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The Greening of JCCC



JCCC Looks to Sustainable, Green Energy

The new chiller by the Parking Garage at Galileo's Garden serves the Regnier Center, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art and Carlsen Center.

Cover: Rick Monk, manager, Campus Services and Energy Management Systems, and Rex Hays, director, Campus Services



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JCCC is in a good position to use green energy sources because its founders created a campus that is almost all-electric.

"All-electric is good because it is easier to supplement electricity with green energy sources like solar and wind alternatives. Electricity is a more green approach to energy than fossil fuels," said Kelly Gernhart, doctoral student in higher education, who wrote *Documenting Sustainability and Green Energy at Johnson County Community College* as part of a University of Kansas field experience.

Members of the Student Senate Green Committee presented a resolution to the board facilities committee in May requesting a commitment to support clean sustainable renewable energy systems on campus. The resolution was accompanied by a report titled, *Greening JCCC*.

After attending that

Kelly Gernhart is academic dean, computer information systems and Web graphic design, DeVry, and an electrical engineer.

meeting as part of his KU field experience, Gernhart wrote a baseline study of JCCC's energy use based on interviews with Rex Hays, director, Campus Services; Mitch Borchers, director, Purchasing; Dr. Wayne Brown, executive vice president, Administration; and his mentor for the class, Dr. Jerry Baird, executive vice president, Administrative Services.

Gernhart looked at lighting efficiency, the major energy usage on campus; heating, ventilating and air conditioning; equipment meeting criteria for the U.S. government's Energy Star program and KCPL rebate programs; computer power management; and water and gasoline conservation.

"I think Kelly's report will be very useful in guiding the college through the process of energy conservation," Baird said.

Renewable energy sources that are also environmentally friendly have been a priority for Hays, who started at JCCC in August 2006.

"I am passionate about energy conservation, and Campus Services staff have a lot of ideas and experience with its application," Hays said. "Sustainable energy is a serious issue, and, as an academic institution, we can lead the charge in greening initiatives. In the next five years, this campus will realize a lot of gains in energy efficiency and sustainability."

One of the first low-cost improvements for the

college has been higher-efficiency lighting – replacing fluorescent light fixtures with new electronic ballasts, which is projected to result in 25 percent less energy consumption and rebates from KCPL. Traditional “exit lights” are being replaced with LED (light-emitting diode) ones. Gernhart estimates that 100 Energy Star-compliant “exit” signs would result in a \$36,163 savings over the life of the signs and reduce CO₂ emission by 235 tons. Campus Services has retrofitted exterior lights in the parking lots and walkways with lower-wattage metal-halide fixtures to conserve energy.

The HVAC system is another large sector of JCCC’s energy consumption. Hays says the original Barber-Coleman energy management system is being replaced by a modern computer-based and Web-accessible system. Hays says the new controls and sensors allow temperatures to be set according to times when a space is occupied. Gernhart suggests stretching set points so that the temperature is set a little warmer on the hottest days and a little cooler on the coldest days to save energy.

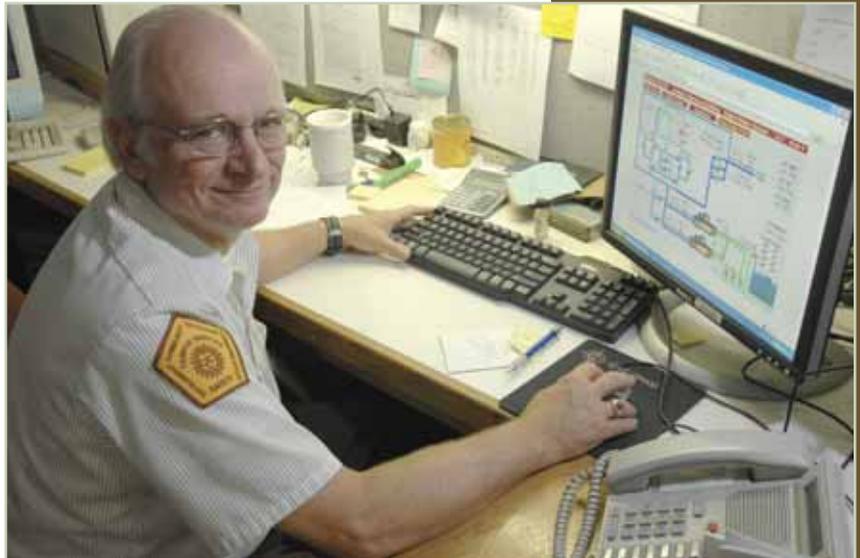
JCCC was energy conscious when it buried its 650,000-gallon water tank in the Commons Courtyard. Water is chilled overnight during off-peak hours, reducing peak energy requirements.

