



February 2008

## College receives \$1 million grant for Upward Bound Program

President Dr. Bill Holda is pleased to announce that the Kilgore College TRIO-Upward Bound program will receive \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be announced by Congressman Louie Gohmert and Senator John Cornyn at a press conference 1:45 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore College campus. The college will also introduce Upward Bound's new director, Bertha Brown, at the press conference.

Upward Bound is a program that provides support to high school students in preparation for college entrance.

The program serves high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree and who are low income. At least a third of participants must be students who are academically at-risk because

of low TAKS scores or low grade point averages.

The grant will allow the college to partner with 50 students yearly who meet the qualifications at four area school districts: Gladewater, Henderson, Pine Tree and Sabine.

The grant will also include funding to hire two full-time counselors who will work with students at the four high schools and the addition of an administrative assistant.

Upward Bound exists "to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from

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**Gohmert**

## Music department to host 40th Anniversary KC Chorale Reunion Saturday at Dodson

The KC Music Department is holding its 40th Anniversary Kilgore College Chorale Reunion this Saturday, Feb. 9. The event will culminate with a free concert 7:30 p.m. in Dodson Auditorium.

Five former chorale directors will participate in the reunion: Dr. Dale Miller, Director of Choral Activities at Arkansas State University; Dr. Paul Neal, Director of Choral Activities at Valdosta State University in Georgia; Dr. Bill Holda, KC President and Mary Heiden, who will serve as accompanist.

More than 75 alumni have

registered for the event. The alumni will join the current KC Chorale, under the direction of Ryan Kelly, making a choir of more than 130 singers for Saturday night's performance. Participants will rehearse during the day for the performance.

Festivities begin 9 a.m. Saturday with registration and check-in at the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center.

For more information, contact Ryan Kelly at (903) 983-8122 or Jeanne Johnson at (903) 983-8121.



*(Left) The 2007 KC Chorale was selected last year to represent the State of Texas in a national music festival in Washington, D.C.*

**9 a.m.**  
Registration and Check-In (Fine Arts Center Lobby)  
**10 a.m. to Noon**  
Rehearsals in Van Cliburn Auditorium  
**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** - Luncheon, Devall Student Center Ballroom  
**2 to 4 p.m.**  
Rehearsals in Dodson Auditorium  
**7:30 p.m.**  
Concert, Dodson Auditorium

## KC receives \$100,000 grant to renovate Van Cliburn Auditorium



The Kilgore College Foundation and the Texas Shakespeare Festival will match a \$100,000 grant awarded by the Meadows Foundation of Dallas to renovate Van Cliburn Auditorium

on the Kilgore College campus. Renovations at Van Cliburn Auditorium, the 222-seat home of the Texas Shakespeare Festival, are scheduled to be completed in time for this summer's TSF shows which begin July 3.

To date, the KC Foundation has raised approximately \$75,000 and is still in hopes of meeting the \$100,000 goal.

Raymond Caldwell, director of the TSF, said he is grateful to the Meadows Foundation and

thrilled about the ongoing renovations.

"We are thankful not only to the Meadows Foundation, but also the Kilgore College Office of Development, Dan Beach (who has coordinated the renovation efforts), the Kilgore College Maintenance Department, those in the community who helped to generate the initial matching grant and to everyone who has contributed to the fund-raising effort," Caldwell said. "Every year, thousands

of people from all parts of the country attend performances in Van Cliburn Auditorium. Providing them a comfortable, attractive and safe environment is one way to give them the best impression of both Kilgore College and the city of Kilgore."

Renovations include replacing seats, carpet, lighting and curtains. The plan also includes building a new wooden stage

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# President's Perspective



President Bill Holda

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This week I received some of the enrollment numbers which we recently certified. They are very encouraging at this point in the life of Kilgore

College. For the spring semester, headcount was 5,059, up 6.3% from the 2007 number of 4,757. More significantly, the contact hours were up almost 10%, compared with spring 2007.

