



College accepts \$100,000 donation from former student

Wenert Trich donates money to be used for science labs, scholarships

Kilgore College President Bill Holda is pleased to announce that the college has accepted donations totaling \$100,000 from former KC student and long-time geologist Wenert Trich of Longview.



Trich

"It is so wonderful when we have people such as Wenert who are dedicated to the success of the educational institutions that are close to their heart," Holda said. "We accept this donation with great pride, and are thankful for Wenert's generosity and continued support."

Of the donation, \$50,000 will be used for improvements to the science laboratories in the KC-Longview North Building, \$30,000 will be used to fund

educational materials for the East Texas Oil Museum's "Got Oil Café" and \$20,000 will be used to fund dual credit expenses for students from Trich's alma mater, Sabine High School.

Trich, a native of Liberty City, attended Sabine High School and graduated from KC in 1952. Trich said that KC provided him the educational foundation that led him to a geology degree from Southern Arkansas University.

"Kilgore and Sabine are special places," Trich said. "It means so much to me that I am able to be in the position to give back to those institutions that helped make me who I am today." Upon graduation, Trich worked for various oil companies in exploration and development, eventually deciding that he could be more efficient as an independent.

He retired as a geologist in the 1980s, but continues to be an independent oil and gas operator and a passionate fundraiser for the Sabine Ex-Students Association.



(Above) Sabine students Alex Easley and Lindsey McClain, Sabine High School Principal Eddie Shaw, donor Wenert Trich and Sabine High School Counselor Scotti Wood.



(Above) KC President Dr. Bill Holda, donor Wenert Trich and KC-Longview Dean Dr. Julie Fowler.

NEWS & REMINDERS:

Summer insurance enrollment begins July 28

Summer Enrollment for employee insurance will begin July 28 and end Aug. 22. A Personal Enrollment Statement will be mailed to home addresses from July 8-28 to the mailing address that is in ERS OnLine. To update addresses, log into ERS OnLine as soon as possible to make changes. The ERS OnLine login is located at the top right corner of the ERS Web site: www.ers.state.tx.us. For User ID or password assistance, call ERS in Austin at (877) 275-4377. If you currently have a TexFlex account, you will be re-enrolled at the same amount and card selection on Sept. 1 unless you change your selection during Summer Enrollment. You can send in your evidence of insurability (EOI) application as early as July 1 for Plan Year 2009. EOI through Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co. (FDL) is required for life and short-term disability. Your application must be postmarked by Aug. 31. You do not have to submit an EOI unless you are making a change in your life insurance or short-term disability. An EOI application is available on the ERS Web site under "Insurance" and "Insurance Forms". If you have any problems finding forms, you may drop by the HR office or call Regina Ford at ext. 8103 so she can get a form to you.

2008-09 KC Catalog now online to view

The 2008-09 catalog is currently available online. You may access the online catalog by going to the KC Web site at www.kilgore.edu/coursecatalog.asp.

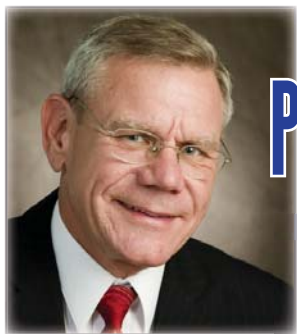
FACULTY & STAFF reports

Join the IT staff in welcoming **John Colville** as KC's new Director of IT. John served as the Group Manager for the Texas Department of State Hospitals where he directed the daily operations of the state hospital's North Group (information technology operations) of the Department of State Health Services. He holds a bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and a master's from The University of Texas at Tyler. Contact Colville by e-mail at jcolville@kilgore.edu and by phone at ext. 7438.

Join the KC Business Office staff in welcoming **Claudia Miracle** as KC's new controller. Claudia has served as the controller for LeTourneau University and most recently, Tyler Junior College. She is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a BBA in Accounting from UT-Tyler. Claudia can be contacted by e-mail at cmiracle@kilgore.edu or by calling ext. 8109.

KC is pleased to announce that **Tony Johnson** began duties June 30 as the

President's Perspective



President Dr. Bill Holda

What does a PRESIDENT DO?

Many times when I visit with young persons in a middle school Career Investigations class, they ask me, "What does a college president do?" It is a good question, and not easily answered. The multiple tasks and

varied demands of the office are difficult to summarize in a short sentence or two.

