolar nations including Canada, Russia, Greenland, Norway, Finland, Denmark and the U.S.A (Alaska). The 7-day event will involve 2,700 volunteers and is expected to attract between 6,000 and 8,000 spectators. The budget for the Kenai Peninsula 2006 Arctic Winter Games, including the two years of planning and development efforts leading up to the 2006 Games, is projected at \$5.3 million cash and in-kind contributions with several million dollars worth of legacy projects that will serve the community for years to come.

## Highlights in AK Native literature: Peter Kalifornsky

*Brett A. Encelewski, KPC Media Group member*

As KPC works closely with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe in its endeavors to revitalize and teach the language and culture we are reminded of the relationship Peter Kalifornsky and the college have shared in producing his book: *A Dena'ina Legacy, K'TLE'EGH'I SUKDU-The Collected Writings of Peter Kalifornsky*. Four decades later Uncle Pete's dreams are being realized as Kenaitze Head Start teachers begin to incorporate Dena'ina language curriculum in their classrooms.

As the seeds of his wisdom come to bear fruit, it is appropriate to look back at Peter's synthesis regarding the education of the Dena'ina children to determine where we are in realizing his vision:

### **HQELDIHCH' (EDUCATION)**

**To prepare school students for the reality of today's world.**

**To relearn.**

**To tell about what remains of the past.**

**That it is their country from the ancient past and that they are Dena'ina.**

**They should learn to focus their minds.**

**They should learn how to help us.**

**They must learn to be strong-minded in order to be our leaders.**

**They should know all of the language and the skills.**

**They should be aware of the old people and retain all of their language work.**

**They should learn without writing.**

**Encourage parents, fathers, mothers, and kids.**

**They should be aware that their land is the Dena'ina land.**

**Study the words, the remaining words,**

**And all the different songs,**

**And all the place names that they made long ago.**

**And they should compare all living things,**

**How living things grow.**

The above is an excerpt from: "A Dena'ina Legacy, K'TLE'EGH'I SUKDU-The Collected Writings of Peter Kalifornsky" by Peter Kalifornsky, ©1991, Alaska Native Language Center, College of Liberal Arts, University of Alaska Fairbanks: and Peter Kalifornsky.

# Kachemak Bay Campus wants city hall

*Dawn Fitzpatrick, Journalism student*

Kachemak Bay Campus is trying to get funding from the state to acquire Homer City Hall. The plans call for expansion of the main campus by connecting directly to the city building.

Kachemak Bay Campus is much smaller than Kenai River Campus. It has an enrollment of 400-500 students in any given semester. The school began in 1977, moved in 1980, 1983, and again in 1987 to the current main campus location, said Carol Swartz, KBC director. Presently it holds classes in two buildings. The main building is beautiful and overlooks mountains and the bay. It just had a major addition last year, almost doubling the size to 16,800 square feet.

The west campus provides an additional 7,300 square feet. It's located a mile from the main campus.

"It is impossible to arrive on time walking from campus to campus," said Phillip Boyle, KBC student. The acquisition being considered would eliminate this problem. The Homer City Hall acquisition would supplement the campus with an additional 8,000 square feet. City Hall is interested in moving and selling their building to the college. This would be in line "with college size standards for the number of students the college enrolls," according to Swartz.

This year's budget request by the University had the proposition for \$2 million dollars in funding, but "it is not

currently in the budget," according to Katie Shows, legislative aid to Representative Paul Seaton. "It would be a huge help to send letters of support," said Shows.

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# Funds will aid river bank restoration effort

*Robert Bell, Journalism student*

Nearly \$200 thousand dollars of federal grant money to fix the Kenai River bank along KPC property has been awarded.

Alaska Fish and Game has secured a grant that utilizes federal funds from the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Program. The grant will be used to pay a private contractor for the river bank and fish habitat restoration project.

Soil erosion and salmon habitat degradation are the two main problems that the grant is intended to fix along KPC's Kenai River bank.

"From 1985 to 1998, about thirty feet of the Kenai River bank were lost to soil erosion," KPC director Gary Turner said. "From 1998 thru 2005 the river bank lost approximately three to four feet per year."