We have also seen healthy numbers in the non-credit arena – the first quarter of 2007 contact hours were well over last year's activity. This too is very encouraging.

For those of you who might be unfamiliar with the current system of funding, Kilgore College will soon enter a "base year" which will generate two years' funding for our institution.

The non-credit year begins March 1, 2008, and will go through February 28, 2009. The funding year for the credit classes will include Summer I & II, fall 2008 and spring 2009.

For many years, we have had some nice enrollment increases in the non-base year and then experienced diminishing enrollment during the base year. For that reason, our state funding has been completely flat for almost 8 years. We have had to rely on tuition and fee increases to fund minimal cost of living increases for our faculty and staff.

As we enter this base year, we must all work together to maintain this momentum. A robust increase will be the way in which we can begin to give more appropriate salary increases without tying everything to tuition and fees. This is our moment – we have a wonderful opportunity to build on the growth we have already seen.

This growth may come in dual credit; it may be increased workforce and non-credit classes; it may be our ability to offer more classes in a non-traditional format and at non-traditional times; it may be the increases in distance education.

Whatever the factors which account for this growth, I am asking all of us to exert a superhuman effort to turn around our base year results, once and for all.

Each employee at Kilgore College can do something to help bring more students into the world of education. Throughout this semester, we hope to continue this dialogue – exploring the many ways in which we can achieve this together, as a true Kilgore College team.

*William M. Holda*

## FACULTY & STAFF reports

**Joe White** has been in communication with the Ministry of Petroleum in Azerbaijan, in preparation to receive a delegation from that country when they visit the East Texas Oil Museum. The Ministry is planning to build a new petroleum museum in Azerbaijan. A government official advised the ministry that a visit to KC and the museum was a must. Also, White has been invited to attend the International Forum of Energy Centres and Museums in Stavanger, Norway, in June. Sponsored by the International Association of Drilling Contractors, this will be the third annual meeting, in which international museum leaders work to develop and strengthen international outreach to the general public beyond the boundaries of the traditional oil field.

At the January meeting of the White Oak Economic Development Corp., Continuing Education Manager **Barker Hale** was elected to serve another year as president.

First Lt. Bryan Gage, son of Math Lab Instructor **Mary Kates**, has arrived in Ali Air Base in Iraq for a five-month deployment. Gage is a member of the United States Air Force. Please keep Gage and the rest of our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

### GOOD NEWS:

Congratulations to head basketball coach **Scott Schumacher** and wife Lisa for the birth of their new son, Alec Douglass, who was born at Good Shepherd Medical Center on Jan. 22 in Longview.

Jordan Dubois, son of TRIO retention specialist **Jude Dubois**, made the Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark. last fall with a 3.6 GPA while playing football for the Muleriders.

Congratulations to Continuing Education Manager **Barker Hale** and wife, Mary, with the birth of their granddaughter, Holland Elizabeth Hale, born Dec. 27. According to Hale, "She came out swinging a golf club."

### MORE NEWS & REMINDERS:

#### **Early Childhood Center looking for guest readers**

The Early Childhood Center is looking for guest readers again. We received a tremendous response from KC Staff last fall. If interested in reading a short children's book to one of the pre-school classes, please contact Janet Baxter at (903) 983-8293 or e-mail: [jbaxter@kilgore.edu](mailto:jbaxter@kilgore.edu). Scheduling will continue until March 31 and participants may choose the age group: Toddlers (18 months - 36 months) 9:30 a.m., Three's Class (3 and 4 year-olds) 10 a.m., and our Head Start Class (4 and 5 year-olds) at 9 a.m. Anyone on campus is welcome to sign-up.

