New this week

Share your comments and opinions

Candid comments are accepted both electronically and on paper to give feedback and to share opinions.

Feedback is encouraged, said Dr. John Avendano.

When you see the 'feedback requested' icon, it's an invitation to share your thoughts and ideas. Sending a candid comment is a good way to provide ideas if you missed the campus bytes sessions.

Responses will be provided within a week if the sender provides the information to do so, though comments may be anonymous.

A link to the Candid Comments form is also in every Update, and it can be found in many places on the website, including a link from the Faculty/Staff homepage.

There are three Candid Comments boxes on campus. The box locations are:
-- Near the Workforce Development Center hallway in the College Center.
-- Near the copier outside Room L355.
-- Inside the entrance to the Learning Resource Center, on the left.

Volunteers needed for Bradley-Bourbonnais Holiday Business Expo

Please consider sustainability of our environment before printing this newsletter.
The Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce Holiday Business Expo -- formerly the Regional Expo -- will be on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Northfield Square Mall.

The department of recruitment services is looking for faculty, administrators and support staff to represent KCC at the college booth. Volunteers will talk to prospective students and community members as well as distribute KCC literature and giveaways.

The following shifts are available:
10 a.m. - noon
Noon - 2 p.m.
2-4 p.m.
4-6 p.m. (includes pack up)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole Ford by e-mail or phone at ext. 8508.

Halloween results are in

Zombies rule!

Congratulations to Physical Plant Department on its first place finish in the annual Halloween costume contest.

The Zombieland Cemetery -- "You kill it, we clean it" - cleaned up in this year's voting.

Second place finisher was the Student Services/Admissions Office, with a Miss D's Beau D Pageant. They looked mahvelous.

Another group dying to serve KCC was "L355 and Friends," who followed a Death at the Cemetery theme. They finished in third.
Rounding out the voting was Kiss, "We party every day in the Bookstore." They were a late arrival to the voting, and were the fourth place finisher.

Not part of the voting, but a fine group all-around, were The Office "Media Mifflin" dudes.

In the new costume category for individuals, first place went to the über-scary April Frye.
Tied for second place were Kathy Weber and Debbie Cooke. Third place was shared by Sheila Pfaff and Andy Chetti. The multitude of characters in fourth place were Felicia Bell, Vicky Dubie, Nicole Ford, Auston Minnich, Alison Nakaerts, Cyndy Riordan and Gisel Waide.

27 employees celebrate November work anniversaries

The following 15 full-time employees are marking anniversaries of their KCC employment in November:

Nicole Ford, Student Services, 11/2/09
Ted Petersen, Athletics, 11/3/08
Liz East, Adult & Community Education, 11/4/01
Joellen Vasquez, Athletics, 11/4/01
Vicky Dubie, Physical Plant Department, 11/5/79
Joshua Gregoire, Information Technology Services, 11/5/07
Joyce Cochran, Student Services, 11/8/93
Michelle Driscoll, Student Services, 11/11/97
Pam Yates, Information Technology Services, 11/12/85
Karen Becker, Learning Resource Center, 11/14/06
Sharon Hoogstraat, Student Services, 11/15/83
Tracy Hilgendorf, Learning Resource Center, 11/16/09
Debbie Blomer, Workforce Investment Act, 11/27/79
Kathy Weber, Admissions and Registration, 11/27/78
Brenda Newman, Student Services, 11/29/99

The following 12 other staff also are celebrating November anniversaries:

Joseph Ciaccio, Adult and Community Education, 11/1/07
Christine Younker, Adult and Community Education, 11/1/07
Arlene Kurzawa, Adult and Community Education, 11/3/08
Ranata Khatib, various, 6/18/09
Edith Bender, Adult and Community Education, 11/17/08
Alex Panozzo, Sustainability, 11/18/08
Jeanette Cobb, various, 11/20/06
Chenille Evans, various, 11/20/06
Janet Hanson, various, 11/20/06
Nancy Kroll, various, 11/20/06
Kathy Stuart, various, 11/20/06
Valerie Hall, Adult and Community Education, 11/24/08

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Honor society welcomes 35 KCC students

Thirty-five KCC students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international academic honor society for community college students. To join Phi Theta Kappa, students must have a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

