New this week

Board notes

Following is a summary of topics addressed at KCC’s board of trustees meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010.

Summer end-of-term credit hour reports and fall 10th-day report
Overall, 15,804 credit hours were generated during the 2010 summer term, a 19.35 percent increase from last summer.

The Fall 2010 10th-day enrollment report reflects 41,361 credit hours, a 6.74 percent increase over last fall. Headcount increased 8.85 percent over last fall.

Supplemental tax provision
Each year the board adopts a resolution expressing its intent to levy the maximum allowable operating rate. This year the rate is 25.15 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation as determined by the statewide average certified by the Illinois Community College Board.

Auditor's report
The college's auditing firm Groskreutz, Schmidt, Abraham, Eshhleman and Gerretse presented the audit report. There were no audit findings or questioned costs.

Roof repair
The board approved a series of roof replacements using protection, health and safety funds. The project will be submitted to the Illinois Community College Board for approval. Phase I of the work includes the L Building from the landing outside of Admin Hall and extends west. Specifications for the new roofs will incorporate an environmentally-sustainable approach. The work will begin next summer.
Grant awards and other recommendations

The board approved a recommendation to accept the $71,000 College and Career Readiness grant from the Illinois Community College Board. The funds will be used to align learning outcomes between high school and beginning college classes.

The board also approved recommendations for chargebacks and tuition reimbursements.

Training Opportunity

A limited number of seats are available for supportive staff employees to attend an all-day training event at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais on Thursday, Nov. 4.

It will include two sessions, "Spreading Contagious Enthusiasm" and "10 Simple Truths for Delivering Great Service on the Front Line."

The cost will be paid by KCC.

Supportive staff members who would like to attend should first obtain supervisory approval, then send an e-mail expressing interest to David Cagle.

If more interest is received than spaces available, a random drawing will be held Oct. 23 to choose people to attend. Therefore, the deadline to sign up is Oct. 22.

"After the event, participants will be expected to share what they learn with their co-workers," said Vicki Gardner, vice president for finance and administration.

Teaching and Learning Center October highlights

Note the news day -- Tuesdays -- for drop-in hours

Submitted by Jessica Fehland, assistant professor of education, coordinator of instructional technology

One-on-one ANGEL assistance, and ANGEL training by appointment are both offered.

For one-on-one assistance with an ANGEL question, please visit Room V108 on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m.to work with an ANGEL mentor.

For ANGEL Training, please e-mail angelhelp@kcc.edu to schedule a day and time to learn more about our online course management system.

Employment news

Two people have accepted new positions within the college, and another has ended her employment.
Emily Skelly is now a career development counselor/academic advisor for Student Services, effective Oct. 18. Formerly, she was a specialist III, for the Office of Institutional Research.

Dennis Sorensen is now vice president for instructional and student success, effective Oct. 13. Previously, he was interim vice president for instructional and student success.

One full-time employee has left the college.
Cathy Robinson, dean of student development in Student Services, employment ended effective Oct. 15.

The artwork of 5 faculty chosen for biennial exhibit

The biennial 2010 Regional Art Faculty Invitational at Governors State University features the works of two full-time and three adjunct art faculty from KCC.

This year's show includes work from adjunct faculty members Michael Costanza, Michael D. Hart, and Jerry Slowik as well as full-time art faculty members Jean Janssen and Chelise Slowik.

"The Invitational promises a random cross section of working styles, subjects and media and this year is no exception," according to information released by GSU.

Ceramic, wax sculpture, mixed media collage, graphic novel, pastel, photography, oil painting and assemblage are represented.

The exhibit will be displayed at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery through Oct. 28.

Congratulations to the art department on their accomplishments.

West Campus outdoor spaces undergo changes

The expansion of Horticulture and Agriculture programming, and the addition of the Renewable Energy emphasis to the Electrical Technology Program on the college's West Campus has raised questions about the health and condition of the many trees at that campus location.

Students are utilizing the outdoor space around the West Campus buildings for a number of course activities, including establishing a new turfgrass evaluation plot, working in the temporary greenhouse, and constructing and installing a solar photovoltaic training roof and wind turbine.

"Many of the trees that students are working around and under are over 30 years old and have begun to show signs of deterioration," said Scott Stewart, who has a doctorate in environmental horticulture, and is director of horticulture and agriculture programs.

Scott, along with experts from the University of Illinois Extension, have evaluated the trees at the college's West Campus location.