“Anything the college does to reduce KCPL’s peak load can delay the building of more coal-fired plants,” Gernhart said.

One problem of older buildings is that heaters/air conditioners regulate temperatures, including the extreme heat generated by data closets. In the Regnier Center, each data closet has a dedicated air conditioner, so the building air conditioners don’t have to run 24/7 during the summer.

JCCC’s brick building exteriors save on maintenance and have good insulation value. Campus Services keeps a vigilant eye on caulking around windows and doorsills to minimize energy loss.

Hays is looking at the feasibility of other sustainable and energy-saving options: adding wind turbines designed to sit on a roof to create renewable energy for new or renovated buildings; at the time of replacement, substituting water tanks with point-of-service tanks that heat water only when needed, not all the time, and solar shingles or collectors in place of regular roofing material; installing motion sensors that turn lights on or off depending on occupancy; eliminating the college motor pool and purchasing fuel-efficient vehicles for the Campus Services fleet.



“We are looking at anything possible that allows the college to use sustainable, green energy,” Hays said.

Brian Anderson, maintenance supervisor, monitors detailed information on campus chillers by means of a computerized building automation system.

JCCC recently hired Rick Monk as the new manager of Campus Services and Energy Management Systems. His experience in operating buildings includes a substantial focus on energy management.

Supervisors from Campus Services are in the process of receiving KCPL’s Building Operator Certification, a program offering seven courses on energy and resource-efficient operation of buildings. JCCC is an institutional member of the Central Association of Physical Plant Administrators, a professional organization that allows members to network about more efficient ways to operate physical plant facilities at institutions of higher learning.

Gernhart credits JCCC for its purchase of Energy Star-compliant Dell computer hardware and Hewlett Packard printers that reduce the energy consumption of equipment in labs and classrooms during periods of inactivity. 🌱



Will Gibson, maintenance supervisor, looks over the electronic ballast inventory in the CSB.

Shulls Honored

Dick and Barbara Shull, Leawood, have been named by the JCCC Foundation as the Johnson Countians of the Year for 2007.

The Shulls will be honored at the Foundation's 21st annual Some Enchanted Evening gala Nov. 10 at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel. Proceeds from the event support student scholarships at JCCC. Over the past 20 years, the Foundation has raised more than \$3.3 million for the college's scholarship endowment through Some Enchanted Evening.

Dick Shull is president of Shawnee Mission Ford Inc. and Johnson County Auto Credit. He has also served as president of Preservation Life Insurance Company, chair of Midwestern Fleet Leasing Inc., secretary/treasurer of Midwest Ford Dealers Advertising Association, a member of the Ford Motor Company National Dealer Council Executive Committee, regional vice president and director of Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association, a trustee of the Kansas City Motor Car Dealers Association Health and Welfare, and a trustee of the Kansas City Motor Car Dealers Association Pension Fund.

In addition, Dick Shull serves on the Shawnee Mission Medical Center Foundation and as a trustee of Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

Barbara Shull is an active community volunteer, serving on committees for the American Cancer Gala, Shawnee Mission Medical Center and

Children's Mercy Hospital. The couple were named Volunteers of the Year by the Volunteer Center of Johnson County in 2000.

Dick Shull currently serves on the JCCC Foundation Board, on which Barbara served from 2001 to 2003. Through the years, the Shulls have supported the Carlsen Center, the JCCC Foundation Dollars for Scholars auction, Some Enchanted Evening and fund-raising for the Courtyard Fountain at JCCC. The couple has served on the Some Enchanted Evening planning committee, chairing the event in 1996. They also served as honorary chairs for the JCCC Dollars for Scholars auction in 1997.