#### **Help TRIO Club raise funds for community service projects**

Help the TRIO Club (KCTC) raise funds by purchasing or renewing magazine subscriptions by going to [http://www.magfundraising.com/Kilgore\\_College\\_TRIO\\_Club](http://www.magfundraising.com/Kilgore_College_TRIO_Club). The funds earned are used for community service projects. Last semester, KCTC purchased Christmas gifts for a 10 year-old girl from the Kilgore Crisis Center's Angel Tree. She was given a new bicycle, a pretty pink Kilgore College hoodie and a new pair of Heely brand tennis shoes. This gift would not have been possible without staff fund-raising participation. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **SGA plans events for Black History Month**

Beginning on Thursday, Feb. 7, the Student Government Association will premiere the Black History Month Movie Series. SGA will show a different movie each week during the month of February. The movies will be shown in the Devall Student Center Ballroom nightly at 7 p.m. They will have free pizza and extra credit slips available. Please encourage your students to attend. The movie schedule is: "Glory" (Feb. 7), "Higher Learning" (Feb. 12), "Rosewood" (Feb. 21) and "Remember the Titans" (Feb. 25). Also during the month of February, SGA will offer the Black History Month Question of the

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Day! There is currently a box in the Game Room with the "question of the day" and students can fill out slips of paper with the correct answer and have the chance to win weekly gift certificates to area restaurants. At the end of the month SGA will draw from all correct answers for \$100.

### College to continue contract with 'Smarthinking' service

Earlier this year, Jimmy Rieves informed employees that the college would not renew contract with Smarthinking. After some negotiations with Smarthinking, KC will continue the service. Rieves wants faculty and staff to let students know about this service. If you have students who would like to know how to access and utilize Smarthinking please refer them to Rieves at (903) 983-8268.

### Long time graphic arts instructor, Andries, passes away

Graveside services for long-time KC graphic arts instructor Gilbert Andries were held Jan. 9 at Kilgore Cemetery. Andries taught at KC from 1951-1988 and is the uncle of Tricia Hanisee who is currently the administrative assistant in Liberal and Fine Arts.

### It's not too late to purchase TSF China raffle tickets

It is not too late to buy raffle tickets for the TSF China trip next summer. The group leaves August 7 and the cost is \$50 per ticket. The winners also get to attend four Olympic events, as well as see many of the sights of Beijing. This is a great way to share in the cost of the company's trip. Two couples will get to attend. To purchase tickets, call Raymond Caldwell at (903) 983-8117.

### Keep international students in thoughts and prayers

One of KC's international students, Scholastich Otiso from Kenya, lost her mother recently. Please keep her and her family in your prayers and if possible offer her your condolences over her loss. Also, international student Charles Kimari's sister recently passed away. Both students are not able to return home for the services. There will be a prayer service 2:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Wesley Foundation. Scott Woods and Dudley Plaisance will preside. Everyone is welcome to share in this time of grief with these students.

### Need more professional development this spring?

Do you need to get some more professional development in this spring? Let Charleen Worsham know. Worsham is the director of Distance Education and Instructional Technology and wants to know employees' technical training needs (classroom or distance learning), and the best times to come. Worsham said she will be compiling the March calendar soon, so let her know what you are interested in. Call her at (903) 988-3700 or e-mail her at: cworsham@kilgore.edu.

### Remind Stafford Loan borrowers to attend meetings

KC still has more than 200 students who haven't attended loan counseling but must do so to pick up excess fund checks on Feb. 25. There will be a hold placed on the students' accounts who have not attended. A schedule of the sessions is posted on the web. If the student is not able to attend one of these sessions, they can pick up the Default Prevention Counseling form and the Understanding Stafford Loan information sheet from the KC Financial Aid Office. Students can also print these forms out from the KC Financial Aid/Loans web page. They need to fill out the form and return it to the Financial Aid Office by Feb. 22 so they can pick up checks on Feb. 25. For more information, contact Loan Coordinator Laurie Kitchen at (903) 983-8299.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/1 Barbara Brooks Lucy Carroll	2/14 Molly Reavis Michelle Wilder
2/2 Cindy Thurman	2/17 Susan Wilson
2/5 Bennie Brown Gem Meachem	2/18 Scott Kirsch
2/6 Karla Carraway Carolyn Cheney	2/20 Rufus Lovett
2/8 Manny Almanza Staci Martin	2/21 Vickie Faggett 2/22 Chris Marshall
2/10 Sonja Moore	Wendy McKinnon
2/11 Brandon Walker	2/24 Randy Lewellen Robbie Rogers
2/12 Sharlene Robinett Joe White	2/25 Lois Jordan
	2/26 Mark English Ken Medlin

