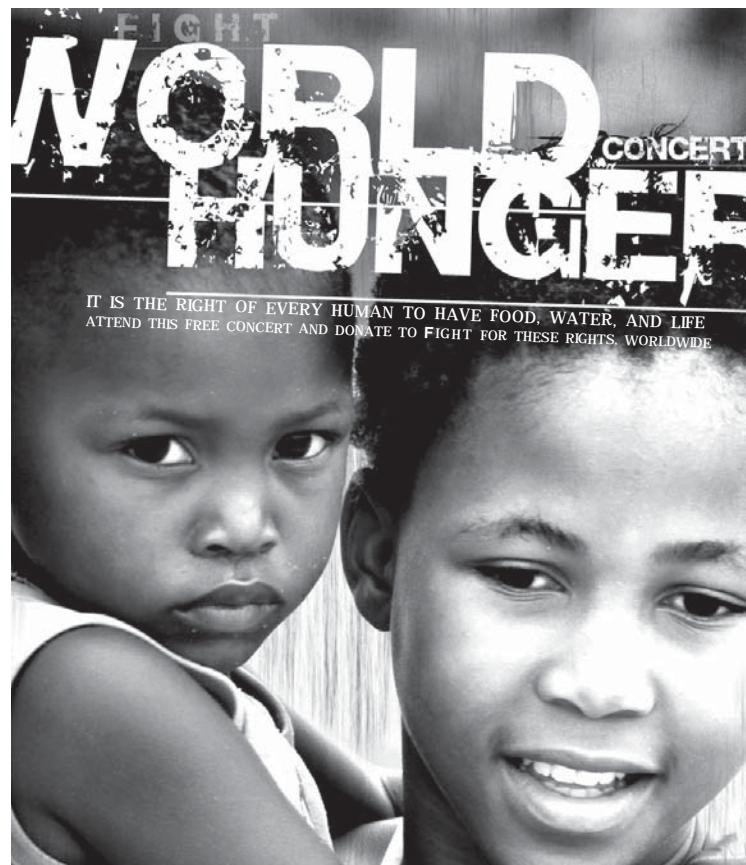




KC Music Department, Ana-Lab to host annual World Hunger Benefit Concert Feb. 19

The Kilgore College Music Department is once again teaming up with local company Ana-Lab to host the second annual World Hunger Benefit Concert. The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Dodson Auditorium. It will feature performances by the KC Chorale, KC Wind Symphony and the East Texas Youth Chorus. A keynote address will be given by Dr. Ernest Boamah, who teaches music composition at KC and serves as the music minister at First United Methodist Church in Henderson. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are encouraged. All donations will go toward local charities that help to fight hunger in our community and abroad.



KC recognizes long-time employees



Brown

Bennie Brown has served as an instructor at KC for 40 years.

40 YEARS

Bennie Brown, instructor–Language Development.

35 YEARS

Wendy Brown, instructor/department chair–Kinesiology; and **Raymond Caldwell**, artistic director–Texas Shakespeare Festival.

30 YEARS

Michael Kusheba, instructor–Computer Science.

25 YEARS

Beverly Davis, specialist–Financial Aid; **Bettye Craddock**, instructor–Journalism/Flare & Ranger Adviser; **Mike Turpin**, Dean–Institutional Planning & Director of Student Services; and **Jan Washburn**, administrative assistant–Continuing Ed.

20 YEARS

Patti Alford, instructor–LVN; **Kathy Barber**, instructor–Theatre; **Lynda Brooks**, instructor, Language Development; **Julie Fowler**, executive dean, KC-Longview; **Laney Mobley**, instructor/department chair–Biology; **Annette Morgan**, officer–Financial Aid; **Toni Perry**, postal technician–Mail Services; **David Roberts**, technician–Maintenance; **Dee Swan**, clerk–Receiving; **Rob Williams**, instructor/department chair–Social & Behavioral Sciences; and **Paige Wood**, instructor/coordinator–Math Lab.

15 YEARS

Larry Brown, custodian, KC-Longview; **Jeannie Butler**, administrative assistant–Residential Life; **Jeanna Centers**, admissions specialist–Recruitment Services; **Richard Crutcher**, instructor/department chair–Business & Management; **Howard Davis**, press technician–Print Shop; **Vickie Faggett**, cook/custodian–Early Childhood Center; **Mike Ford**, manager–Print Shop; **Barker Hale**, manager–Continuing Education, KC-Longview; **George Holt**, technician, Grounds; **Lu Linkinhoker**, instructor, Associate Degree Nursing; **Sara Lugeambeal**, assistant to director–East Texas Oil Museum; **Chong Raif**, accountant–Business Office; and **James Stuart**, instructor–Math.