The Shulls established an endowment in 1994 to support the Shawnee Mission Ford Automotive Technology scholarship. In 2001, they established the Richard G. and Barbara J. Shull nursing scholarship and matched the funds raised in Dick's honor for the Foundation's first Board of Directors' Leadership Scholarship.

The Shull Foyer in the Regnier Center is named in honor of Dick and Barbara Shull in recognition of their donations to the college.

"Barbara and Dick Shull are two of the college's closest and most valued friends," said Dr. Joe Sopcich, director, Institutional Advancement. "Over the years they have served the college in countless ways. We consider them to be our 'go to' volunteers. When you review their contributions to the Johnson County community, it is easy to see why they are our Johnson Countians of the Year for 2007."

The JCCC Foundation has helped thousands of students pursue their dreams of a college education. Students with exceptional needs, such as single parents, displaced workers, minorities, the underemployed and the disabled, benefit from Foundation scholarships. The Johnson Countian of the Year award is the Foundation's highest recognition of achievement and is presented at Some Enchanted Evening, a black-tie event that includes a gourmet dinner, entertainment and dancing. 🌿

Story by Julie Haas



Dick and Barbara Shull

Dreams Do Come True

Kent Shelley will coach his 21st season baseball season at JCCC this spring. He is also serving his one-year term as president of

the American Baseball Coaches Association, making him only the second community college coach to earn this position in the 62-year history of the ABCA.

Shelley, professor, HPER, and coach, has dreamed of being in a position to give more to the game of baseball.

“I attended my first ABCA convention when I was Sonny’s (Maynard) assistant,” Shelley said. “A few weeks after, I had a dream someday I would be in a position to give back to a game that has given so much to me.”

Shelley’s dream came true in 2002, when he was voted by the ABCA membership to serve as fourth vice president of the ABCA. Each year since that appointment, Shelley has moved up the chain, and in January of 2007, he assumed the role of president.

“It is one of the greatest honors I have received in my life – to eventually work through the chairs and then represent the ABCA around the world. Then to be only the second community college coach to do so is quite humbling.”

One of the major roles of the ABCA has been its work with the governing bodies of the groups represented by the coaches – the NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations. The ABCA also works closely with the Collegiate Commissioners Association, Major League Baseball, Youth Associations, USA Baseball and other federations around the world. It is the desire of the association to have a relationship with all these groups so that coaches and student-athletes will have the best working and playing conditions possible to constantly improve the sport of baseball.

Since assuming his new role as president, Shelley has already served as a key ambassador of the game. In six short months, Shelley has represented the ABCA at the 50th Anniversary of the NJCAA World Series and attended the NJCAA D-II baseball championship in Millington, Tenn., the NCAA World Series in Omaha, Neb., and Major League Baseball’s All-Star Game in San Francisco, Calif. Later this fall, he will be a guest of MLB at games three,



four and five of the 2007 World Series, and will cap his presidency as the master of ceremonies at the ABCA Hall of Fame banquet in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 2008.

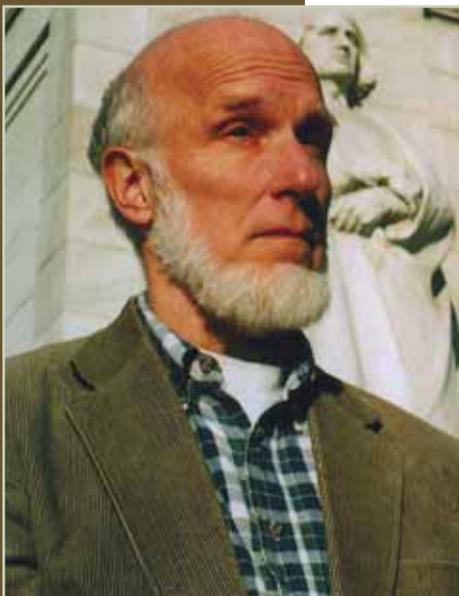
Shelley will still be involved with the ABCA when his term is complete. He will serve as past president next year and on the board of directors for life. He also will serve on the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Executive Committee as a past president. Shelley also hopes he has left an impression with the members of his organization.

Story by Tyler Cundith

Kent Shelley stands in the dugout before the JCCC vs. Croatian All-Stars game this fall.

