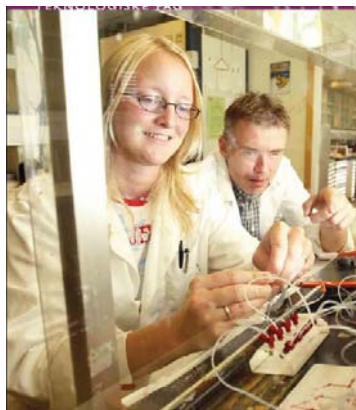




Eastman donates equipment to Process Technology



Texas Eastman recently donated a piece of equipment that will allow more hands-on training for students in the process technology program. The donation, placed by crane in the Whitten Applied Technology Center on the Kilgore campus, is a "process operations trainer" that is an industrial-sized flow loop which includes a series of pumps, pipes and tanks used to train students.

The donation will give students the opportunity to train on a piece of equipment that is widely

used at Eastman, as well as chemical plants around the country. KC is the only school in the area with a training unit like this and the equipment can be run either manually or remotely by computer control.

"It is fairly uncommon for a college to have such a sophisticated piece of equipment such as this," said Pete Lamothe, Eastman learning services manager. "We are glad to help develop this program with our donation and are excited about the possibility of helping Kilgore College to turn out skilled students into the workforce."

Kilgore College is the region's leading provider of technical education and works closely with businesses and industry to develop state-of-the-art educational programs. The college offers two degree programs, Process Technology and Process

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(Above) A crane hoists the new industrial-sized "flow loop" into the M. Kenneth Whitten Applied Technology Center. The device will give students hands-on training for a career in process technology.

KC TRIO Program to participate in annual East Texas TRIO Day



Kilgore College's TRIO Program will participate in the second annual East Texas TRIO Alliance TRIO Day on Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Apache Room on the Tyler Junior College campus. TRIO students will participate in an art competition, talent

show, essay competition and opening ceremony.

The East Texas TRIO Alliance is comprised of Kilgore College, Tyler Junior College, Wiley College, Texas College and Texas Association of Developing Colleges Educational Opportunity Center in Longview.

This year, KC alum Don Evans will be speaking on behalf of the TRIO Program at KC. Don is currently enrolled at UT Tyler and is expected to graduate May

2008. He plans to pursue a master's degree in Clinical Nursing. He was the first president of the Kilgore College TRIO Club (2004-05) and has been very active in community service.

TRIO is a program that assists students to begin and complete a post-secondary education.

The program, first introduced in 1968 under the Higher Education Act, was named TRIO because it consisted of three programs: Upward Bound, Talent

Search and Student Support Services. It now consists of seven.

The event will be open to the public for \$3 and \$5 for lunch. All proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund for East Texas TRIO participants.

TRIO participants' fees will be paid for, but participants need to sign up in the TRIO office, Room 123.

For more information, contact TRIO Director Bindy Tice at (903) 988-7590.

President's Perspective



Ten THOUGHTS to ponder

President Bill Holda

With so many things happening in the life of Kilgore College at the beginning of the spring semester, it is difficult for me to focus my remarks on any one item ... so these thoughts are reflective

of the KC landscape in 2008:

1. We began the semester with a lightning strike to Old Main, knocking out phone and computer connections, as well as the gas meter for heat. Wonder if someone is trying to tell us something here?
2. Credit hour enrollment for the spring looks very good – it appears that we may be around 7 percent or more over last Spring.
3. On March 1, we begin the base funding year for non-credit classes. With the May Mini-term and Summer I & II, we begin the base year for credit classes. We need to have a record enrollment!
4. We have received about 30 pages of critiques from external readers regarding the SACS Compliance Certification document and will be very busy making last-minute corrections to our documentation. Kudos to Lucy Carroll and her team for driving this process!
5. The process toward formalizing the QEP is moving forward and should be on a definite time line for this semester.
6. The Board raised tuition and fees moderately at their meeting Jan. 15 and created a reduced rate for early admission and dual credit students. While this move should enhance student access, we will be challenged to meet capacity while we search for qualified instructors.
7. We are working on the bid specifications for the HVAC in the Porter Business and should be submitting bids to the Board of Trustees in April. Hopefully we will be able to complete this final building in the renovation process. We may have to temporarily occupy the 2nd floor of the Liberal Arts Building in the Fall.
8. The local business and industry communities continue to request more training as the demands for a well-trained workforce continue to grow.
9. KC will be exploring the expansion of instructional opportunities in Henderson, and as resources allow, expand this growth toward Hallsville, Gilmer and Tatum.
10. The future for KC is very bright. We need the energy, wisdom and leadership from each of you to realize our full potential. We need you!

