Please consider sustainability of our environment before deciding to print this newsletter

New this week

Campus parking comments are welcome

After considering input from the college community, a decision was made to try zoned parking instead of assigned parking spaces for college employees.

When the program began in January, there was a commitment to re-evaluate open parking at the end of the semester. To wrap up the evaluation of the new procedure before the semester ends, please e-mail any comments you have regarding the program to akunce@kcc.edu by May 14. Even if you provided a verbal or written comment before, please send a brief e-mail indicating your preference for continuing the program or revising it.

Comments will be summarized and shared at a later date.

Thank you in advance for participating.

Grades due this week

Final processes for the semester depend on timeliness

Submitted by the Office of Admissions and Registration

The Office of Admissions and Registration would like to remind faculty that it is critical that grades are submitted on time this week in order to properly serve students, in particular, those who are graduating.

The Office of Admissions and Registration has to complete a number of processes which take several hours, including one to determine which students receive silver or gold cords at graduation. In addition, the processes show some
students if they need a summer course, and determines the names on the President's and Honor's lists.

Thank you for all that you have done to help our students achieve their goals. Please help us with this final step in the process to bring Spring 2010 to a successful completion.

Commencement notes

Limited stairway access

For security purposes, on May 15--the day of Commencement--the east stairway by the elevator will provide the only access to the second and third floor office areas.

It will be available from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Eric Springer at espringer@kcc.edu or ext. 8195.

Seating information for faculty and administration

Faculty and administrators will be seated in the southeast corner of the gymnasium for Commencement on May 15.

Faculty and administration will gather in the lower level of the College Center prior to proceeding to the gym. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. on May 15. The procession of faculty and administrators will be led by David Cagle, director of human resources.

We hope you'll stay afterward for the reception and mingle with our graduates and their parents in the College Center!

Graduation programs are this weekend

At KCC's 41st annual commencement ceremonies, 390 students will receive associate degrees and certificates.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15 in the gym.

Ted Petersen, KCC's director of athletics, will deliver the commencement address.

The KCC class of 2010 is made up of 108 students receiving pre-baccalaureate degrees (74 A.A. degrees, 30 A.S. degrees, three A.E.S. degrees and one A.A.T. degree), 28 A.G.S. degrees; and 254 occupational degrees (126 advanced certificates and 128 A.A.S. degrees).

The oldest graduate is 76 and the youngest is 18. The average age of the graduates is 29. The pinning ceremony for graduates of KCC's associate degree nursing program will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14 in the gym. A pinning ceremony for radiography graduates was held May 7.
All faculty and staff members are invited to attend the ceremonies. Graduation for the GED program will be June 17 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

There will be refreshments after each ceremony in the College Center.

Special attachment - Congratulations 2010 graduates

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Plan now for summer HVAC project LRC effect

The upcoming heating/ventilation and air-conditioning project will improve climate control in the Learning Resource Center.

In order to have the new system in place for fall, the LRC will not have cooling available this summer, beginning May 18.

For summer service, the LRC and Physical Plant Department are working together, and have these plans, though they are subject to change:

-- LRC staff will be moved outside the LRC within two weeks of the time when the air is turned off (approximately May 17).
-- The staff's temporary location has not been finalized.
-- LRC staff will have access to items in the LRC.
-- Students, faculty and the public will not have access to the LRC.

As dates and locations are decided, updates will be sent. The LRC staff will contact division chairs and faculty teaching summer courses regarding materials needed (assignments, reserves, videos, etc.) and the impact to spaces such as group study rooms, literacy training area and mini-science lab.

Please contact any LRC staff member with questions or concerns. Thank you!

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AED & CPR training being offered in May

This month, a Red Cross approved AED/CPR and first aid training class will be offered.

The class is being arranged by Physical Plant Department. There are six openings, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon completion, the certification is valid for two years.

Anyone interested in a four-hour AED and CPR training class is asked to contact Rich Soderquist at ext. 8173

Class dates will be scheduled after participants are confirmed. It will meet on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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Prairie Fire available
KCC students have collaborated to create the 2010 Prairie Fire literary anthology. Some pieces also were judged to be "Best of Prairie Fire" by faculty members Mark Lanting and Deborah Renville of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. The award-winning students will be recognized on Monday, May 10.