Scholar in Residence

Possible sundown towns in Kansas listed on Loewen's Web site are Arma, Ashland, Atwood, Augusta, Belle Plaine, Belleville, Beloit, Blue Rapids, Burlingame, Burlington, Caney, Cedar Vale, Chapman, Cheney, Cimarron, Clearwater, Clyde, Colby, Coldwater, Conway Springs, Dighton, Douglass, Elkhart, Ellinwood, Enterprise, Erie, Eureka, Frontenac, Greensburg, Halstead, Harper, Hays, Hoisington, Howard, Hoxie, Kiowa, La Crosse, Lakin, Leoti, Lincoln Center, Lindsborg, Madison, Mankato, Marion, Marysville, Meade, Mulvane, Neodesha, Ness City, Nickerson, Norton, Oberlin, Scammon, Scott City, Smith Center, Solomon, St. Francis, Stafford, Sublette, Tribune, Victoria, Washington, Wilson and Yates Center.



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'Sundown Towns' Author to Speak

Dr. James Loewen, historian, sociologist and author of *Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism*, will talk

about racial exclusion across America in a free public lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the Craig Community Auditorium.

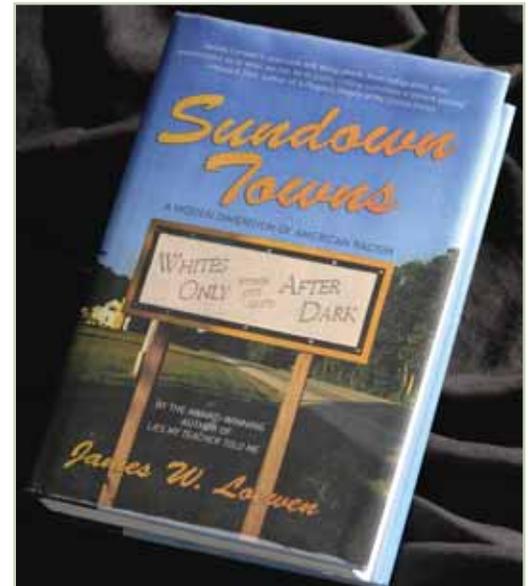
The book's cover features a photo of a sign "Whites Only Within City Limits After Dark." While the whites-only attitude is usually thought of as one reserved for the Jim Crow South, Loewen's analysis of American residential patterns demonstrate racial exclusion as the norm for American towns for much of the 20th century. Loewen also suggests a number of solutions for all-white neighborhoods that still exist.

Loewen, professor emeritus, sociology, at the University of Vermont, has a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University and currently lives in Washington, D.C. He previously published *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong* and *Lies Across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong*, which look at errors and omissions in American history.

Loewen's lecture is part of JCCC's scholar-in-residence program, designed to bring visiting scholars to students, faculty and the public. Loewen's residency is sponsored by Dr. Diane Kappen, adjunct professor, psychology, and Stu

Shafer, sociology professor, as advisers for Making Opportunities for Students to Appreciate Inclusiveness. Loewen's visit is also sponsored by JCCC Student Life and Leadership, the sociology department and the Minority Museum, Kansas City, Mo.

"His books focus on neglected but historically significant events that have led to the inequality we experience today," Kappen said. "*Sundown Towns* discusses towns and counties that prohibited Black Americans from becoming residents after the post-Civil War Reconstruction period. This was blatant discrimination that produced a self-fulfilling pattern of



inequality over the decades since 1890."

When Loewen began his research for the book, he expected to find about 10 sundown towns in Illinois (his home state) and perhaps 50 across the country. Instead, he found more than 440 in Illinois and thousands across the United States.

The author writes, "From Maine to California, thousands of communities kept out African Americans (or sometimes Chinese Americans, Jewish Americans, etc.) by force, law, or custom. These communities are sometimes called 'sundown towns' because some of them posted signs at their city limits reading, typically, 'N____, Don't Let The Sun Go Down On You In ____.' Some towns are still all white on purpose. Their chilling stories have been joined more recently by the many elite (and some not so elite) suburbs like Grosse Pointe, Mich., or Edina, Minn., that have excluded nonwhites by kinder, gentler means."

