



November 2007

A Taste of Nations

KC international students to host annual Taste of Nations

Kilgore College will hold its third annual Taste of Nations, an event that will give the public an opportunity to savor worldly cuisine, socialize with students from around the world and enjoy the sounds of an authentic mariachi band.

The event, presented by KC's international students in conjunction with International Education Week, will be held Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore College campus. The event will begin with a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. and

will have the band Mariachi Lara perform from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. as well as entertainment by a group of Mexican Folkloric dancers.

Brenda Thornhill, director of international student programs, said that the students look forward to the event each year as a way to share their native food and culture.

"I am always excited to present opportunities to the East Texas communities to meet and share cultural events with our international students," Thornhill said. "All the students who

participate in the event get so much pride and joy in sharing their unique cuisine with the community."

Thornhill said that part of the KC mission for the international program is to provide exposure to various cultures represented at KC to advance learning, build respect among different peoples and to encourage constructive leadership in an increasingly global community.

"People should come to treat their pallet and savor the flavor of African, Asia, Central

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 11
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
PRICE: \$8, food & entertainment
 \$4 for entertainment only

and South American and European cuisine," Thornhill said. "We are thrilled to have the band and dancers to entertain us for the afternoon."

The idea was conceived as a fund-raiser for the KC

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Workforce Development receives \$414,299 to train local workers

President Bill Holda is pleased to announce that the Kilgore College Workforce Development Center has landed a whopping \$414,299 grant from the state that will allow the college to train employees of a new distribution company.

We are excited about the possibility of assisting Orgill as it expands in Kilgore," Holda said. "The Skills Development Fund

Grant will provide great assistance to enable us to offer this workforce training." Orgill, Inc.,

the nation's largest independently owned hardware and home improvement supply distributor, is currently building a half-million square foot warehouse in Kilgore's Synergy Park. The company will ultimately employ 300 employees at its Kilgore location and KC will use the grant to train Orgill's employees.

"We are thrilled to get this grant," said workforce development director Martha Woodruff. "Our job will be to use these funds to train workers so they can be productive and skilled

workers for Orgill."

Woodruff said that the college hopes to begin training Nov. 1 and that Orgill will initially hire 100 employees which will increase to 300 in a five-year plan.

Amanda Nobles, Kilgore Economic Development Corporation director, said that Orgill decided to build its half-million square foot warehouse in Kilgore after several negotiations between the company and



the KEDC.

"A big reason they decided to come to Kilgore was because of the possibility of the grant to the college to train their workers," Nobles said. "Now that the grant is approved,

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President's Perspective



President Bill Holda

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This past week's resolution of the Governor Perry Veto of community college health insurance caused all of us to breathe a sigh of relief.

After four months of intense and focused pressure from many segments of our community, the Governor's staff relented and compromised. However, the reprieve is only temporary.

We know that the confusion and disagreement about what constitutes an eligible employee has not been resolved. We also know that the root cause – a lack of funding for community college instruction – still remains a formidable challenge. It will be our task to stay focused on resolving this very important issue.

Locally, we also need to stay focused on some other key issues:

We must complete the compliance certification and prepare our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for our Southern Association of Colleges and Schools process this year. The entire reaffirmation process is critical and we must stay focused on this task until our visit, September 16-18, 2008 (reserve the dates).

We have experienced record enrollment this semester, and as we move into a funding base year, we must stay focused on the ways to retain currently enrolled students and successfully build our enrollments.

We must stay focused on the various challenges presented to us by increased dual credit, growth in workforce education, and the demands to provide increased services and offerings at off site locations. Growth is great, but it also makes us confront our deficiencies and liabilities.

And most importantly, we must stay focused on the core reason we exist – providing student success in learning. Our core mission requires us to offer students educational opportunities with high quality, great value, easy access and community focus. In the final analysis, we will be judged on the degree to which we help students successfully complete their educational goals.

In the final analysis, we have to stay focused and disciplined – we have to keep our eyes on our students and continually remember the reason for our existence.

FACULTY & STAFF reports

Dean of liberal and fine arts, **Terry Booker**, will present two sessions at the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers' (TACRAO) annual conference held Nov. 4-7 in Addison. Session topics are "Growing a Dual Credit Program on the High School Campus" and "Preparing Educators for Tomorrow."

Registrar **Staci Martin** will serve on the Community/Technical Colleges and Transfer session planning committee for the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers' (TACRAO) annual conference held Nov. 4-7 in Addison. She has been selected to chair the committee for the 2008 annual conference in Corpus Christi.

Piano instructor **Sandra Siler** will be a guest pianist along with Dr. David Karp (professor of piano at SMU) with the Marshall Symphony 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9. The duo will perform Camille Saint Saens' "Carnival of the Animals." Also featured will be four of Siler's private students: Reid Stone, Mahlon Acres, William Mann and Nick Siler performing former KC piano student Chris Reeve's "Concerto No. 2 for Eight Hands."

GOOD NEWS:

KC mail technician **Toni Perry** is pleased to announce that her granddaughter, Jamaria Thomas, a first grader at Chandler Elementary School, has been chosen to participate in the LEAP (talent) program. The eight-week session begins on Jan. 18 on the Kilgore High School campus. Also

Dekesia Perry, daughter of **Toni Perry**, has accepted the position of assistant district manager for Interstate Realty Management of Dallas.