The new members from KCC, listed by city of residence, are:

**Bourbonnais:** Blythe Black, Julie Cullotta, Jennifer Dunlavey, Jaime Hayes, Quatina King, German Leal, Roberto Saldivar, Bridget Walsh and Melissa Weaver.
**Bradley:** Nicole Ashley and Gerard Foote.
**Chatsworth:** Ann McNabb.
**Chebanse:** Roxanne Surprentant.
**Clifton:** Katie Boudreau.
**Donovan:** Moriah Spitler.
**Gilman:** Sarah Thomson.
**Grant Park:** Sarah Dobin.
**Kankakee:** Aaron Bretveld, Tamara Dahl, Belal Degedeh, Chantelle Dyson, Andrea Eenigenburg, Mauro Lomartire, Jaclyn Morgan, Heather Thompson and Rodney Watkins.
GED program expands into Momence

Free General Educational Development (GED) classes are now being offered at Momence High School, 101 N. Franklin St., Momence. Class meeting times are Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Program orientations are required before GED enrollment. Registration for the program is completed during the orientation. There is no cost to the student. Classes are designed for students at least 16 years of age who have not completed high school and are not enrolled in the school system. Students are encouraged to take a class or take a practice test prior to taking the GED exam.

If anyone knows someone interested in working toward a GED, your friend is invited to register for an orientation by phoning 815-802-8300. To learn more by e-mail, send a message to GED@kcc.edu. The GED preparation courses are offered through KCC. KCC also offers GED preparation on the main campus, 100 College Drive in Kankakee; at the KCC Education and Employment Center, 202 N. Schuyler Ave. Suite 201 in Kankakee; at the Bradley Public Library, 296 N. Fulton St. in Bradley; and at the KCC Iroquois County Satellite Center, 1001 E. Grant St. in Watseka.

ANGEL Highlights for November!

NEW! ANGEL ‘how-to’ tutorials

Visit the TLC tutorials page to watch how-to tutorials. Check it out! Topics include:
ANGEL Gradebook Overview
Reordering Assignments in the Gradebook
Backing Up Your Course
Converting Quizzes to Assessments
Discussion Forums Interaction Options
Assessment Interaction Options

ANGEL drop-in

ANGEL Drop-in times in November will be on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. in Room V108. If you have an ANGEL question, feel free to stop by!

One-on-one ANGEL Help

Would you like to meet with an ANGEL mentor? Send an e-mail to angelhelp@kcc.edu.
Delicious Fannie May candy fundraiser has begun

The annual KCC Phi Theta Kappa fundraiser selling Fannie May candy has begun. Orders for Fannie May candy will be taken until Monday, Nov. 29. Everyone who puts in an order can have this delicious candy in time for the upcoming holidays, said Susan LaMore, a Phi Theta Kappa advisor.

To place an order, contact Scott Kistler, Meredith Purcell, Frances Hebert, Susan or any Phi Theta Kappa member.

Thanks for digging pink
Submitted by Gary Sien, head volleyball coach

The Dig Pink Volleyball match on Oct. 28 was a great success, thank you for attending. Donations still can be made through the end of November either at the Athletics Office or by logging on to the Side Out Foundation Web site -- http://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/3557.

The KCC women's volleyball team would like to thank everyone's donation to this cause for Breast Cancer research. Please look for us to make this an annual event.

Events this week

President's Address: 11/1 & 11/2

Dr. John Avendano will present a President's Address two times this week to provide the college community with updates on big picture issues (facility matters, college/state finances, etc.).

The sessions will be in the Auditorium as follows:
- Monday, Nov. 1 -- 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 1 -- 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 2 -- 8-9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 2 -- 2:30-3:30 p.m.

"I encourage you to attend one of the President's Address sessions as your schedules permit," Avendano said.

Other ways to provide feedback directly have included Campus Bytes sessions and a link to the Candid Comments form in every Update is on the website. When using Candid Comments, you can enter contact information or remain anonymous.
WKCC election coverage: 11/2

The community is invited to tune to WKCC 91.1 FM Tuesday evening, Nov. 2, from 7 p.m. until midnight for live general election coverage provided by Illinois Public Radio.

National races will be updated throughout the evening from NPR. Illinois races will be covered by reporters around the state.