"We determined that at least six 30-plus year-old honey locust trees pose a serious safety concern for students working in and under the
trees, particularly from large branch falls," Scott said. "These trees have been removed for the safety of students, faculty, and staff who work in, around, and under them on a daily basis. In the spirit of the campus' continuing sustainability efforts, the removed trees will be replaced by numerous teaching gardens that will include mixtures of native grasses, herbaceous perennial plants, woody shrubs, and small-to-medium sized trees."

Students in the Horticulture Program will spearhead the design, installation, and maintenance of these teaching gardens.

Questions may be directed to Scott at sstewart@kcc.edu or ext. 8859.

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**Dig Pink rallies around breast cancer awareness**

The women’s volleyball team is participating in the national dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally and will donate all gate receipts from its match at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 to breast cancer awareness through the Side-Out Foundation.

The Cavaliers opponent will be Lake Land College. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for students with ID.

Fans are invited to make a statement and wear something pink in the stands, said Gary Sien, volleyball coach. The KCC women’s volleyball team would like to thank everyone for supporting this event and Breast Cancer research.

Those currently fighting breast cancer, and survivors of the disease, are invited to attend and receive special recognition during the match. Donations are being accepted online at [http://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/3557](http://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/3557)

2010 is the third year KCC has participated in Dig Pink. In 2009, the team raised more than $400.

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**Accounts payable: no check run 11/25**

There will not be an accounts payable check run on Nov. 25.

Items needing to be paid in the Nov. 18 check run need to be turned in to Angela Kunce or Jamie Lockwood by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15. Requests received after Nov. 15, will be paid on the Dec. 2 check run.

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**See the recognition event slideshow**

A slideshow featuring honorees and other employees who attended
the staff recognition event Oct. 1 is available. It is at [http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/Pages/recognitionevent.aspx](http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/Pages/recognitionevent.aspx). Congratulations again to those who celebrated milestone anniversaries of KCC employment.

## Events this week

### Class schedules arrive: @10/20

*Please remind students that schedules won't be mailed*

Spring 2011 class schedules are expected to arrive on campus this week.

For the first time, schedules will not be mailed to all district residents. A limited number will be available at KCC and in public locations such as high schools and libraries.

Students are encouraged to pick up schedules in student services or other locations on campus.

*Online registration begins: 10/18*

Online registration for Spring 2011 begins today for qualified students. Most current students are eligible to register online using KCConnect ([http://connect.kcc.edu](http://connect.kcc.edu)).

As in past semesters, online registration begins one week before on-campus registration.

To register online, students must meet all three of the following requirements: currently enrolled at KCC; enrolled in or have completed one credit or more at KCC (not including 0900-0999 courses); have a KCC GPA of 2.0 or higher, this requirement is waived if it is the student's first semester.

It is recommended that students meet with an advisor before registering online.

Online registration is not available for some courses, they are noted in the class schedule and on KCConnect.

Registration in-person begins Oct. 25.

### Flu immunization registration deadline: 10/19

Flu shots will be offered at KCC for all employees and students— including full- and part-time faculty and staff on Friday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Room D151.

To participate, you must register by Oct. 19. To register, for a flu shot, see Linda Antons or Judy Spence at the first floor receptionist desk.

The cost is $25, payable when you receive the shot. KCC's insurance
policy does not include flu shots. The program is being offered through the Wellness Committee and Health Careers Division.

Any questions should be directed to Jane Clark at ext. 8146 or Sheri Sikma at ext. 8826.

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Stir-fry and pasta bar: Oct. 19 & 20

Food Service Inc. will offer a stir-fry and pasta bar, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Each day, Chef Auston Minnich will prepare fresh meals in front of customers.

The stir-fry will start with white rice, and options to go with it will include a variety of vegetables and teriyaki sauce. For pasta, options will include penne or rotini noodles, marinara or Alfredo sauces, chicken or sausage, and vegetables.

To visit the stir-fry and pasta bar, you must purchase a ticket at the register before entering the food line. Cost will be $5 per person.

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Data gathering info: Choose 10/20 or 10/21

Submitted by Monica Quinlan, coordinator, Office of Institutional Research

Need data? It is often difficult to get the data you need from Datatel in a workable format.

"Informer" is a web-based reporting tool to help you pull data out of Datatel.

Two upcoming sessions will provide the basics of running existing reports that have already been created. Sessions are scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursday Oct. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m. You only need to attend one session.

The sessions will also cover the most useful feature of Informer, having data exported into an Excel spreadsheet so that you can make any formatting changes you may need.

To reserve a seat, please get your supervisor's approval and e-mail me, Monica Quinlan, at mquinlan@kcc.edu with your chosen session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 8259.

