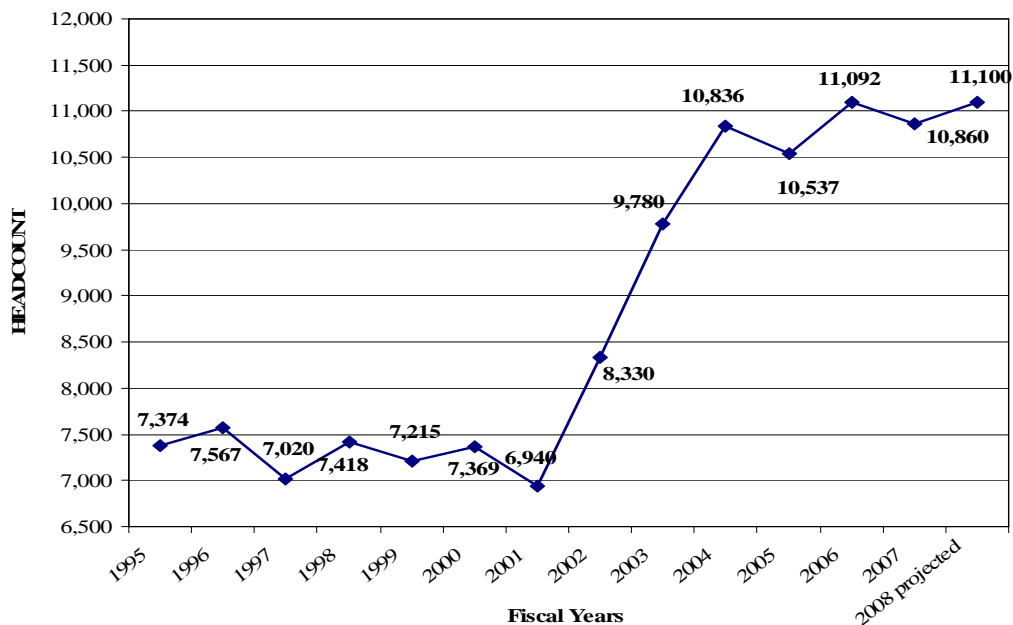


**KASKASKIA COLLEGE
FALL 2007 PRESIDENT’S REPORT
TO THE FACULTY AND STAFF
AUGUST 15, 2007**

Introduction: This report is a brief review of the College operations and plans for the future. It is important to first acknowledge the faculty, staff, and trustees for making KC a dynamic and world-class institution of higher education. Thanks are extended to everyone for a great job in serving this wonderful institution. I want to also extend appreciation to our retirees and former trustees for their service in the growth and development of Kaskaskia College. Those serving before us laid the foundation of excellence for which we are continuing. These are truly exciting times at Kaskaskia College! As a result of sustaining record enrollments, which have been achieved over the past few years, we have financial stability that is allowing for acquiring new technologies and expanding programs. Through this report we will reflect on the projects launched in the past fiscal year and review the projects planned for the future.