Proposed improvements include one thousand feet of cabled spruce tree revetments and vegetation mats for fish habitat. Some of the tactics that will be used to prevent

future problems are: reinforcing and revegetating the river bank, moving sections of the five hundred foot long trail to Slikok Creek, and building a split rail fence along the river bank to discourage visitors from disturbing the rehabilitation project.

The proposal says a healthy return of adult salmon to the Kenai River will not only impact commercial and sport fishing industries, but also the entire community that relies on tourism in both Kenai and Soldotna.

"I've been working on this since December 2003," Turner said about the project.

The use of bio-engineered techniques, education of anglers and the community, and responsible stewardship of the land should reduce the amount of damage being done, while improving safety to both campus students and visiting public, according to the proposal.

## Advice Column: Sharing with Char

Charlotte Nicolet, Journalism student



*Dear Char,  
I don't know what major to choose. I really love art, but my boyfriend thinks I'd be wasting my time and says he'll leave me if I apply for any-*

*thing that will take longer than one year. He thinks I should drop school and get a job. I'm major-ly confused*

*Major Issue,  
Soldotna, AK*

Dear Major,

Bettina Kipp, KPC counselor, advises that it would be good to ask yourself what your expectations are in your relationship, and if ultimatums fit into it. Furthermore, she notes that KRC

has a Career Center where you can make an appointment for a career and interests evaluation, at 262-0337, to help identify your strengths and possible career paths that would be good fits for you.

So, if you're serious about college and confused about what major to apply for, attending college will help you figure that out. For example, I know someone who thought they wanted to be an elementary educator until they took a child development class. They discovered they didn't have the energy to teach children, so they changed their degree without losing anything; in fact they gained a little more knowledge about themselves. Attending college helps you discover yourself, and find what you want to do with your life. And remember, an education is an asset that can help you get a job.

Editors note: If life finds you wanting some friendly counsel, e-mail Char at [iscan1@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:iscan1@uaa.alaska.edu). She'll select one question per month to answer here in the Connection. Remember, KRC counselors Bettina Kipp (262-0334) and Paul Landen (262-0335) are here to offer counseling and advising. Feel free to make an appointment to see one of them.

## Distance class availability may be expanded at KPC

Rae Fancher, Journalism student

There's a national trend toward distance delivery education. And it appears that trend can also be found here at home.

"I believe and hope we will be able to increase the number of distance classes KPC offers," said Gary Turner, KPC director. Currently there are 19 distance education courses out of the 252 courses listed in the Spring 2006 KPC Course Schedule.

Distance education courses at KPC come in several forms: interactive video, web-based class, and interactive satellite according to the KPC

catalogue.

Distance education classes have their share of technical difficulties; it is well-known that computers can sometimes work a person into a tizzy with technical difficulties. Slow Internet connections also contribute their share of technical difficulties, when computers cannot keep up to speed. Solution: Elluminate Live.

Elluminate Live is a web class delivery system that can operate with a phone line modem. "We hope to offer KPC classes using this technology next year," he said. In mid-March,

faculty will have training on the new system and how to integrate it into the distance education classroom.

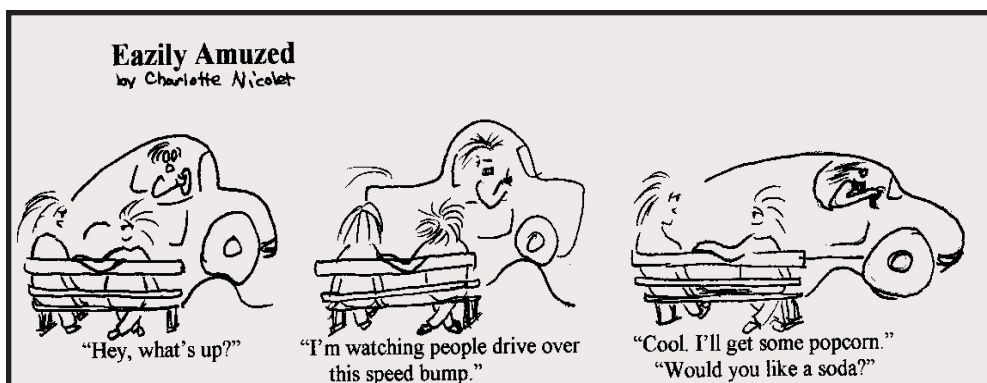
Although distance education does have its share of technical difficulties, there are individuals who are satisfied with it.