10 YEARS

Lametra Barnes, administrative assistant, KC-Longview; **Janet Baxter**, administrative assistant–Child Development/Early Childhood; **Dennis Cliborn**, coordinator–Media Services; **Mary Martin**, administrative assistant–BTL Division; **Carolyn McClish**, supervisor–KCPD; **D’wayne Shaw**, instructor–Auto Technology; and **Tim Young**, instructor–East Texas Police Academy.



President's Perspective



President Dr. Bill Holda

A CHANGE IN THE weather

Many of us have experienced some great extremes in our weather recently. We may have had a morning with temperatures around 24 degrees and then the next day will be 76 degrees. At this time of year, it is not uncommon to hear the meteorologist say, "There is a

change in the weather."

There is another "change in the weather" occurring in the overall awareness of college trustees and administrators – a focus on student success and student learning. Just this week I was with trustees at a conference, and for the second consecutive year, the focus was on student learning and student success.

Heretofore, these issues might have been studied by some instructional leaders or institutional researchers. Rarely have these issues been the subject of extended discussions by college presidents and board members. Nonetheless, there is a "change in the weather." We are seeing a tremendous shift in the emphasis on student learning and success.

Presidents and trustees are beginning to ask some of these questions:

- "What is our graduation rate?"
- "What is our retention rate?"
- "How long does it take our students to complete a degree or course of study?"
- "How successful are our students in moving through remediation to college-level classes?"
- "How many of our students successfully transfer?"
- "How do our students perform on external licensure exams?"

Increasingly, board members, presidents, legislators and our constituents are focusing on student success and accountability. These trends are not going to change. We are going to be responsible for the learning and the success of our students. We are going to be required to innovate, adapt, create support systems, and produce results, irrespective of the challenges facing our students. Our very definitions of "institutional success" will be rooted in the degree to which we increase and promote student learning and increased success in our students.

These challenges are healthy for us as a teaching and learning institution. Although some change is painful and stretches us out of our comfort zone, we will be increasingly stretched to meet the demands to improve student learning and success. I personally welcome and embrace these challenges; I hope you will enjoy the journey also.

Board member Roberson awarded for excellence

Congratulations to KC Board Member William Roberson, who recently received the Texas A&M Vice Chancellor's Award of Excellence at the recent AgriLife Conference held in College Station.

Roberson is a Texas AgriLife research associate who has been employed at the Overton center since 1982.

He was nominated for the award because of his "outstanding job of providing research support to the ornamental horticultural research group."

FACULTY & STAFF reports



Worsham

Members of our faculty and staff gave presentations Nov. 14 at the fourth-annual North Texas Regional Community College Technology Forum at Collin County Community College. **Charleen Worsham** and **Doris Johnson** presented, "You Too Can You Tube!" Their session demonstrated several low-cost options for generating content to post to YouTube and/or TeacherTube. Among those demonstrated were PhotoStory3 and Windows MovieMaker. Also, they presented how to set up a YouTube account, upload content to it and link to the content from a Web page or online course. **William Stowe** presented on how to get started creating podcasts and vodcasts. He discussed free software, media sharing and evaluation of the effectiveness of your pod or vod, and a demonstration of how-to videos that takes a person step-by-step through the pod or vod casting process. Each presentation had 70 -90 attendees.



Lovett

The TRIO Program has hired **Tracey Maples** to fill the position of TRIO Learning Specialist. Tracey was previously employed by the KC Biology Department for several years. She began her new position Jan. 5.

The book, "Kilgore Rangerettes" by **O. Rufus Lovett**, photography instructor, was listed in the February Texas Monthly as one of the "top books to own this year."



Bell

Patty Bell, Career Services and Job Placement Coordinator, began her year as Chairman of the Board of the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce in February.

Good News!

Jordan Dubois, a senior at Southern Arkansas University, made the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average last fall. His major is Exercise Physiology. He is the son of **Jude Dubois**, Upward Bound Director.

Have an accomplishment you want in next month's KC Connection? Or maybe you have some good personal news you want to share? Simply e-mail Chris Craddock at ccraddock@kilgore.edu.