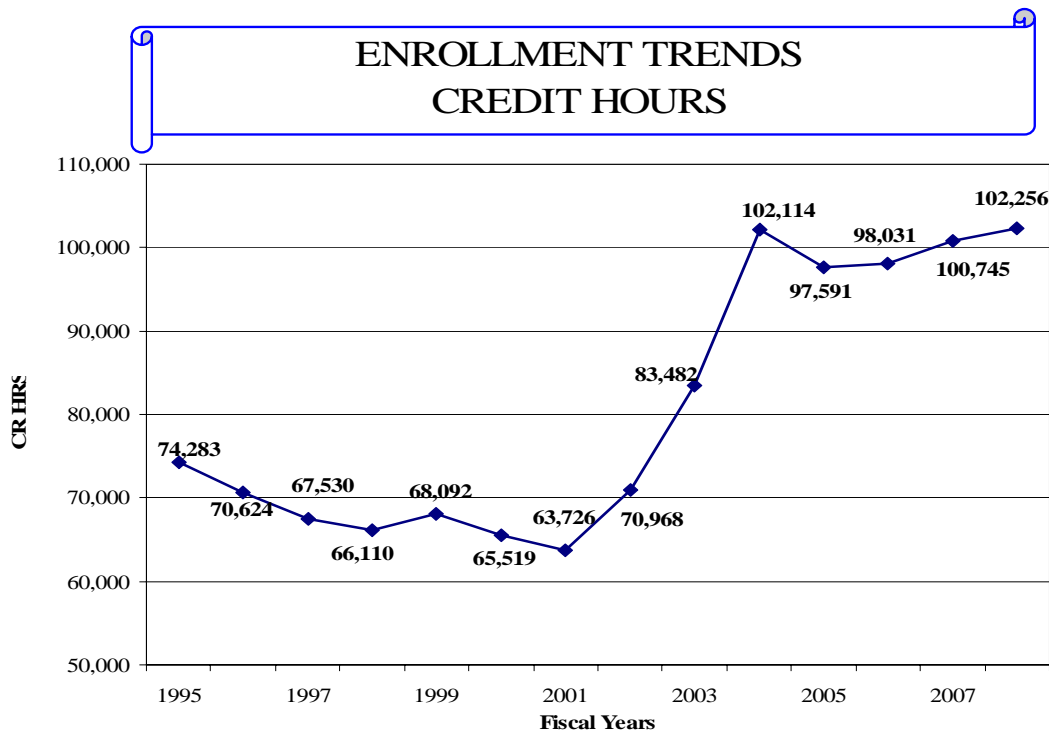
Enrollments: The two charts that follow were completed by our Research and Planning Office and reflect clearly that we are sustaining the record enrollments achieved in recent years. Our unduplicated annual headcount enrollments are holding at approximately 11,000 students (part-time/full-time/on and off-campus). We expect the number of unduplicated enrollments to rise slightly for this year (Chart 1).

**Chart 1
Annual Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment**



Equally important to the annual unduplicated headcount enrollment report is the annual accumulated credit hour report. This is a report on the total number of student semester credit hours recorded for each semester and summer sessions during each given fiscal year. Because state appropriations are distributed, in part, on reportable credit hours, it is very important to ensure that these hours are sustained in order to have financial stability. As reflected in the report, we are sustaining our credit hour production at around 100,000 per year. We do expect a modest growth this year to 102,000 credit hours (Chart 2).

Chart 2
Annual Accumulated Semester Credit Hours



For the most recent five-year period (FY 2001-2006), for which ICCB data is available, Kaskaskia College has increased the accumulated credit hours from 63,726 to 98,031, or a 53.8% increase. This is the largest increase of all Illinois community colleges for this period and reflects why the College is the “fastest growing” institution of higher education in the state of Illinois. It is interesting to note our current size as compared to other community colleges in the state (Chart 3).

Chart 3
Illinois Community Colleges
Comparison of Annual Certified Credit Hours

Dist. No.	District/College	FY 2001 CR HRS	FY 2006 CR HRS	% Change 2001-2006
501	Kaskaskia	63,726	98,031	53.8%
516	Waubonsee	125,121	165,779	32.5%
524	Moraine Valley	234,229	294,790	25.9%
532	Lake County	186,540	232,654	24.7%
505	Parkland	145,799	180,397	23.7%
525	Joliet	186,933	230,398	23.3%
531	Shawnee	41,598	51,161	23.0%
512	Harper	223,451	274,489	22.8%
540	Heartland	67,660	82,810	22.4%
536	Lewis & Clark	91,627	111,512	21.7%
534	Spoon River	32,236	39,138	21.4%
523	Kishwaukee	65,610	79,080	20.5%
511	Rock Valley	129,885	156,407	20.4%
530	Logan	116,968	140,406	20.0%
539	Wood	40,660	48,487	19.2%
529	Illinois Eastern	140,681	167,489	19.1%
510	South Suburban	118,149	139,517	18.1%
528	McHenry	90,785	107,081	18.0%
521	Rend Lake	69,290	81,649	17.8%
527	Morton	65,835	77,378	17.5%
517	Lake Land	138,021	161,529	17.0%
522	Southwestern	212,350	246,240	16.0%
537	Richland	56,400	65,050	15.3%
518	Sandburg	59,507	68,500	15.1%
514	Illinois Central	187,126	215,348	15.1%
506	Sauk Valley	42,686	48,845	14.4%
507	Danville	43,247	49,205	13.8%
515	Prairie State	81,080	89,237	10.1%
513	Illinois Valley	76,527	83,551	9.2%
509	Elgin	154,045	166,573	8.1%
526	Lincoln Land	125,894	133,547	6.1%
502	DuPage	429,024	449,860	4.9%
504	Triton	235,976	243,218	3.1%
520	Kankakee	77,018	79,021	2.6%
533	Southeastern	57,105	58,271	2.0%
503	Black Hawk	139,411	140,900	1.1%
519	Highland	51,004	51,445	0.9%
535	Oakton	210,002	208,797	-0.6%
508	Chicago	1,224,538	1,085,852	-11.3%
TOTALS/AVERAGES		5,837,744	6,403,635	9.7%