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Campus Byte Session: 10/21

President offers feedback session this week

Last year, Campus Bytes was instituted as a format to provide feedback, share ideas and address concerns directly to KCC's president, Dr. John Avendano.
"I hope that many of you will take the time to join me," he said.

**Upcoming sessions in Hammes CCafe:**
- Thursday, Oct. 21 -- 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 21 -- 3-4 p.m. (Note the new time)

Digital Grounds at the Hammes Café provides coffee, smoothies, teas and snack items.

Avendano also will hold President's Addresses in the auditorium to provide the college community with updates on big picture issues (facility matters, college/state finances, etc.) on Nov. 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Nov. 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Nov. 2, 8-9 a.m.; and Nov. 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

If neither format--Campus Bytes nor President's Address sessions--fit your schedule, the college offers a Candid Comments form. It is on the website and there is a Candid Comments link in every *Update*. You can enter contact information or remain anonymous.

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**Event for veterans: 10/21**

KCC and the Illinois Department of Employment Security will sponsor the third annual Veterans Job Fair and Resource Network event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 21.

The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

This event is a good opportunity for veterans to learn more about current job opportunities and local resources, said Mary Posing, director of Continuing Education and Career Services. Participants are encouraged to dress for success and to enjoy the experience of meeting employers and agencies from throughout the area.

Booths also are available, free of charge, for area businesses to participate. The reservation deadline is Oct. 15.

For further information about the event, contact Mary at ext. 8202 or e-mail mposing@kcc.edu.

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"Dollars for Denim" Jeans Day: 10/22

KCC will participate in a "Dollars for Denim" Jeans Day on Friday, Oct. 22.

The event will help United Way fund 45 charitable programs in 24 member agencies.

Bring a $5 donation to Mary Posing or David Cagle, co-chairs of KCC United Way campaign.

Participants will receive a sticker to wear Oct. 22.

Last year, 40 employees participated, raising $200. This year, KCC is hoping for at least 50 participants for a minimum goal of $250.
Upcoming events

Employee Benefits Fair: 10/29

An Employee Benefits Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Iroquois and Cavalier rooms.

"All full-time employees are strongly encouraged to attend to learn about the new benefit changes," said David Cagle, director of human resources.

Featured presentations/events will include:
-- Presentations from State Universities Retirement System, BlueCross BlueShield, Benefits Planning Consultants, and Employee Assistance Program.
-- AFLAC and our 403 deferred compensation vendors have been invited to attend.
-- A complimentary lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
 -- Flu shots will be administered from 9 a.m. to noon. A $25 fee applies and preregistration by Oct. 19 is required. See related article, "Flu immunization registration deadline: 10/19."

Poetry reading: 10/27

Local poets and a nationally known poet and speaker will be featured during the annual KCC Invited Guest Poetry Reading, 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Local poets will read their poems on the topic of social awareness.

The event also will feature keynote speaker Haki Madhubuti (shown at right), Ida B. Wells professor at DePaul University in Chicago.

For more details about the event, e-mail Penelope Stickney, KCC writing professor, at pstickney@kcc.edu. Event information also is at www.kcc.edu.

There's still time to join Halloween contest
Submitted by: Ghoulish Halloween planners in Room L355

There are only two weeks until Halloween and we have just two areas joining the annual Halloween decorating contest: Room L355 and Admissions & Registration.

Anyone else interested? Student Services? LRC? W102? Media? This year everyone will get to participate by viewing
the decorated departments and casting secret ballots for the winner.

We understand with the current economic crunch that no one wants to spend money on a Halloween contest, but there are many ways to be creative with your theme without spending a dime. We've even seen how crafty and imaginative some of you are, so we know you can come up with some pretty cool ideas! It's time to put on those thinking caps!

Please let either Sheila Pfaff or Alison Nakaerts know by Friday, Oct. 22 if your area is going to join in on the Halloween Decorating Competition.

Don't forget ... a full year of bragging rights is up for grabs!

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**Halloween Spooktacular: Oct. 29**

The ninth annual "Halloween Spooktacular" children's show will be Friday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in the George H. Ryan activities building.

Renowned children's entertainer Dave Rudolf will amuse goblins of all ages with fun songs and stories. Children will be invited on stage to perform "The Frankenstein Dance" and "The Ghoul Limbo", to help put bones back together during "Skeleton Bones", and to sing along with Rudolf's award-winning songs. Musical parodies, bubbles, hula hoops and other fun props will add to the entertainment.

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Adults can wear costumes as well. Photography will be allowed.

This event is open to the public, and admission is $1.