"It's a wonderful means of uniting the two major campuses of KPC," said English professor Janice High, speaking of her interactive video journalism class.

According to student Nicole Simmons, the quality of the distance course transmissions has improved.

"For the most part, distance education courses have gone pretty smoothly, considering all the technology involved," said Simmons.

"As KPC attracts more traditional age students I believe we will need to offer more distance classes because that's what these students are telling us they want," said Turner



# American Sign Language and beyond

Star McGlasson, Journalism student

What would happen if you couldn't hear the sounds around you? Can you visualize your cell phone ringing, a doorbell or a favorite television show? How could you awake on time without hearing your alarm clock?

At KPC, students are learning to communicate without the use of their hearing through a system of hand signals and body gestures called American Sign Language, with ASL101 and ASL102 courses available.

KPC student Kellie Massa is finishing her second semester of ASL. Massa says the deaf community and sign language have always been of interest, even as a small child. After seeing the class bulletin last semester and realizing that ASL was being offered as an introduction course, "I was intrigued and jumped right in" said Massa. The humanities credit was another reason for taking the class, added Massa.

Many other tools are available to help improve the communication of deaf and hard of hearing people along with sign language usage. Examples of these are briefly discussed in ASL101, said Massa. Here are just a few:

☞ Speech reading: have you ever tried to lip-read? It is not as easy as one might think. Studies show only 30% of English words are actually visible on the lips.

☞ Finger spelling: different shapes made by your hand that symbolize 26 letters of the alphabet in English.

☞ Telephone aids: TTY (text telephone relay) - which allows two-party calls to talk in print. It's a good idea to first brush up on your typing skills!

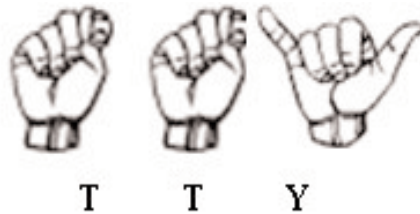
☞ Closed caption: since 1993, televisions must have the capability of closed captioning, also known as CC.

☞ Alerting devices/systems: lights flashing in place of sounds, vibration under the pillow at night for an alarm clock, and many more.

More information on this subject is available at the Gallaudet Research Institute, Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu>)

## DO YOU HAVE A T T Y?

Signing examples according to at [www.lessonstutor.com](http://www.lessonstutor.com)



Fingerspell these initials



## Listen UP! Reviews and Previews

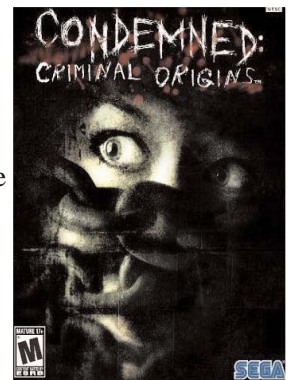
### Gaming Review: *Condemned: Criminal Origins*

Jessica Sherman, Journalism student

*Condemned: Criminal Origins* is a game I recently rented for XBOX 360. In this game you are an FBI agent named Ethan Thomas assigned to the Serial Crimes Unit. There is a serial killer on the loose and Thomas's objective is to collect evidence around the crime scene to try and find the killer while fending off the homeless, addicted and deranged. Thomas is given only a flashlight to find his way around the run-down building that these murderous acts are taking place, which makes finding weapons and defending yourself difficult. During this game Thomas is framed for the murder of two police officers as well, so different little twists happen throughout the game, which keep it interesting.

*Condemned* is fun to play if you enjoy games that involve solving murders and require more thinking. I per-

sonally had a hard time playing because I didn't like not having full visibility of where I was going or where I was at. Plus you aren't given much ammo for your weapons so you have to rely on blunt objects that you find in the building to defend yourself, which makes it harder to survive. I didn't have the patience to search and collect evidence and keep getting taken out by crackheads. So if you like games that involve a little more brainpower and you are actually good at video games (unlike me), rent this game at your local blockbuster.



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### Restaurant Review: *Buckets* for good food, sports

Rachael Hackleman, English A111 student

Hey sports fans! Want a good place to have lunch or dinner and watch your favorite sports team on television? Then I recommend Buckets.