DATA SOURCE: ICCB SUSR REPORTS (ICCB:CRHRSTATEWIDE)
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Removal of Temporary Buildings: July 2007 will be remembered, in part, for the month and year in which the final temporary buildings were removed from the campus. A celebration was held to acknowledge the many years of service the temporary buildings provided KC. The trustees back in 1967 were recognized for the foresight and wisdom in constructing temporary buildings in order to start serving students prior to permanent buildings being constructed. With the opening this summer of the new Health and Professional Careers Building (H&PC), it became possible to remove the final temporary buildings. The last two programs to occupy the temporary buildings were Dental Assisting and Cosmetology, which are now located in the H&PC Building. For those of you interested in acquiring a memento of the temporary buildings can check with Jo Beckemeyer in the Physical Plant Office.

Trends for the Future: In drawing on the work of Dr. Ed Gordon in his book, *The 2010 Meltdown*, Dr. Gordon sites two forces causing worldwide cultural changes. These two changes are “globalization” and “technology”; thus, these are causing increased demands for a highly-skilled workforce. Specific trends as described by Dr. Gordon are:

- Globalization-workers trained in a world-wide economy (including languages and understanding of different cultures)
- Technology is advancing at a rapid pace
- An Aging World, including an aging workforce
- Trend toward training the “knowledge worker” along with high tech skills
- Some of the Fastest Growing Occupations in the Future –
 - *Nursing
 - *Health Technologists
 - *Personal & Home Care Aides
 - *Medical Assistants
 - *Social & Human Services Assistants
 - *Physician Assistants
 - *Medical Records & Health Information Technicians
 - *Home Health Aides
 - *Auto Technicians
 - *Small Engine Repair Technicians
 - *Skilled Trades
 - *Teachers
 - *Network Systems Technicians
 - *Service and Support
 - *Software and Programming Development
 - *Interactive Media
 - *CIS Managers
 - *Desktop Publishing
 - *Database Administration
 - *Truck Driving
 - *Business/Accounting/Economics

In education, we are seeing specific trends in outreach efforts through expanded online offerings and distance learning for time-bound and place-bound citizens. We are also seeing an expansion of non-traditional course schedules to include the “Weekend College” and increases in evening offerings. Dual-Credit programs in collaboration with high schools are expanding across the nation. Training and re-training the workforce in partnership with business and industry are major initiatives underway. Preparing graduates with workplace ethics, human relations skills, proficient in communications and computations, computer literate, along with profession skills are what business and industry are seeking from higher education.

We must continue to seek alternative sources of revenue through private funds and grants. Over the past few years, we have seen state grants through ICCB decrease substantially. Further, the state has not had a capital bill that has caused little to no building funds going to community colleges. Thus, the KC Foundation will become even more important in the continuing development of the College along with the Grants Office in seeking private and public project grants.