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Technology-Petroleum Specialty. The Process Technology degree is a two-year Associate's Degree and the process/petroleum degree is a two-year Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in process and petroleum technology. Both degrees usually take two years to complete. The programs prepare

graduates to maintain safe and environmentally sound work practices and perform duties in a cost-effective manner in support of petroleum industry business goals. Graduates of the program are in high demand because of the current shortage of process technicians. Contact process technology instructor Dewey Greer at (903) 988-7414 for more information.

FACULTY & STAFF reports

Joe White, director of the East Texas Oil Museum, was recently certified by the Ocean Star Offshore Energy Museum in Galveston as a Facilitator for its E3 Energy Education Outreach, after completing an intensive three-day, 18-hour training program. White has just returned from the TaRGET Partner Museum and Library Fair, a one day training program for intermediate and secondary public school teachers at the Region 10 ESC in Richardson. This is the third annual program where more than 250 Metroplex educators have been given the opportunity to learn how their academic programs can be strengthened by incorporating museum field investigations into their curriculum. Other facilitators represented the George Bush Library, LBJ Library, Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture, the Sixth Floor Museum, Texas State Historical Association and Rand McNally. White has been invited to return to Dallas in January to speak to the Hunt Oil Company Retirees quarterly meeting.

Congratulations to **Leah Gorman**, student activities coordinator, received her Master's Degree in Management from LeTourneau University in Longview.

Director of Human Resources, **Mike Jenkins**, was elected president of the Board of Directors for the East Texas Literacy Council. The Literacy Council provides basic literacy and English as a Second Language education through one-on-one tutoring, group classes and computer assisted learning throughout Gregg County.

GOOD NEWS:

Les Fout, director of major gift development for the Pellissippi State Foundation and son of KC purchasing agent **Jackie Fout**, has been named regional director of the Council for Resource Development's board of directors. Fout has been active in the CRD since coming to Pellissippi State Technical Community College in February 2003. The 1,600-member professional organization, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges, focuses on fundraising and networking for community colleges. Fout is taking the reins of Region IV, the largest of the 10 CRD regions. The region encompasses Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. Fout is enrolled at the University of Tennessee, where he is working toward his doctorate in Higher Education Administration.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 20 - Cheer Competition, Masters Gym, 11 a.m.
- 21 - No classes. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 26 - Burns Dinner, DSC Ballroom, D. Diederling, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- 27 - Community Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 28 - KC Foundation Meeting, Exec. Conf Room/Devall Room, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
- 30 - 12th class day
- 30 - Feb 1, Art Symposium, DSC Ballroom/Dodson, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

This calendar is subject to change daily. For an updated calendar of events call Leah Gorman, coordinator of student activities, at (903) 988-7524 or e-mail her at lgorman@kilgore.edu.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1/3: Lynn McCutchen, William Stowe
- 1/6: Mike Kusheba
- 1/8: Kathy White
- 1/9: Dave Bugay
- 1/10: George Holt, Kirby Lipscomb
- 1/11: Paul Buchanan, Sherry Ransom
- 1/15: Mauro Lara, Tracey Maples
- 1/16: Brad Bunt
- 1/18: Shelley Wayne
- 1/19: Rhonda Paul, Dean Kinney
- 1/21: Gail Cerliano
- 1/23: Kimberly Staten, Terri York
- 1/25: Jackie Fout, Roy Thomas
- 1/26: Richard Harrison
- 1/31: Wendy Brown, Louise Wiley

Employees honored for service

Kilgore College honored 39 employees at its annual KC Family Holiday Lunch and Service Awards Recognition Banquet for full-time employees 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the KC campus. Employees who have reached a benchmark employment year received a commemorative gold coin at the banquet.



35 Years

Charlotte Dunaway.



Karol Pruett, Chris Marshall, Brian Ruthven, Kelly Bonicelli, Michael Atkins and Jerome Edinger. Not pictured: John Dodd, Sherry Ransom and Carla Gleaton.



30 Years

Bobby Cargill. Not pictured: Mariann Baker and Brenda Thornhill.



Virginia Booker, Doris Johnson, Cecile Brewster, Martha Woodruff, Linda Taylor, Shirley Bratton, Bill Lewis, H.K. Park, Melissa Haden and Terri York. Not pictured: Shelley Wayne and Ken Medlin.



25 Years

Bobbie McGee-Benson. Not pictured: Lora Cuthbertson and Lynn McCutchen.



Michael Ferguson, David Galbraith, Dan Beach, Deborah Muklewicz, Nancy Carter, Montez Easley, Julian Redfearn, Duane McNaney, Rosaura Elizalde and Ursula Dyer. Not pictured: Jimmy Warren.