Derrick Adams, assistant manager of Parks Fitness Center is pleased to announce that thanks to all employees who gave a \$5 donation for Denim Day and Breast Cancer Awareness, KC was able to raise \$400 for the cancer research fund.

Kristen Gibbs, daughter of Marketing Director **Bill Gibbs**, was part of a team of Texas A&M faculty, staff and students who traveled to Panama, Central America, in October to advise the government of Panama on several agricultural projects. Kristen is a senior majoring in International Studies and Agriculture.

Director of the KC Early Childhood Center, **Lara Pauley**, is pleased to announce that thanks to the support of KC employees, the ECC St. Jude Miracle Mile Walk raised \$1461 that will go toward helping St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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international students' Relay for Life team, Foreign Babies.

Last November, the organization held an encore in recognition of International Education Week which is recognized across the nation each year the second week of November.

Cost of the lunch buffet and entertainment is \$8.

Admission for entertainment only at 1:30 p.m. is \$4.

All proceeds will go to the Mult-Cultural Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Thornhill at (903) 983-8204 or bthornhill@kilgore.edu.

NEW employees

Henry Williams was recently hired as a custodian. Williams works in the Devall Student Center.

Tammie Pascoe took over for purchasing agent Dianne Lyle, who retired. Pascoe comes from Winfield ISD where she was business manager. She works in the McLaurin Administration Building.

Tashauna Morris was recently hired as a technical support specialist and computer lab coordinator in the Bone Learning Center.

Michael Hale was recently promoted from custodian to media service assistant.

Regina French is a new administrative assistant in the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness. A Kilgore native, Regina lived several years in California and San Antonio. She works on the second floor of the Devall Student Center.

Chris Carroll was recently hired as systems administrator. He works in the computer center in the Business Administration building.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 11-2 - "Go Green" meeting, Noon, DSC Ballroom
- 11/03 - Vicki Bowden Mobbs Twirling Classic, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 11/05 - Distance Learning Meeting, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., DSC
- 11/06 - Texas A&M Texarkana recruiter on campus, DSC
- 11/07 - KCEDPA meeting, Noon, DSC Ballroom
- 11/08 - New student orientation, 2 p.m., DSC Ballroom
Adviser meeting, 12:30 p.m., DSC Ballroom
- 11/09 - Adviser meeting, 1 p.m., DSC Ballroom
- 11/11 - Taste of Nations, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., DSC Ballroom
- 11/12-14 - Video game tournament, time TBA, Gameroom
- 11/13 - SFASU recruiter on campus, DSC
- 11/19 - Casino Night, 7 p.m., Gameroom
- 11/21 - 123 College Learning Seminar, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., DSC
Texas A&M Commerce recruiter on campus, DSC
- 11/28 - Renaissance Learning Seminar, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., DSC
UNT recruiter on campus, DSC

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.

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it will greatly benefit the community as well as the state."

Orgill will be the fifth business to be housed in Synergy Park. The warehouse will be more than 500,000 square feet and will have a pad site for a potential growth of up to one million

square feet. She said that the company hopes to begin full use of the warehouse by early 2008.

This is Orgill's sixth warehouse to be built in the United States. It distributes products to more than 60 countries and nets an annual profit of more than \$1 billion.

KC BOOKSTORE FALL SALE!
15-75% OFF All Shirts, shorts and hats.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11-1	Jerry Hays
11-2	Nancy Carter
11-7	Lee Littlefield
11-7	Mike Turpin
11-8	Patty Ford
11-8	Kathy Blair
11-12	Karen Miller
11-13	Pam Gatton
11-13	Eric Good
11-13	Dora Owens
11-14	Gail Jackson
11-14	Wayne Smith
11-15	Norma Lewis
11-17	Dawn Apple
11-19	Randy Calloway
11-21	Traci Thompson
11-22	Kelly Bonicelli
11-22	Ryan Kelly
11-24	Ben Cadenhead
11-24	Sandra Siler
11-26	Eloise Ashley
11-26	Leon Wooten
11-28	Mike Smith
11-28	Mitch Smith
11-28	Michael McClinton
11/30	Lou Ann Parrott

KC employees and students encouraged to 'Go Green'

OPERATION GO GREEN

In an effort to become a more globally conscious institution, KC is kicking off a new campaign, "Operation Go Green," which is intended to educate people about simple things they can do to help the environment.

There will be a meeting of interested faculty, staff and students at noon Friday,

Nov. 2, in the Devall Student Center on the Kilgore College campus.

The movement, spearheaded by KC graphic artist Lee Littlefield, is the first concerted effort the college has made to make changes to how it takes care of its waste and energy output. Friday's meeting will

serve as an informal venue to discuss ways employees and students can take simple steps to reduce harm to the environment.

"It's our intention that people will learn how to go green by reducing, reusing and reacting to the growing need to be more concerned about our community and

global impact," Littlefield said. "It's not about doing everything. It's about doing something."

Participants are encouraged to bring ideas with them to the first meeting, "Mission 001," as well as a sack lunch. Anyone on campus is welcome to attend.