University Alliance: At this time we have affiliation agreements with 15 four-year colleges and universities. These agreements are for the migrating of upper division and graduate programs from the four-year colleges and universities to be offered on the KC main campus or at our Educational Centers. This fall we expect to have liaison representatives from Greenville College and SIU to office on a regular part-time basis in the KC Enrollment Center. We are also developing an inverse BS Degree for our AAS graduates with Greenville College (details will be forthcoming).

Lifelong Learning Center: The board of trustees has approved the construction of this facility along with a clock tower. Construction is expected to start within the next 30 days and completed by October 2008. An announcement will be made within the next few weeks of a donor who will be providing the funds for the clock tower. The design and floor plan is on display near the Enrollment Center.

IES Building: The Institute for Entrepreneurial Success (IES) Building (former CVS Building across from the Centralia Post Office) is now fully operational. The Dislocated Workers Program, Resource Room, CEFS program for Youth, SBDC, State Employment Securities Office, and KC Business Incubator are all located in this One-Stop Workforce facility. Lisa Atkins is the Building Manager and continues to be the Director of the Dislocated Workers Program. Todd Tracy, SBDC Director, is also coordinating the KC Business Incubator.

KC Vandalia Campus: Construction of the KC Vandalia Campus is progressing on schedule. Completion is scheduled to be completed in late October 2007. We expect to move the Vandalia Education Center to the new branch campus immediately following completion of the building this fall. A full slate of classes will be started in the spring semester.

Sports and Wellness Complex: The first phase of the project has been completed with improvements to the Larry Smith Baseball Field, new restrooms and concession building, a new softball field, and a new service road. The second phase will include four tennis courts, soccer field, baseball/softball hitting building, dressing rooms, lights for baseball and softball fields, wellness trail, and additional parking. Phase 2 is a \$2.2M project that will include a major gifts campaign to secure private funds. A kick-off campaign will occur on October 13 with many events taking place that day. The KCSA has pledged \$100K for this project.

Physical Plant Work completed this summer: I want to recognize the Physical Plant staff for several improvements completed to our buildings and grounds this summer. The buildings are standing tall with many floors being redone along with many rooms repainted. As to the grounds, parking lots and roads have been repaired in addition to new flower beds and many new trees have been planted. The truck driving lot has been repaved as well. Remodeling work continues to be done in the Science Labs. Several offices have been relocated, and these moves were accommodated by our Physical Plant staff. Many thanks are extended to our Custodians and Maintenance Personnel for a job well done.

Information Technology: The Datatel system continues to be successfully implemented in accordance with the previous determined schedule. Several programs and modules are now up and running. Thanks to the entire team of IT personnel along with the users for successfully conducting the implementation and the conversions. Additionally, our IT Department has been busy this summer installing new computers along with software applications for our computer labs.

Friends of the KC Fine and Performing Arts: Memberships are growing for the Friends organization and I would encourage all of our faculty and staff members to join this organization. Membership dollars go solely in support of the Fine and Performing Arts at the College. As a part of the Friends program is the “Season of Entertainment” which will bring to KC a variety of entertainment programs throughout the year. Additionally, we will be continuing with several Music Concerts, Theatre Performances, Visual Arts Exhibits, Scroll Publications throughout the year, Speech Contests, etc. You may inquiry on particulars with the Office of the Dean for Arts and Sciences.

KC Sports Association (KCSA): This is a very active organization committed to assisting the College with support for intercollegiate athletics. KCSA contributed \$45,000 toward the purchase of our two new buses, and they have pledged \$100,000 for the Sports and Wellness Complex. I want to encourage our faculty and staff to become members of this excellent organization. For membership information, please contact Cathy Karrick.

KC Alumni and Friends Association: This organization is now operational with a membership campaign underway. We are in the process of updating our graduate addresses for contact reasons and for mailing newsletters. All KC employees are eligible to become members of this organization. We will appreciate your membership.

Attached Reports: The VP’s and certain departments have prepared year-end reports of activities in their respective areas, which are attached to this report. These will provide our faculty and staff with more details on various KC operations.

Closing: I wish everyone a great 2007-08 fiscal year at Kaskaskia College. Together we will accomplish our goals and continue moving the College forward in serving our constituents with effective and quality programs and services.

Dr. Jim Underwood
President