This sports bar/restaurant, owned by Heather Jones for the past three years, has an awesome atmosphere. It is full of friendly people, and the feeling of sports is all around. When you first walk in, you can't help but notice the sports décor-sports jerseys and photos adorn the walls.

It has eight regular televisions plus one big screen TV for sport event viewing. Popular sports for viewing include hockey, football, basketball, and golf. In the summertime the outdoor patio is especially popular.

The servers at Buckets are very friendly and try their best to make you a happy customer. And it's easy to be a happy customer because the food is great.

You can order the same things you'd probably eat at a friend's house while watching sports. Some of the items on the menu are nachos, thunder thighs, caesar salad and burgers of many kinds.

The best selling item is the fish and chips, according to Jones. Personally I enjoy the Ceaser salad with grilled chicken. It only costs \$10.99 and is worth every cent. The deliciously seasoned chicken and wonderful teriyaki noodles make the salad irresistible. It's a menu item that

simply must be tried.

Next time you're deciding where to go eat with your family or friends, choose Buckets. It is open 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. weekdays, with extended hours to 10 p.m. on weekends Buckets is located in Soldotna near Fred Meyer on the Sterling Highway. The upcoming Arctic Winter Games will be the biggest upcoming event for Buckets, said Jones. So check out Buckets to enjoy a delicious meal and cheer on your favorite team!

### Movie Review: *The Island* offers fast pace, good actors

Heather Morning, English A111 student

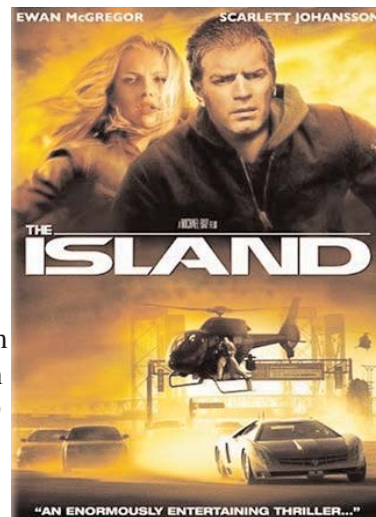
The movie *The Island*, a 2005 Dream Works production by Director/ Producer Michael Bay, is a science fiction thriller filled with action that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The Island stars Ewan McGregor and Scarlet Johansson. McGregor plays a dual role as both a genetic clone, Lincoln Six-Echo, and his human counterpart Tom Lincoln.

The Island delves into the dilemma of human cloning for tissue transplants. We have a moral and ethical responsibility to maintain life, but at what expense? How far will people go? If we clone humans, what concerns do we have to take on their behalf? Do they have rights, or feelings for that matter? If so, do they have memories from their genetic donor, or are they "Tabula rasa," a blank tablet?

In this movie, there was some of the "déjà vu" feeling in that the clone finds out he/she is not a born person, but just a man-made tool. Yet, it was done with a nice twist. Six-Echo and Jordan Two-Delta (Johansson), upon realizing they've been living a lie, seek to find their true identities. Wanting to know the truth about The Island, each

faces difficult challenges along the way.

I am not necessarily one to seek a sci-fi flick, but I definitely enjoyed this movie and would recommend it. The ethical issues raised will have you asking yourself questions days later. It was fast-paced, and well-acted. The movie is rated PG-13 and has a 127-minute running time. You can purchase this movie locally at Fred Meyer for \$19.99, or online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for the same price. You can also rent it locally on DVD at Blockbuster for \$ 4.19 for five days. I hope you enjoy.

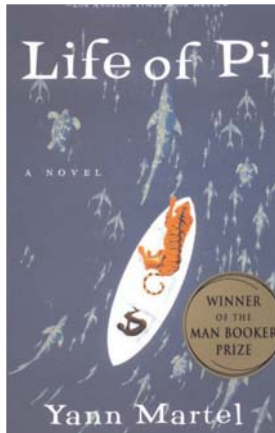


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## Listen UP! Reviews and Previews

### Book Review: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Jolyn Compton, English student



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At first I resisted reading the *Life of Pi* just because it was on Oprah's reading list. I don't like to be told if a book is wonderful or not. Yet I would find myself time and time again drawn to the book by its simple, yet extraordinary cover: a picture of a boy curled up in the back of a small boat with a large tiger lounging in the front.