# Ten high school art students earn scholarships at annual Art Symposium



De La Roca

Ten high school art students were awarded college scholarships Friday, Feb. 1, at the annual Kilgore College Secondary School Art Symposium. Melanie De La Roca of Pine Tree High School was awarded the top prize with a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Kilgore College.

Put on for high school educators and students, 13 area institutions participated, submitting 49 portfolios. Judges were two professors of art from the University of Texas at Tyler--James Pace and Alexis Serio.

Coordinated by KC art instructor Carolyn Fox-Hearne, the event has grown to incorporate so many schools that directors and judges felt it necessary to expand the honorable mention field in 2006 to reward the talents of more deserving students.

"I've had several instructors come up and tell me that the talent at this year's symposium was the best they'd seen," Fox-Hearne said. "We had more than 500 spectators come through to view the portfolios. It was a great turnout."

*The following students were selected as the top-ten scholarship recipients. Denominations are applicable as Kilgore College scholarships:*

**Melanie De La Roca**, Pine Tree, Graham Scholarship -- \$2,000  
**Luis Perez**, Pine Tree, Jeanne Velde Scholarship -- \$1,600  
**Tiffany MacDonald**, Spring Hill -- \$1,200  
**Rebecca Wright**, Pine Tree -- \$1,000  
**Nathan Kelly**, Longview -- \$1,000  
**Kevin Hopper**, Athens -- \$800  
**Julie Morrison**, Hallsville -- \$800  
**Kaitlin Andress**, Athens -- \$800  
**Kendra Smith**, Trinity School of Texas -- \$800  
**Charlie Deese**, Trinity School of Texas -- \$800

Honorable mentions were awarded to Amber Hoefner (DeKalb), Heather Self (Hallsville), Blake Hampton (John Tyler), Himansho Patel (John Tyler), Araceli Juarez (Kilgore) and Jessica Tycksen (Sabine).

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 9 - KC Chorale Reunion, DSC Ballroom/Dodson, 9 AM - 9 PM
  - 11 - KHS Football Banquet, DSC Ballroom/Cafeteria, 7 PM
  - 12 - Visit Day, DSC Ballroom, 9 AM
  - 14 - KCEDPA Bake Sale, DSC, 8 AM - 1 PM  
Visit Day, DSC Ballroom, 9 AM  
Retirees Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11 AM - 1 PM
  - 16 - Gussie Nell Dance Classic, Dodson/Masters, 7 AM - 9 PM
  - 19 - Visit Day, DSC Ballroom, 9 AM
  - 20 - Upward Bound Press Conference, DSC Ballroom, 1:45 p.m.
  - 21 - Visit Day, DSC Ballroom, 9 AM  
A&M Commerce Visiting Recruiter, DSC, 9 AM - 1 PM
  - 23 - All Star Twirling Clinic, Masters Gym, 10 AM - 3:30 PM  
Ag Club BBQ & Auction, DSC Ballroom, B. Young, 5 PM
  - 25 - Area VI FFA Convention, Dodson Auditorium, 8 AM - 10 PM
  - 27 - Health Occupations Job Fair, DSC Ballroom, 11 AM - 4 PM
  - 28 - Dennis Mauricio Keyboard Orchestra Workshop, 8 AM - 7 PM
- \*SGA Meetings are 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the DSC Game Room

This calendar is subject to change daily. For an updated calendar of events call Leah Gorman, coordinator of student activities, at (903) 988-7521 or e-mail her at lgorman@kilgore.edu.