In spite of the many day-to-day tasks ahead of me in the upcoming months, I am aware of at least five initiatives or issues which will occupy much of my time:

1. Completion of the SACS accreditation/reaffirmation Process: We must file a "Focused Report" by August 1st and send off our QEP (Get a Grip) to the visiting team about the same time. Until August 1st, we will be rewriting, editing and finalizing both reports. Then the on-site team will visit our campus September 16-18.
2. Finalizing the FY2009 Budget and preparing for the Board Budget Workshop: We have about three weeks to finalize our budget. At the moment, we are about \$400,000 out of balance, but will get a balanced budget and final tax rate recommendations completed before the August 4th Board Budget Workshop.
3. Working on Strategies to Maximize Base Year Enrollment: As you know, we have Summer II, Fall and Spring as our base year enrollment periods. We must sustain the growth we experienced this past year and try to realize a minimum of 10% growth in contact hours over the previous base year. All faculty and staff are important in this marketing/enrollment management challenge.
4. Working on the Proposed Annexation of Upshur County by Northeast Texas Community College: The NTCC Board has set forth an initiative to annex both Upshur and Franklin Counties at the November election. The voters in Upshur County would have to approve this annexation. KC would lose four school districts in its service area: Gilmer, Union Grove, New Diana and Big Sandy. Naturally, we oppose this erosion of our service area.
5. Preparing for the 81st Legislative Session which begins January, 2009: We have much work to do to once again protect our health insurance funding and the basic funding for our instruction. It will be another tough session, since the public school finance plan is going to require much more money than available under the current tax structure. Hearings will begin already in August.

So, to answer the question, "What does a President do?" you will have some idea of the issues which will consume much of my time and energy during the next four months. The good part is that I won't have to look for anything to do in my "free time." I hope your summer is going well!

William M. Holda

Are you familiar with KC's QEP initiative?

Get a **GRIP** give reading its priority

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new Director of Human Resources, replacing Mike Jenkins who was recently named Vice President of Student Development. Johnson holds an applied science degree in business from KC and a bachelor's of business administration degree from SFASU. He has many years of HR experience with TXU, Hewitt and Associates and, most recently, Community Access, Inc. of Tyler. Johnson's e-mail address is tjohnson@kilgore.edu and his phone extension is 8102. Jenkins can now be reached at ext. 8188.

Cheryl Muegge joined the Registrar's Office in the position of Assistant Registrar on June 16. Muegge has served as the Evening/Continuing Education Specialist at KC-Longview for the past four years and previously worked at the Police Academy and in the Business Office. She recently earned her bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Muegge's e-mail address is cmuegge@kilgore.edu and her extension is 8232.

Congratulations to **Lane Barnett**, Surgical Technology Program Director, on her upcoming retirement. A reception will be held 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, in the Devall Room.

Congratulations to **Gem Meacham**, who was named Assistant Director of Workforce Development. She was KC's grant writer. Her extension is 8287.

Good News!

Congratulations to Jesse Adamson, son of Melissa and **David Adamson**, and Seth York, son of Mike and **Terri York**, who graduated from Sabine High School May 31. Following graduation a ceremony was held to honor their achievement of Eagle Scout. Adamson will enter the Navy this fall and York will attend The University of Texas at Austin.

Congratulations to Vice President of Instruction **Gerald Stanglin** who has a brand new grandson, Wesley Aiden Stanglin. He was born to his son Jeff and wife Katherine April 5 and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. He was 23 in. long. Stanglin said he is currently doing research on colleges that have good basketball programs!

Congratulations to Jordan Dubois, son of TRIO Retention Specialist **Jude Dubois**. Jordan made the Dean's List for the fall 2007 and spring 2008 semesters as a senior at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark. All Dean's List candidates at SAU must maintain a 3.85 GPA.

JULY CALENDAR

- 7-1, PTA Program Advisory Comm. Dinner, 6-9 p.m.
- 7-9, KC Retirees Social, Faculty Lounge, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 7/10, Herff Jones Yearbook Workshop, DSC, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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- 7-16, Twirling Camp through July 19
- 7-19, Orientation, 8:30 - 4 p.m.
- 7-20, TRIO SSS Bridge Program through July 23, 8 - Noon
- Beginning of Rangerette Try-out week, through July 25
- 7-24, Orientation, 8:30 - 4 p.m.
- 7/26, THEA Administration, Old Main Bldg.
- 7/26, New Rangerettes announced, 10 a.m. in Dodson Auditorium
- New Rangerette Reception, 11 a.m. - Noon, DSC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 7/1 Ben Cammack | 7/18 Rob Williams |
| 7/5 Dayna Davidson | 7/19 Rhonda Ainsworth |
| 7/6 Dalton Smith | 7/20 Micah Riddell |
| Russell Turner | Mariann Baker |
| 7/7 Jeanette Miller | 7/22 Diane Davis |
| Dan Short | Trey Hattaway |
| 7/10 Toni Perry | 7/23 Gary Ratliff |
| 7/11 Kendrick Franklin | 7/25 Alan Morris |
| 7/13 Sara Lugeanbeal | 7/26 Mariana Chavez |
| 7/15 John Hillier | Lora Cuthbertson |
| 7/16 Regina French | 7/27 Carol Bunch |
| Frankie Steward | 7/28 Ronnie Gothard |
| 7/17 D'Wayne Shaw | 7/30 John Hester |
| Susan Yellott | 7/31 Chris Carroll |