Who wouldn't want to read a book that claims not only could a boy survive in a lifeboat for

224 days, but could so with a 450-pound Bengal tiger?

The book is written as if Yann Martel is writing Pi's recollection of his journey at sea. The book is divided into two halves. The first is dedicated to Pi's childhood and teen years in India. It closes with Pi and his family preparing to leave the India they love for a place as far off as "Timbuktu," otherwise known as Canada.

In the second half of the book Pi suddenly finds himself in a lifeboat with an odd range of animals, including that Bengal tiger. It quickly dispatches the other animals and Pi

finds himself next on the menu. It's an amazing adventure plagued with despair and hope. You find yourself cheering Pi on in his attempt to survive. Martel then throws in an ending that challenges you to question everything you want to believe is true, making the story all the more meaningful.

*Life of Pi* is a novel that will make you believe the impossible and question the norm. You will have a better understanding of zoos and the animals that live there. But the most profound thing this book will leave you with is a strong love for the human spirit and the belief that it can overcome any odds. This book can be found at the Soldotna Library. It can be purchased at Amazon.com for \$11.20 plus shipping.

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### Television Series Review: *Lost*

Paul Lorenzo, English A111 student

*Lost*, the Emmy and Golden Globe award winner for best drama debuted in September, 2004. The story begins with the crash of Oceanic flight 815 from Sydney, Australia to Los Angeles.

The 48 survivors are stranded on an isolated island, and they must pull themselves together to endure the fate that has fallen upon them. The survivors think that they will be rescued, so they decide to stay on the beach. After a tragic and shocking day, night falls.

The castaways reflect in silence the day's events; then an eerie howling sound comes from the jungle. And that sets the stage for a full season of mystery and shock.

Several key characters emerge, including Jack, a doctor; Kate, a prisoner who was being transported by a federal marshal; Charlie, a rock-star and junkie; and Locke, a survivalist. The survivors start to explore their surroundings and discover the possibility of others on the Island. Every twist and turn in the plot keeps my focus on the

series. The fast-paced drama, delivered with great cinematography, is a must-see for the action seeker.

The first season finale shows Locke blowing off the hatch cover, and the raft being spotlighted by a boat on the ocean. The second season of *Lost* began January 11; it can be seen on ABC at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Season one of *Lost* can be found on disc at Fred Meyer for \$44.99. Blockbuster rents three to four episodes for \$4.19 a night, since it is a new release.

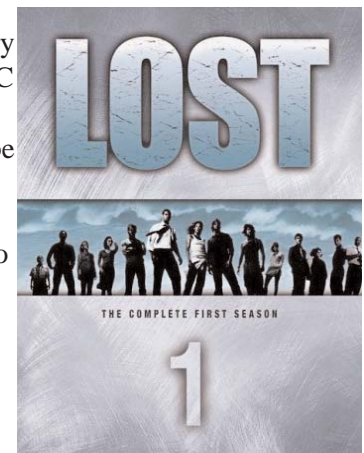


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## These businesses offer discounts to KRC students:

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 Veronica's Cafe  
 The Fitness Place  
 Healthy Changes  
 Ultimate Tan  
 Golden Tan  
 Call of the Wild Music Din

**More information available from KRC student union productions officer Kristina Durrerova at 262-0339.**

## Spanish Language column: Prepararnos para un futuro

Ramon Carreon, Journalism student

*KPC is a multicultural, multilingual community. In recognition of this diversity, the KPC Connection will periodically feature language articles. The college offers courses in Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.*

Prepararnos para un futuro tecnologico lleno de sorpresas, asi es como se le podria llamar a los cambios y adelantos. Por que cada vez que sale halgo nuevo de verdad que causa sorpresa mas que la novedad de el aparato, el hecho de no saber manejarlos.

Por ejemplo, en el 2004 se vendieron 174 millones de computadoras personales en el mundo y en el 2005 paso la cifra de 200 millones, claro que mucho de eso se debe a la aceptacion de LapTops o sea las computadoras portatiles y mas de la mitad de los consumidores no saben operarlas por completo.