Rudolf has received award nominations 15 times from the National Association of Campus Activities. He also has a gold award from Disney® for writing Owl's Song, from the album "Take My Hand - Songs from the 100 Acre Wood."

For more information about the Halloween Spooktacular, contact Sarah McIntosh-Zirkle, coordinator of student life, at ext. 8628, or e-mail smcintosh-zirkle@kcc.edu.

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**News and information**

**Win a Bears gnome!**

He's cute ... He's almost cuddly ... He'll look great in your garden or in the house!

A Bears gnome raffle is underway, with all proceeds benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Tickets are just $1 each, or six for $5.

Several locations are selling tickets. They include the Bookstore, First Floor Information Desk, Information Technology Services Helpdesk, Registrar's Office, Room
United Way updates
Submitted by David Cagle, co-chair of KCC's United Way campaign

The second annual "Give a Little Bit" 5K for the United Way was a tremendous success!

We had 159 finishers, including 23 KCC employees, plus another 33 people making donations, for a total field of 192 participants.

Altogether, $3,600 was raised for the day. Thanks to everyone who participated, whether it was running, walking, jogging, volunteering, being part of pre- and post-race activities, or other work behind the scenes that is too often unnoticed, but definitely appreciated.

Congratulations to Mike O'Connor and Meredith Purcell for being the first KCC male and female employees crossing the finish line in the run. Congratulations to Michelle Weishaar for being the fastest KCC walker. Please see the attached link for a list of all finishers (http://races.awardspace.com/2010/united1f.pdf) with their official place and time. Another link will take you to a slideshow from the event. (http://www.kcc.edu/Community/Pages/galb5k.aspx)

The Schwan's fundraiser Oct. 13 also was successful, generating sales of more than $1,300 and resulting in a $262 donation to KCC's United Way campaign.

The three Schwan's fundraisers have raised $862. Thanks again for doing your grocery shopping with Schwan's!

Our goal for the entire KCC internal campaign is $18,500. We are currently at $15,000, or 81 percent. We still have $3,500 to raise with approximately five weeks to go before the campaign closes.

If you wish to make a pledge, please come to Human Resources Office to complete a pledge form. At the Employee Benefits Fair on Oct. 29, we will have another United Way raffle that includes a football autographed by Devin Hester, an overnight stay at a local hotel, and restaurant gift certificates.

Anyone who has already made an annual pledge or who pledges before that date will be eligible for the drawing.

Thanks again for everyone's support of our local United Way!

Green flash sustainability message
Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, sustainability & planning

Following is information regarding flooring choices for your home, information derived from a Chicago Tribune article by Mike McClintock.
Please keep these sustainability facts in mind when selecting materials for your home improvements.

The case for carpet:

Almost all wall-to-wall carpet is synthetic (made of nylon, polypropylene, polyester and acrylic, which are materials derived from petroleum).

These floor coverings, even the most expensive grades, are usually about half the cost of natural fiber (wool) carpeting. They stand up to wear quite well, and can be a do-it-yourself project if your knees and back are up to the challenge. Medium grade carpet will cost $2 to $4 per square foot, making this choice affordable for many homeowners.

However, any floor covering will eventually show wear in traffic paths and will need to be replaced. The carpet variety and quality will dictate how soon the wear pattern begins to show, but it will show.

Another issue is the off-gassing of volatile compounds from the carpet, padding and glue incorporated into the material. These have been reduced in recent years, but they are still a problem for some.

And remember that the polymers come from petroleum sources. Disposal of used carpet contributes about 4 billion pounds a year to landfills which is another environmental impact of this option for your home.

The case for wood:

Wood comes from renewable forests and is recycled into countless products. Strip oak planks, the old standard, costs more and takes longer to install than carpet.

The built-in bonus of wood flooring is that once in place, there are actually several floors. The ¼ inch planks can be sanded and refinished every 10 years or so and a like-new surface is displayed. This makes such flooring cost effective at $4 per square foot for common white oak compared to the higher end carpet choices.

There are many prefinished wood veneer and laminate flooring choices available now which also have many of the benefits of traditional wood flooring and are cost competitive with carpeting. Some of these options are quite easy to install, snap in place designs geared to do-it-yourself enthusiasts and don't require special tools.

The factory applied finishes on these materials are warranted for 15, 20, even 25 years, so replacement due to wear patterns is not a serious problem. There are no volatile fumes emitted from these floors either. They are easier to keep clean than carpeting and do not trap moisture, dust mites, or mold spores as carpet can.

Questions? Comments? Contact me at extension 8243 or Bert Jacobson, dean for environmental and institutional sustainability at
extension 8242.

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