This year's Prairie Fire features 30 works of poetry and writing. Cover art (at right) is by KCC student Madaline Barwegen. Copies of Prairie Fire are available in division offices and from Deborah, who serves as Prairie Fire advisor. Contact her in Room L316, by e-mail at drenville@kcc.edu or phone ext.8728.

College 4 Kids offers 17 summer classes

Topics ranging from dinosaurs to Lego-inspired pirate searches will be offered among 17 courses in this summer's College 4 Kids program.

"The College 4 Kids program features hands-on learning," said Mary Posing, who is coordinating the program. "We've asked experts in a variety of fields to share their knowledge with kids and to design classes that focus on learning and fun. Plus, kids will get to spend time with others interested in the same types of activities, such as computers, art, science, foreign languages and math."

Seventeen courses are being offered:

"Keyboarding 4 Kids" meets June 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; for kids entering fifth through eighth grades. The $75 cost includes workbook.

"Diggin' Dinosaurs," meets June 7, 9, 14 and 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering first through third grades. The $55 cost includes materials.

"PCs for Me: Introduction to Computers" meets June 7, 9, 14 and 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.; for kids entering fifth through eighth grades. The $55 cost includes book.

"Lego Robotics: Clue Investigator" meets June 21, 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to noon; for kids entering fourth through eighth grades. Cost is $99.

"Lego Robotics: Operating Room Practice" meets June 21, 22 and 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering fourth through eighth grades. Cost is $99.

"Lego Robotics: Arr! Pirate Island" meets June 12, 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to noon; for kids entering fourth through eighth grades. Cost is $99.
“Lego Robotics: Race Day Pit Stop” meets June 12, 13 and 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering fourth through eighth grades. Cost is $99.

“Art Explorers” meets June 21, 22, 23 and 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; for kids entering first through third grades. The $55 cost includes supplies.

“The Spectacular Solar System” meets July 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering first through third grades. The $55 cost includes materials.

“Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Basic German” meets July 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering sixth through eighth grades. The $75 cost includes materials.

“Super Science Experiments” meets June 29, July 1, 6 and 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering first through third grades. The $55 cost includes supplies.

“Math Blasters: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages Review” meets July 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; for kids entering sixth through eighth grades. The $55 cost includes materials.

“Cookin’ 4 Fun” meets June 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering first through third grades. The $55 cost includes supplies.

“Get Green and Grow It!” meets July 26 and 28 from 9 a.m. to noon; for kids entering third through fifth grades. The $65 cost includes supplies.

“Spanish 4 Kids (Level 1) ¿Habla español?” meets June 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and July 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; for kids entering third through fifth grades. The $89 cost includes textbook.

“Spanish 4 Kids (Level 2) ¿Habla español?” meets June 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and July 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.; for kids entering sixth through eighth grades. The $89 cost includes textbook.

“So You Like to Write!” meets June 14, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.; for kids entering fifth through eighth grades. The $65 cost includes materials.

Visit www.kcc.edu/college4kids to learn more, download a brochure and registration form. Information also is available by phoning KCC's office of Corporate and Continuing Education at ext.8200.

2nd annual Welding Rodeo declares a winner

Twelve welders participated in the second annual "Welding Rodeo" hosted by KCC on Saturday, April 17.

The competition featured four events and was open to welders of all skill levels.

The overall winner was Josh Karalevicz of St. Anne (at right). Karalevicz won three
events and was the honorable mention winner of the fourth event. Ian Walton of Bourbonnais won one event. Other welders who earned honorable mention were Kary Cadle of Kankakee, Alex Yarno of Bourbonnais and Justin Tibbetts of Herscher.

Karalevicz and Walton were awarded certificates for four credit hours of coursework at KCC as well as one-year American Welding Society memberships. As overall winner, Karalevicz received an auto darkening welding helmet.

Judging was by a panel of AWS certified welding inspectors.

Although KCC enrollment was not an entry requirement, both winners have completed KCC welding courses. Karalevicz has taken Basic Welding, Advanced Arc Welding, Pipe Welding and Metallic Inert Gas Welding at KCC. Walton has completed six KCC welding courses, including Metallurgy and Heat Treatment, Tungsten Inert Gas Welding, Metallic Inert Gas Welding and Advanced Arc Welding. In addition, Walton is president of the JAK-3 Student Chapter of the American Welding Society.