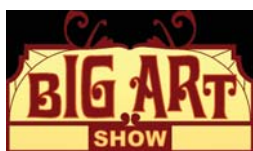
## Basketball tournament volunteers needed

Kilgore College will host the Region XIV Basketball Tournament in Masters Gym March 7-10 and is looking for volunteers. Duties range from program and T-shirt sales to assisting visiting teams with any questions they may have about Kilgore while they are here.



The tournament, sponsored by Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, will host eight men's teams and six women's teams from Region XIV. For more information, contact Bindy Tice at (903) 988-7590.

## Artists featured in gallery until Feb. 13



The artwork of James Pace and Alexis Serio will be featured in a free public exhibit at the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center through Feb. 13.

Pace uses collages in his artwork and Serio is a landscape artist.

"I want to introduce unpredictable elements, yet remain constant to a specific place," Serio said. "My goal in painting expressive landscapes is to introduce the potential for the viewer to have a point of recollection or recognition with their own individual history in the landscape."

The gallery, presented by the Kilgore College Visual Arts Department, will be open to view the artists' work on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Carolyn Fox-Hearne at (903) 983-8128.

## Scranton signs scholarship to play for Baylor

KC wide receiver T.J. Scranton signed a letter of intent on National Signing Day, Feb. 6, to play for Baylor University.

Scranton, a sophomore from Hitchcock High School in Houston, had 25 catches for 587 yards and 8 touchdowns this year. Scranton played his freshman season at Ranger College before switching to Kilgore last year. He also visited Houston and had interest from Syracuse, South Carolina, Illinois and Texas Tech. He is



(Above) T.J. Scranton signs a letter of intent to play football for the Baylor Bears. Scranton had 25 catches for 587 yards and eight touchdowns this season with the Rangers.

scheduled to graduate from KC in May.

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institutions of postsecondary education," according to the program's mission statement.

The program will be housed in the renovated second floor of the college's Ivan Liberal Arts Building and will be in place by April 1.

Brown will begin working as director Feb. 11.

Students can be referred to the program by their high school counselors, parents or active participants.

The program will provide academic instruction and tutoring in math, science, composition, literature and foreign language.

It will also provide mentoring, work-study programs and cultural enrichment.

The school districts are expected to see improvements in test scores, retention, parental involvement and graduation rates of participants.

The grant was commenced Dec. 1, 2007, and will culminate Nov. 30, 2011, at which time KC will be eligible to reapply.

For additional information, contact Bindy Tice, KC TRIO Director, at (903) 988-7590 or e-mail her: btice@kilgore.edu.

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floor and stage extension with removable sections to accommodate all kinds of musicals and plays.

The new stage is currently under construction and should be finished by the end of the week.

The most substantial expense with the remodel will be replacing the auditorium's electrical circuits and house and stage lighting systems.

"I have had the privilege of producing and directing plays inside this auditorium for 33 years, beginning when the facility was virtually brand new and considered a state-of-the-art theater," Caldwell said. "I think everyone who works in the space and everyone who attends performances will be delighted by the refurbishing."

In 2003, the college began the first of a four-phase renovation of the fine arts center which included adding better handicap accessibility, stage rigging and a new heating and air conditioning system.

The cost of the first three phases was approximately \$1.4 million and the money was raised by a local capital fund drive, "Preserving the Past, Securing the Future."

The auditorium, built in 1965 and located in the three-story Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center, is used by approximately 22,000 patrons each year, including the college's fine arts programs.

The TSF accounts for 55 percent of the facility's annual use.

The Meadows Foundation, founded in 1948 and headquartered in Dallas, is a private philanthropic institution that has disbursed over \$550 million in grants and direct charitable expenditures to over 2,000 Texas institutions and agencies.

The foundation exists to "assist people and institutions of Texas to improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations" according to the organization's mission statement.

To make a contribution to the renovations, contact David Wylie at (903) 983-8656.