Career Services hosting two job fairs this month

Kilgore College Career Services will host two job fairs this month in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

A Health Occupations Job Fair is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, and a general job fair open to the public is set for 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25.

The Health Occupations Job Fair is a great opportunity for students to find out more about various careers in the health occupations field.

Career Services is located in the Student Support Building on the Kilgore campus. Career Services is available to help with student resumes or answer any questions KC students have about career opportunities.

Students are encouraged to visit Career Coach online for detailed information about job availability in the area.

For more information, call (903) 983-8678 or e-mail: careerservices@kilgore.edu.

Basketball teams qualify for regional tournament

The Kilgore College Wind Symphony will perform its first spring concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in Dodson Auditorium.

The concert will feature pieces of music by an array of composers including John Philip Sousa and a percussion feature.

The Wind Symphony is under the direction of Glenn Wells, KC’s Director of Bands.

Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams have qualified to play in the Region XIV Basketball Tournament at UT Tyler March 4-8.

The men will play Panola College 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, and the women will play Tyler Junior College 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.

The men are looking to qualify for the NJCAA National Tournament for the second-straight year.

The men ended the regular season ranked 20th in the nation. Both teams must win the regional tournament for a bid to play in the national tournament.

Tournament Website: www.region14hoops.com

The Kilgore College Chorale will perform its spring concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Longview. The concert will feature a wide variety of choral music including a performance of spirituals by the Camerata Singers. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. The KC Chorale is under the direction of Dr. Jim Taylor, Director of Choral Activities.
President’s perspective

Reflections on the Liberal Arts Building

As we have watched the removal of the Ivan Liberal Arts Building this past month, there has been much nostalgia and reflection. I have read articles about Martha Pfaff Ivan, after whom the building was named by President Bert Woodruff. I have heard stories about colleagues who once occupied the facility.

When the building was built in the early 1950’s, it was the administration building, library, and classroom facility. In fact, the address of 1100 Broadway for Kilgore College came from that facility. The day after the grand opening, the building was closed and floors were jackhammered up, since the facility had already begun to move.

Even though we vacated the facility after the renovation of Old Main, we reoccupied the building as we renovated various other buildings on campus. For six years, the Liberal Arts Building was my home as I served as Dean of Admissions and Registrar. Each morning when I entered the office, my first task was to remove the chunks of plaster from the floors that had fallen from the walls during the night.

As the facility came down this month, the last doorway was all that stood. The symbol of the door to our past and the door to our future was noticed by numerous employees. That symbol may make its way into the park-like area that may be developed in its place.

The removal of the Liberal Arts Building created mixed emotions for many of us. Naturally, there was some nostalgia about a structure that graced our campus for some 60 years, and at the same time, excitement that the first step in a campus facelift was going to enhance the future of Kilgore College.

Endings and Beginnings – a time to look back and then beyond!

Kilgore College is proud to announce its recipients of the annual National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. This year’s honorees from KC include Lori Truman, English instructor; Michele Daniels, speech instructor; and Paul Wills, psychology instructor. It also includes Minnie Stevens Piper nominee Paul Buchanan, geology instructor. NISOD’s Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues.

Carol Gibson, English instructor, is a member of the Texas Community College Teachers Association’s Publication Committee. She met with TCCTA Feb. 6 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio to work on future articles for the TCCTA newsletter.

Miriam Lancaster, adjunct English instructor, has been selected to serve at the College Board’s 2014 AP® Reading as an AP Reader for the AP English Language and Composition Exam. The week-long event takes place in June in Louisville, Ky. Lancaster will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with faculty, teachers and AP Development Committee members and become familiar with AP scoring standards.

Upward Bound, under the leadership of Jude DuBois, took 14 KC-Upward Bound students representing Kilgore, Longview and Pine Tree high schools to the “Say What! Student Leadership Summit” Jan. 31 through Feb. 1 at Sky Ranch in Van. “Say What!” stands for Students, Adults and Youth Working Hard Against Tobacco and was created by Texas youth to give credit to everyone working toward reducing tobacco in Texas. Students learned how to prepare elevator speeches, how to make public service announcements and how to write letters to state representatives. The “Say What!” movement is funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services in partnership with the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University. For more information go to www.txsaywhat.com.

Micah Goodding, interim theatre instructor, will host a one-act play clinic for high schools March 5-7 on the Kilgore campus. Local high schools will have the opportunity to perform their plays in Van Cliburn Auditorium followed with a one-hour critique session with KC theatre members.

