New this week

Board notes

The following items are highlighted from the Board of Trustees agenda, July 12, 2010.

Todd Widholm appointed

The board appointed Todd Widholm to the board to replace J. Dennis Marek, who resigned last month. Widholm is president of the State Bank of Herscher, where he has worked since 1993 in a variety of administrative roles. He is a graduate of Clifton Central High School and received a bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University. Widholm and his wife, Carol, reside in Clifton with their daughter Casey.

10th day enrollment report

Overall, summer enrollment increased 27.30 percent in headcount and 31.85 percent in credit hours compared to 2009. In all, 2,700 students enrolled, and generated 13,342 credit hours. Both figures are historic highs for KCC summer.

Wind towers

The board approved the request to bid six one kilowatt instructional wind towers and a larger 50 kilowatt wind tower to generate some power for use by the college. The large wind tower will be visible from the main college entry in the area currently rented for agricultural use. The location for the six instructional wind towers is under discussion, but south of the main east student parking lot is likely. Grant funds support the wind tower projects.
Additional parking lot

The board approved a bid to add a parking lot south of the main student lot. Bond funds will be used to support the project.

Grant awards and other items

The board approved a recommendation to accept the following awards:

- Thermal Efficiency for Public Facilities ARRA, $18,760 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to purchase and install HVAC equipment on main campus.
- Student Success grant, $166,608 from the Illinois Community College Board to provide supplemental services for students so they may develop the academic skills necessary to remedy or correct educational deficiencies and attain their college educational goals.
- The board approved the recommendations for staff tuition/course reimbursements.
- The board approved bid awards for lighting upgrades. Grant funds will help offset the lighting upgrade projects.

ICCB Salary and Benefits Portal

Submitted by David Cagle, director of Human Resources

A new state law (Public Act 096-0266) went into effect July 1, 2010. This law requires ICCB to make community college faculty and administrator salaries open to the public. It also requires colleges to link to the information from their homepages.

The Act specifically states, "Each board of trustees shall report on or before July 1 of each year, the base salary and benefits of the president or chief executive officer of the community college and all administrators, faculty members, and instructors employed by the community college district."

Under this requirement, KCC had to submit all salaries to ICCB, including supportive staff salaries. Since the law did not require supportive staff salaries to be posted, these salaries are not included in the ICCB portal, which is located under the footer of our home page.

The college not only reported the information to be compliant, but also to be transparent, accountable and good stewards of tax-assisted college funds.

The new law also impacts public P-12 education and public universities. Companion websites are also being developed for public school employees (Illinois State Board of Education) and public university employees (Illinois Board of Higher Education). A site already exists for Illinois state government employees (Central Management Services).

I would like to personally thank Pam Yates in IT and Janet Fager in HR for all their hard work and time that was devoted to this project.
Employment news

Linda Chouinard is now specialist I for the bookstore & marketing departments. In this position, she will split her time between the departments. For the marketing and public relations office, Linda will continue to plan events, assist people throughout the college with promotional items and other related activities. In marketing, Linda's office is in Room L270 and her phone is ext. 8287.

In the bookstore, she will track and oversee Central Supplies, other orders, and inventory, among other duties. In the bookstore, her office is Room L101 and her phone is ext. 8594.

Previously, Linda was a specialist I for marketing and public relations.

Karen Devine is now an administrative assistant II, human resources.

She will continue to provide support services to the Human Resources Department as she has done in a part-time capacity for several years. Previously, Karen was a clerk I/records for human resources.

Karen's office is in Room L222 and her phone is ext. 8120.

Two other employees have recently begun employment at KCC. Longer introductions of them will be included in a future edition of Update.

Mary Martin, director of financial affairs, Finance and Administration; and John Tully, technician II, Physical Plant Department.

One person has recently left the college, Kim Pollok, chairperson, Health Careers Division, employment ended effective June 30, 2010.

Film and discussion: Food, Inc.

Area residents are invited to view the documentary, "Food, Inc." and participate in a discussion following the film.

The event will be 6:30 p.m. July 29 at the Kankakee Public Library, 201 E Merchant St. in Kankakee.

The discussion will be lead by Scott Stewart, Ph.D., director of KCC's horticulture and agriculture programs; and Alex Panozzo, chairman of the sustainable agriculture/local foods committee.

The presentation was made possible by the Council for Community
Sustainability and the Kankakee Public Library.

## Events this week

### Fall preregistration payment deadline: 7/22

**Student Services & Accounting close at 5 p.m.: 7/22**

- Please make students aware that those who pre-registered for Fall 2010 courses have until 5 p.m. July 22 to pay for or make arrangements to pay for the courses.
- Students will be dropped from courses for failure to meet this deadline. Registration continues until Aug. 21, and fall classes begin Aug. 23.
- Both the Student Services and Accounting offices will close at 5 p.m. July 22.

## Upcoming event

### Cavalier Club Golf Outing: 8/12

- A hole-in-one could win a Cavalier Club Golf Outing participant a new car on Aug. 12.
- The 26th annual outing will be Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Kankakee Elks Golf Club in St. Anne.
- Hove Buick Nissan of Bradley will give away a new car to the first golfer at the event who hits a hole-in-one at a par 3 hole pre-selected by the course pro.
- Registrations for the outing are now being accepted. The scramble-style event begins with lunch at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at noon. It will conclude with dinner and an auction.
- The cost is $100 per golfer and includes lunch, dinner, drinks, cart and greens fees. For dinner only, the cost is $30. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.
- The Cavalier Club promotes and supports KCC athletic programs and encourages community involvement. The outing will raise funds to support all KCC athletic programs.
- Kankakee Elks Golf Club is located at 2283 Bittersweet Drive in St. Anne.
- For more information, to register, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact the KCC Athletics office at 815-802-8600.
Green flash sustainability message
Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, sustainability & planning

The following information is from "The Green Book: An Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet" (2007) by Elizabeth Roger and Thomas M. Kostigen.

There are about 100 million homes in the United States.

'Home' is where we spend most of our time, consume most of the energy and water we use, and create the most waste -- an average of 100 gallons per day of water and 4.5 pounds trash.

Here are some ways reduce consumption and waste in just one area, the kitchen:

-- Always use cold water when running your garbage disposal. And, avoid using the disposal at all ... compost ...
-- Compost scraps (fruit, veggies, coffee grounds) creates a better garden and deeper topsoil; it recycles nutrients, and conserves landfill space.
-- Run full loads in your dishwasher saves energy and water. Don't pre-rinse. You can save up to 20 gallons per load or about 7,300 gallons of water a year by following both tips.
-- Keep your microwave clean. Microwaves are 3.5 to 4.8 times more efficient than conventional electric ovens.
-- If what you are broiling, roasting, or baking will cook for an hour or more, preheat the oven for 10 minutes or less. This tip can be followed for breads and cakes, too.
-- Keep the refrigerator door closed. It is the biggest energy user in the kitchen. Opening the refrigerator door costs $30 - $60 per year.
-- Use the right size pot for the burner and save about $18 (gas) to $36 (electric) per year. Five percent of home energy is for cooking.
-- Install a water filter on your faucet instead of buying bottled water! The filter's cost (about $39), is equivalent to a month's worth of bottled water (one liter per day). This also eliminates the need to recycle the plastic bottles.

Questions? Comments? Contact me at ext. 8243 or Bert Jacobson at ext. 8242.