Nuestro amigo Steve Jobs el Zar de el entretenimiento digital como mucha gente lo conoce y proximo directivo de Disney vendio un estudio de animacion llamado Pixar que es la compania de produccion de Toy Story, ahora presidente de la compania Disney con mas del 50% de acciones, a este fenomeno de la tecnologia tambien se le atribuye la sorpresa de haber puesto el Ipod en poder de mas de 400 millones de personas.

Otras dos sorpresas son el telefono inteligente que permite navegar por el internet, tiene camara y hasta puedes consultar tu correo electronico y el llamado X Box 360 que ademas de juegos digitales nos permite ver peliculas

en DVD, escuchar musica digital y podrias enfrentarte a otros jugadores por internet.

Con todos esos adelantos tecnologicos lo mas logico es familiarizarnos con ellos y asi disfrutar de esos avances.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: The world of technology is here and in continuous progress, leaving us with surprises and challenges. Deciding how to meet these challenges is a personal choice.

**Finally, the good ol' boys have a good excuse...**

by Magdalena Wyatt

Mehhhhh, see, I thought the boy was a QUAIL, see....a quail.



## Creative Writing - An island getaway for free

Lynsey Mese, English student

Tired of the pressures of college life? Come join me at my private paradise! This one-way trip through your imagination is a unique opportunity available to students and faculty alike.

No more stress, no more worrying about papers and grades, no more feeling run-down or depressed. Lynsey's Island Paradise offers its citizens a simplistic way of life not found anywhere else in the world.

Forget about commuting to and from classes or work in the sub-zero Alaskan weather; instead prepare to have the option of strolling the balmy beaches (barefoot or flip-flops are your choice) or riding a donkey in true islander style. You won't have to worry about transportation issues because unlike a car, your donkey will always start!

Rid yourself of the seemingly satisfying but ultimately lethal diet presented to the typical college student. Get ready for fresh coconuts straight off the tree, sweet and tangy mangoes, bananas, and passion fruit. For you meat-loving types out there, prepare yourselves for Lynsey's ultra-juicy wild boar steaks roasted over a bonfire. When morning time rolls around, you'll find real coffee-fresh-ground, steaming, and straight from the jungle!

Cast away your cares when it comes to housing at this island paradise. No mortgages or payments whatsoever. Lynsey's bark huts come complete with breakfast nook, sleeping nook and living nook (all nooks because huts are one-room). As for ladies' and gentlemen's arrangements, you will truly be at one with nature when it calls! Just a short walk down a jungle path will take you to the powder room supplied with the finest banana leaves!

Instead of hurrying across parking lots and down halls you may stroll our various sun-soaked beaches, abundantly supplied with grade-A sand and crystalline turquoise waters. Friendly dolphins and not-so-friendly sharks await any lucky swimmers of the roughly-woven blanket beside a roaring fire to watch the blazing sun sink into the amethyst horizon. No movies or television here, just

nature in all its glory supplying you particularly low-level-salt waters. As evening descends, curl up with your honey with scene after scene of intense beauty.

For those of you that enjoy extreme sports and spurn the more leisurely way of life, Lynsey's Island Paradise has activities tailor-made for you. Try out surfboarding on your very-own homemade board-no artificial elements such as fiberglass here! Slide on your stomach down dried lava fields in a sort of primitive luge. Find your inner Tarzan as you swing from tree to tree in our yearly vine-hopping competition. Hollow out and carve tree trunks for competitive rowing or participate in the warthog-hunting league (just be sure to sign a liability waiver first).

College life is not for everyone. For those who envision a more natural, basic way of life, consider Lynsey's island paradise. A one-way trip is all you'll need to spend the rest of your life happily at one with nature. For more travel information, call 1-888-ASKLYNSEY. However, if you need to speak directly with the proprietress of this utopia among islands, you'll be out of luck. She'll be off on a trip in her mind, eating coconuts at Lynsey's Island Paradise.

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# Word on Campus: Your thoughts on Starbucks in Homer

Question and photos by Ja'hnie Triplett, Journalism student



**Matt West, student**

"The best coffee I drink is the coffee I make and the coffee at The Washboard."



**Dan Tucker, student**

"I think it's pretty sad, we don't need it; we don't need more franchise."