WKCC 91.1 FM is a non-commercial public radio service which relies on local business underwriting and listener contributions. The station is licensed to KCC and can be heard throughout Kankakee County and in portions of Will, Grundy, Livingston, Ford, and Iroquois counties in Illinois and Newton and Lake counties in Indiana. More information is available at www.wkccradio.org.

Iroquois center business after hours: 11/3

The KCC Iroquois County Satellite Center will host a business after hours on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the center.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Watseka Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber and community members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

"KCC is committed to offering classes and services in the Iroquois County area," said Dennis Sorensen, vice president for instruction and student success. "During the event, we want to discuss classes and training options with business leaders and people from the Watseka community so KCC can offer the right mix of opportunities."

KCC's Iroquois County Satellite Center is at 1001 E. Grant Street in Watseka, in the County Administrative Building. Satellite Center hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. For more information about its services and classes, visit www.kcc.edu/icsc.

Motorsports Spaghetti Dinner: 11/4

KCC's Motorsports Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. in the lower level of the College Center.

The event is open to the public.

The dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drinks.

Cost is $10 per person. Proceeds will support KCC's Motorsports Club. Tickets can be purchased at the first floor reception desk and from any Motorsports Club member.

For more information, contact Sarah Zirkle at ext. 8628 or smcintosh-zirkle@kcc.edu.
Upcoming event

WeightWatchers Open house: 11/9

There will be a WeightWatchers Open House from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 in the Iroquois Room.

News and information

Free text and e-mail alerts available
Useful for notifications of KCC closures

A full list of options for notifications when KCC closes is at www.kcc.edu/severeweatherinfo.

One of those methods is a text and e-mail alert system offered in conjunction with the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office. It allows subscribers to receive emergency notifications via text, e-mail, or both. Messages are sent in emergency situations such as college closing and severe weather.

The www.sheriffalert.com service is free; however, cell phone providers may charge for receipt of text messages.

Please make sure students are aware of www.kcc.edu/severeweatherinfo.

Update deadline

The deadline to get articles in Update is noon Thursday for the following Monday's issue.

In addition to submitting articles and article ideas in person or on paper, you also can submit them via e-mail to eskelly@kcc.edu.

Articles should be submitted to Ellen Skelly in marketing and public relations. You can contact Ellen at ext. 8279.

Students encouraged to register vehicles
Submitted by Rich Soderquist, director of facilities and campus safety

As part of "Our Campus/Your Campus" -- which fosters awareness and sharing in responsibility for the educational experience and the facilities at KCC -- students will be required to provide vehicle information.

Forms will be provided in Student Services and collected in either the Accounting or Financial Aid offices. The security department will maintain a vehicle data base.

This new initiative is being put in place to assist with public safety and facilitate better communication related to pedestrian and traffic safety.
Green flash sustainability message
Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, sustainability & planning

Barbara Loudy of the Learning Resource Center brought to my attention that students often print PowerPoints from their classes.
Barb saw the opportunity to be more conservative of our paper, ink and copier toner resources. Here are her suggestions. Thanks, Barb!

PowerPoints, printing and sustainability
PowerPoint presentations are an effective way to convey the important issues in classrooms, meetings and at conferences. Copies of PowerPoint slides are a convenient way to save information for later reference and study. Students are often given access to PowerPoints to use while studying for exams, quizzes, etc. How they use the PowerPoints can impact sustainability.
Faculty, please encourage students to "go paperless" and study the electronic copy.
If that isn't possible, encourage students to just print out the needed slides instead of the entire presentation.
If printing, set the printer to print in "handout" format, with multiple images per sheet and in grayscale. This will conserve paper, ink, and toner. Double sided printing will further reduce paper consumption. Many printers at KCC have the default setting to print double-sided. Check before printing and ask for double-sided copies when you can.
By following these suggestions, a 60 slide presentation can be transformed (6 slides per page, single sided) from 60 pages to 10 pages - good! You could even pare it down to 5 pages (double sided copies) - that's even better!
Thank you for supporting KCC's sustainability efforts by adopting these policies. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to follow these guidelines when utilizing PowerPoint information from class.
Questions? Comments? Contact me at ext. 8243 or Bert Jacobson, dean of environmental and institutional sustainability, at ext. 8242.