News & Reminders:



KCEOPA holding Valentine's Day fund-raiser

The Kilgore College Employees and Office Professionals Association is holding a Valentine's Day bake sale to benefit the organization. The sale is set for 8 a.m. to Noon, Friday, Feb. 13 in the Devall Center, AEC building, Old Main and library. There will also be a silent auction in the Devall Center during this time.



SGA looking for folks to help with Black History Month program

Raquel Wilson, student activities coordinator, is working on putting together a black history program at the end of the month of February. If you are interested in participating please let her know. The program is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Any faculty, students, clubs or organizations are encouraged to participate in this event. Wilson said any interested member can sing, dance or do a monologue. For more information, contact Wilson at (903) 988-7577 or e-mail her at rwilson@kilgore.edu.



Upward Bound program selling raffle tickets for \$100 gas card

The Upward Bound program is holding a raffle for a \$100 gas card to be given away Feb. 19. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the UB office located in the Liberal Arts building (LA 105) or by contacting the UB office. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. Benefits from the raffle will go toward the East Texas TRIO Alliance Scholarship Fund. For more information, call (903) 988-7427 or e-mail Carol Pope at cpope@kilgore.edu.



February CALENDAR

COMING
ATTRACTIVE

- 6, Art Symposium, DSC Ballroom/Dodson, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 7, Twirler Clinic/Workshop, Masters/Carpeted Gym/PFC, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 9, Black History Movie Night, DSC Ballroom, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 10, LifeLine Screening, DSC Ballroom, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SFA Visiting Recruiter, DSC, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 11, ALLASO Ranch Summer Camp Job Recruitment, DSC, 10 a.m - 1 p.m.
- 11-12, UT Tyler Visiting Recruiting, DSC, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 12, Kilgore Women's Club, DSC Ballroom, 9:00-11:30am
ID Card Software Training, DSC Conference Room, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- 13, KCEOPA Valentine Bake Sale Fundraiser, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
KC Retirees Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- 14, Gussie Nell Davis Classic, Masters/Rangerette/Carpeted Gym, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- 17, PTK Induction Ceremony, DSC Ballroom, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 18-19, UT Tyler Visiting Recruiter, DSC, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- 18, Black History Game, DSC, Noon - 4 p.m.
- 19, Texas A & M Texarkana Recruiter, DSC, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
World Hunger Benefit Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 23, KC Foundation Meeting/Luncheon, DSC Conf./Devall Room, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 21, KHS Football Banquet, DSC Ballroom/Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- 25, Dallas Baptist Univ. Visiting Recruiter, DSC, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 25-26, UT Tyler Visiting Recruiter, DSC, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- 27, Black History Program, Dodson Auditorium, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- 28, Twirler All-Star Clinic, Masters, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change daily.
For an updated calendar of events please contact
Carolyn Cheney, Facilities Scheduling, at ext.8219.

Parsons resigns as KC board member

Kilgore College trustees accepted long-time KC board member Fred Parsons' resignation at the Jan. 12 board meeting. Parsons, who has served on the board since August of 1991, is resigning because he is moving to Bullard, which is outside of the college taxing district.

Trustees appointed local banker Scott Andrews to serve on the board on an interim basis for the Place 4 South Zone. Andrews will be sworn in at the next board meeting, Feb. 9.

Andrews is assistant vice president and Overton branch manager for Citizens National Bank.

The board also approved an election for May 9 to fill unexpired terms through 2010 for Place 4 and Place 6, where Charles Hale was appointed as trustee after Marion Turner's resignation in 2008.

Voters also will determine board seats for Carlos "Scooter" Griffin, Will Roberson and James Walker, whose six-year terms will expire in May.



(Above) Dr. Holda presents a certificate of appreciation to Fred Parsons who resigned as board member. Parsons served on the board since 1991.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JANUARY 2009

Lynn McCuthen	1/3
William Stowe	1/3
Amy Streetman	1/4
Michael Kusheba	1/6
Kathy White	1/8
Dave Bugay	1/9
George Holt	1/10
Kirby Lipscomb	1/10
Paul Buchanan	1/11
Sherry Ransom	1/11
Lonnie Hopson	1/12
Lara Mauro	1/15
Brad Bunt	1/16
Sheri Burlingame	1/18
Shelly Wayne	1/18
Rhonda Paul	1/19
Dean Kinney	1/19
Gail Cerliano	1/21
Terri York	1/23
Roy Thomas	1/25
Richard Harrison	1/26
Wendy Brown	1/31
Louise Wiley	1/31

FEBRUARY 2009

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