**Alan Olson, student**

"I don't think we need another coffee shop. Even if Starbucks comes to town I'm still going to go to the local coffee shops and support the local people."



**Cassandra Davis, student**

"It takes our uniqueness away, bringing that big corporate business into Homer. Starbucks is everywhere else. Leave Homer alone!"



**Kye Klamsler, student**

"Incorporating Starbucks is like incorporating Fred Meyer in our town; it's going to take away from our local business."



**Rhoda Roedel, staff**

"We don't need another coffee shop."

**Therese Lewandowski, staff**

"I'm for the little businesses."



**Dan Castimore, staff**

"I don't think its going to affect the local coffee. The only people that are going to buy Starbucks are the tourists."



## UAA Grant supports KPC language project

Brett A. Encelewski, KPC Media Group member

KPC Professor of Anthropology, Dr. Alan Boraas, has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the UAA Chancellor's Fund. Kahtnuht'ana Qenaga, Kenai People's Language (a web-based resource for Dena'ina language) was one of the highest funded (out of 50) proposals, and the only community campus-based project selected according to UAA Vice Dr. Doug Causey Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. This is welcome news for Boraas and his assistant, Dena'ina Language Specialist Michael Christian.

"I am teaching full time and I have less time to devote to the project. It gives Michael plenty of work to do," said Boraas. Funding Christian supports the project while Boraas focuses on scholarship and instruction.

The work involves proofing the HTML and language, rendering it precise and uniform. Christian will continue to program code and assist Boraas in translations, grammatical structure and pedagogy. "We'll be filling in the gaps," said Boraas.

Boraas and Christian presented a paper in Kodiak in early March at the Alaska Anthropological Association 2006 Annual Meeting.

"The paper introduced the project and addressed pre-

serving [language] tapes and what can be done with them," said Boraas.

In addition to vocabulary, sentence structures, and linguistic information the site links to Dena'ina Territory, featuring maps with hot spots where the user can hear audio clips of traditional Dena'ina place names and see photos.

"We are getting it ready for this next Dena'ina Language Institute. We still have a lot to do on Dena'ina Territory," Christian reports, "but even in draft form it will be useful." Reportedly, the program will issue as self-launching discs to students at this summer's institute, and possibly utilized in the classroom.

Preliminary pages are being designed for Kenaitze Head Start, featuring elementary level aesthetics and operation.

"It is currently in the prototype and evaluation stage," says Boraas of the new pages. Michael Christian seemed optimistic about the new project receiving similar funding and support.

"I think that's a very good possibility."

# KPC Art: Developments and upcoming events

Patricia S. Thomson, KPC Media Group member

- The University of Alaska Board of Regents has approved the two-year Digital Art degree, the first in the State of Alaska, co-created by Jayne Jones, instructor of digital arts & photography and Celia Anderson, art program and gallery director. "Our world in photography and art is rapidly changing and KPC has just positioned itself to take a leading role in those changes," said Jones.
- The first Thursday event "Arctic Dreaming" at the Gary Freeburg gallery of KPC opened March 2. The exhibit is open through March 31. Artists from Soldotna/Kenai include Jim Evenson and Joy Falls. Homer artists include Ron Senungetuk, Ahna Iredale and Paula Dicky. Anchorage artists include Keith Appel, Don Decker, Sonya Kelliher Combs, Steve Gordon, Don Mohr, Hal Gage, Jannah Atkins and Mariano Gonzales. These artists have all lived in Alaska at least 20 years.

- James Barker, photographer and photojournalist, will speak and sign books at River City Books in Soldotna from 6 - 8 p.m. March 10. Most of Baker's documentary style work has concentrated on Alaska Natives and people who live and work in the Polar Regions. This program is sponsored in part by the KPC Art Students League Association.

- The next ASLA meeting will be 4 p.m., Monday, March 20 in Room 139. At that time the club will formally accept new officers for the next year. In addition, Jones, Anderson, and Paul Tornow will demonstrate how to frame and mat art work or photos. A matting party will be held at 11 a.m. March 25, to help those interested in getting some extra help with their work.

## *Math Ghost*

By Steve M Schoonmaker, KPC Student

Math and me,  
divided,  
subtracted memory,  
added time,  
and multiplied confusion.