The Welding Rodeo was sponsored by KCC; Pratt Gases and Welding Supplies; the Joliet, Aurora Kankakee chapter of the American Welding Society; Accurate American Testing; Stevenson Fabrication of Manteno; Belson Steel Center in Bourbonnais; and Lincoln Electric.

**Student group conducts used textbook drive**

Phi Theta Kappa will conduct a used textbook drive during buy-back Days, May 10 through 17. A collection box will be outside the Hammes Bookstore for staff and students to deposit textbooks that are outdated and no longer used. Books that are not eligible for the donation program include those more than five years old, course packets made at a college’s copy center, custom publications, academic journals, mass-market paperbacks, books in poor condition, and books with no ISBN number.
The donated textbooks will be sent to Better World Books to fund and support literacy initiatives locally, nationally and around the world. The organization chosen for this semester's book drive is the National Center for Family Literacy.

As an example of the impact of the donations:
- 100 books provides five literacy programs with a subscription to a national magazine
- 250 books purchases a new lending library for a family literacy program
- 500 books provides a training scholarship to a teacher

For more information about Better World Books, visit http://www.betterworldbooks.com. Better World Books was named No. 1 on the list of most promising social entrepreneurs in the U.S. by Business Week magazine in June 2009.

Questions may be directed to Susan LaMore, an advisor for KCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

**Schrock is happy to have this 'nightmare'**

Lee Schrock's daughter, Elee Schrock, has a small part in "Nightmare on Elm Street," a movie released April 30 nationwide.

Elee is a senior at Columbia College in Chicago. She is a theater major and will graduate later this month.

In the movie, both Elee and her car get on screen. Elee plays the friend of one of the movie's murder victims. She is seen at a funeral, and might have a line, Lee said. The scenes were filmed in Chicago's northwest suburbs, he said.

"Nightmare" brought in $32.9 million at the box office its first weekend, according to www.the-numbers.com.

**Events this week**

**Retirement reception: 5/10**

A retirement reception for the employees retiring at the end of the Spring 2010 semester will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 10 in the lower level of the College Center.

The party will honor Cyndy Clapp, Mike Mahoney and Nick Watson.

There will be a brief ceremony at 2:30 p.m., followed by a trip to the staff grove.

Please come join this collegewide celebration.

Cyndy, Mike and Nick all will retire effective May 31.
Book buyback: 5/10-5/17

Faculty members are asked to remind students about the bookstore's spring buyback dates.

The dates and times are:
May 10 through May 17
Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students should bring a state-issued identification or a KCC student ID card. Books must be in like new condition with no more than 15 pages of writing or highlighting to qualify for buyback. Those with questions can phone the bookstore at ext. 8590.

News and information

Films on Demand: A New Resource in the LRC

Submitted by Karen Becker, assistant director, Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center has recently acquired access to Films on Demand, a searchable digital repository of more than 10,000 videos and video clips.

Through this resource, students and faculty have access to clips appropriate to classroom or online use. The videos and clips are digitally accessible and can easily be used in Angel as well as the classroom. They also are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I highly encourage faculty and staff to use this resource. The site, for the new Films on Demand digital educational film repository, works if accessed through the KCC Learning Resource Center website:

Go to www.kcc.edu/library, choose Faculty Resources, choose the Films on Demand link. This process works from on-campus computers, but not off-site. The LRC staff is working on establishing a direct link to the site which will work both on and off campus.

Throughout the summer and into the fall, additional training, tutorials, and information will be provided. In the meantime, contact LRC staff with questions.

Green flash sustainability message

Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, sustainability & planning
Are you a "Locavore"?
A "herbivore" eats plant material, a "carnivore" is a meat-eater and an "omnivore" eats pretty much anything. But what's a "locavore"? Why would anyone want to be one?

According to the Oxford American Dictionary, a locavore is someone who is interested in eating food that is locally produced, not transported long distances to market. It may be grown in home gardens or produced by local commercial groups interested in keeping the environment clean and selling their produce close to its source to reduce the environmental impacts of transportation to distant markets. Farmer's markets are important in the effort to "eat local" while produce is in season. Preserving locally grown foods for use in the off season periods is another locavore practice. A locavore finds that local foods are fresher, healthier and taste better.

Considering that many "fresh foods" at the supermarket came from as many as 1,500 miles away, and are several days or weeks old, the locavores probably have a point!

So how about it, are you a locavore?