Good News:

Chris Carroll competed in the Freeze Your Fanny 10K event Feb. 1 and placed fifth overall with a time of 46:30. The event is a benefit for individuals with intellectual disabilities to assist them with limitations and boundaries they experience in their circumstance.

Preview Day draws record numbers

The Office of New Student Relations offers its thanks to KC administrators, faculty, staff, clubs and current students for helping make Ranger Preview Day 2014 such a success. This year, 184 prospective students and more than 250 parents attended. This is a 29 percent increase over 2013 student participation.

Art show on display through March 24

The Kilgore College Visual Arts Department will present recent works by artists Sue Duran, KC adjunct art instructor, and Abhïndnya Ghuge, adjunct art professor at UT Tyler. Their artwork will be displayed in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery through March 24. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free.
**calendar**

4, Health Occupations Job Fair, Ballroom, 1 to 3 p.m.
   KC Wind Symphony Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
5-8, UIL One Act Play Workshop, Van Cliburn Auditorium
6, PTK Induction Ceremony, Ballroom, 6 p.m.
8, Peter Lee Johnson Live in Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
10-14, Spring Break
17-May 9 QUEST II courses
20, KCEOPA Meeting, Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
22, Kilgore Legacy Foundation, Ballroom, 6 p.m.
23, KC Cheer Tryouts Clinic, Parks Fitness Center, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
25, Spring Job Fair, Ballroom, 9-11 a.m.
27, Chemistry Department Blood Drive, Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
29, Spring Radiography Seminar, Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
   Mock Twirling, Dance & Flag Competition, Gym/Parks Fitness Center

**birthdays**

MARCH

3/1 Donald Seals
3/3 Kasey Nisbett
3/4 Lara Pauley
3/6 Jack Lanier
3/6 Tim Young
3/7 H.K. Park
3/8 Tonya Russell
3/8 Patty Waddell
3/9 Joyce Fortson-Johnson
3/9 Terri Peerenboom
3/9 Luke Saintignan
3/10 Ruthie Benson
3/13 Kenya Ray
3/14 Chris Jones
3/15 Mike Ford
3/17 Brian Hoberecht
3/17 Edward Williams
3/17 Matthew Wickes
3/20 Michael Ferguson
3/21 Anna Caldwell
3/22 Hugh Wink
3/23 Lindsey McLennan
3/25 Ginger Holley
3/25 Tony Johnson
3/27 Ginger Dennis
3/27 Eva McClellan
3/28 Mary Kates
3/28 Melanie Magness
3/28 Rick Murphy
3/28 Michele Daniels
3/28 Stephanie Walker
3/30 David Barrett
3/30 Laney Mobley
3/31 Bobbie McGee-Benson

**News & Reminders:**

**KC Shooting Club wins awards at tournament**

The KC Shooting Club won several awards at the ACUI Midwest International Regional Championship in College Station Jan. 3-5. They competed in Olympic Trap and Bunker Trap events. Katy Ross won first place in the Lower Midwestern Championship, shooting 99 out of 100 targets. Matthew Dutton shot for the first time as a club member and scored a 71. The KC Shooting Club was formed in 2013 and is under the leadership of Mike Augustine, East Texas Police Academy Instructor.

**Participate in the Relay for Life potato bake sale**

The KC Relay Rangers are sponsoring a potato bake sale and all KC employees are encouraged to participate. Proceeds of the sale will benefit The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. They are currently taking orders and potatoes will be delivered March 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with all of the fixins’ and a dessert. Tickets are $7 each (a minimum of five tickets must be purchased for off-campus orders). Deadline to purchase tickets is noon on March 24. To order tickets e-mail Jeanie Butler or call her at (903) 983-8191.

**Corrosion Tech hosting sporting clay tournament**

The Corrosion Technology Department will host the third annual Sporting Clay Tournament on Saturday, March 29. The event will be held at Prairie Creek Ranch in Gladewater. Proceeds from the event will help purchase equipment and supplies for the Corrosion Technology Program and fund NACE activities for the Corrosion Club. This event is open to everyone and every skill level. If you know someone who may be interested in participating in or sponsoring this event, please contact Kenya Ray, Corrosion Technology Instructor, at (903) 983-8165 or e-mail her.

**Pick up complimentary Revels tickets March 17-18**

Rangerette Revels performances will be April 9-12. Two complimentary tickets are available to each full-time KC employee for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night performances. Employees can pick up tickets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 17-18, at the Rangerette Box Office located downstairs in the Rangerette Gymnasium at the south entrance. Please bring your KC ID card when picking up your complimentary tickets.