Loewen's presentation follows a Student Life and Leadership debate on immigration, *What Side are You On?*, which takes place from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 7 in Craig Community Auditorium. Loewen's work connects the history of discrimination against particular groups with current issues surrounding immigration. During his two-day residency, Loewen will also be available for history and sociology classes as well as present a student-oriented discussion.

Dr. James Loewen will be JCCC's first 2007-2008 scholar in residence.

JCCC Genealogy

Staff/
Student

On campus, people call him “doctor,” “Jerry,” or “sir.” But Abby Rund, JCCC freshman, calls Dr. Jerry Wolfskill, director,

Johnson County Regional Police Academy, by the same name she’s used for 18 years – “Papa.”

Abby Rund, Wolfskill’s granddaughter, continues the family’s JCCC tradition. Wolfskill, a former Overland Park police detective who has a doctorate in higher education and psychology, has taught at the Police Academy since 1972. His four children, Mickey Wolfskill, Paige Wolfskill Totta, Carey Wolfskill Bowen and Meredith Wolfskill Rund, all took classes at JCCC.

Abby’s mother, Meredith Rund, played softball and worked part-time on the switchboard while attending JCCC. Abby’s father, Randy Rund, went through the Johnson County Regional Police Academy in 1984, when he was with the Prairie Village Police Department. Later, Meredith and Randy attended the Kansas City, Mo. Regional Police Academy, where they met and married.

“But I knew Randy before Meredith did,” Wolfskill said.

The connections don’t stop there. Abby Rund’s paternal grandmother, Mary Foss, graduated from JCCC’s paralegal program. And Meredith Rund, who attended law school after five years at the KCMO police department, did legal work for JCCC with the late Bob Lytle, Lathrop & Gage L.C. Meredith is now an attorney with Bryan Cave LLP, and Randy is a detective with the KCPD.

Abby plans to complete two years of classes at JCCC and transfer to the University of Kansas for a bachelor’s degree in elementary education with a minor in African culture or French in order to serve two years in the Peace Corps in Africa. A graduate of Oak Park High School, Abby won a national award in Gold Key in the 2007 American Society of Newspaper Editors and Quill and Scroll International Writing and Photo Contest for her story on same-sex marriage. Of her JCCC experience she says, “I really like it.”

In addition to taking 15 credit-hours this semester, Abby works two part-time jobs. And how does it feel having a father and grandfather in law enforcement?

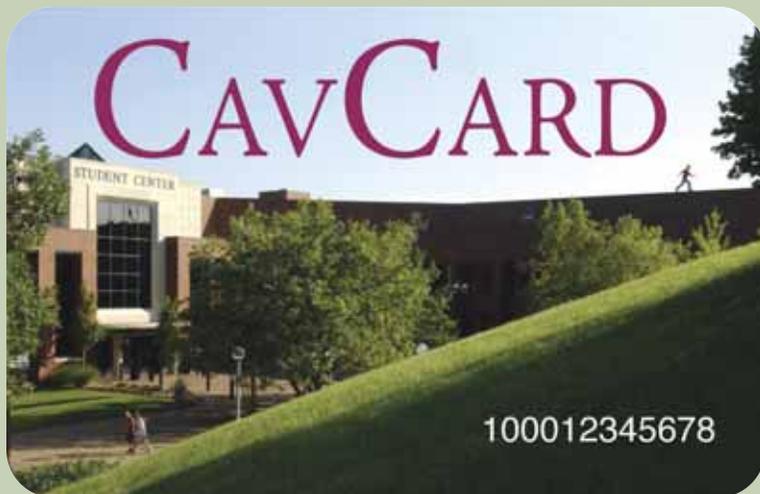
“Well, my Dad does a background check on all my dates.” 🌿



Jerry Wolfskill, director, Johnson County Regional Police Academy, and his granddaughter, Abby Rund.

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CavCard Launched



JCCC is now offering CavCard, a new pre-paid card for campus purchases. The stored-value card can be used for purchases at the JCCC bookstore, C-Store and Dining Services venues.

The CavCard advantages are:

- Special discounts during textbook reservation and customer appreciation periods at the JCCC Bookstore and C-Store
- Special discounts at all Dining Services locations (Food Court, Dining Down Under, Café Tempo, javajazz@jccc, Encore!Espresso and selected vending machines)
- Cash-free purchases on campus
- No setup fees or membership dues

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