Tenth grade Ghost,  
stunted stupid,  
with adolescent symbolism.  
Crazy techno-cycle treadmill,  
micro-measured mind set;  
running on numbers,  
extrapolating success's identity  
with chalk fingered logic.

College credit speed bump:  
Mt. Algebra.  
Like arithmetic on acid,  
contouring equations,  
to the chalkboard horizon.

Get it slowpoke?  
Distraction equals subtraction  
plus,  
learning curve times,  
the square root of discipline.

Which comes to?  
"Elementary dear Watson,  
3 times too much, squared,"  
Says the Ghost.  
Who ya gonna call? Ghost buster.

## Poetry Corner

## *Winter Layers*

by Magdalena Wyatt,  
Journalism student

Homer is a pretty small town. I live just two streets down and two blocks over from the campus, so I have this ridiculous sense of self-righteousness that keeps me from driving to class regardless of the weather. It would be embarrassing; unacceptable within societal parameters. So, now that it's horrifically cold, especially at a quarter past eight in the morning, I have to layer my clothing not only to be warm on the walk to class, but to be able to immediately strip down to comfortable indoor attire. It's kind of hard, actually, to concentrate when you're sweating violently through your full-body polypropylene long underwear. Thus, my inspiration for the following Homer-oidal winter poem.

i am  
dressed in layers.  
making myself  
look fluffy,  
and round.  
expertly  
coordinating cloth  
to cover  
another length  
or width  
of my bare skin  
which otherwise would crawl,  
would raise each translucent  
hair  
against the cold.

dressed in layers  
pulled down,  
zipped, buttoned,  
wrapped around.  
squeezed on  
and peeled  
up my shins,  
and stuffed in.  
like this,  
i face the wind

# Travelogue: Switzerland is for snow enthusiasts

Akin Franciscone, Journalism student



**Switzerland waterfront**

Traveling from Alaska in the winter time to another cold place is usually not the ideal Alaskan getaway. But sometimes it is. My wife is from Switzerland, and we visited that country during Christmas break-it was terrific!

As we approached the Zurich airport, clouds blocked our view. The Alps had me nervous, and my heart raced with fear of colliding with a mountain. But then the skies cleared. I was amazed at the sight of the green rolling hills, Swiss farm buildings and churches-all the things that come to mind with thoughts of Switzerland.

We had come to this country (which is about the size of the Kenai Peninsula) for a month of skiing, cheese and chocolate. Winter had just picked up and the ski resorts had received lots of fresh snow for our enjoyment.

The resorts in the Alps make ours in America look like bunny slopes. High tech lifts and lodges dotted the mountainsides. Most lift tickets were in the 50-60 franc range, which is an affordable \$40-\$50 dollars. It's a small price to pay when you have access to some of the most exciting



**Switzerland waterfront**

terrain available (elevations at some resorts topped the 9500 foot mark) by chair-lift, gondola, T-bar or tram, bringing you fun until the sun goes down.

The World Cup Ski race at Adleboden resort was underway while we were there. It was a lot of fun seeing future Olympians compete. The Swiss love our Bode Miller: chants of his name were heard throughout the event. Miller skied well but did not place in the top three.

There's a lot to be said for Switzerland besides the skiing. The country is in great order with the cleanest streets I have ever seen. Trains are easy and convenient; around town many locals rode mopeds in the snow, navigating steep narrow roads.

Switzerland is everything I imagined and more: castles, vineyards, hot-springs, dairy cows, fast trains, many languages, happy people, and the best skiing on the planet.

I can't wait to go back, but next winter we are going to



**Akin and wife**

try somewhere warmer.

Plane fare to Europe is not cheap. Sometimes good deals from Anchorage are available, but it's not unusual to pay \$1,500 dollars. The trip to New York involves multiple stops. From New York the flight across the Atlantic takes about seven hours, depending on wind speed and direction. Switzerland is not cheap like some of its more affordable neighbors. The prices of most necessities (food and lodging, etc.) were comparable to those here on the Kenai Peninsula. Most restaurants charged for water, and beer was always cheaper than soda. Clothing was outrageous: buy your Levis in the States. If it weren't for the expense and that long flight, I'd ski in Switzerland every weekend the snow was good.