SCC is one step closer to reaffirmation

By Ray Hunter

SCC is TCB like BTO.

Representatives from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) arrived at SCC on Oct. 1 to evaluate the school’s daily practices and departed on Oct. 4 after much praise and a positive exit report.

SACSCOC is the regionally recognized accreditation agency that ensures institutions of higher learning in the South maintain the ability to provide effective programs, enhanced education, and appropriate student services.

According to Accreditation Liaison and SCC Provost Dr. Clinton Hayes, the SACSCOC team was very pleased with the Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) which was the primary focus of the examination.

“This was a college-wide effort, and no one individual was responsible for the success of the QEP,” he said, “Everyone was involved and contributed in some way.”

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The first Career Services office at college opens

By Ray Hunter

SCC already has several resources available to help current students reach their academic and professional goals, but the college is introducing yet another.

The Fall 2018 semester saw the addition of the first ever Career Services office on Somerset North campus. According to Melissa Winstead, there are free and powerful online tools for students and alumni to explore and find the perfect career.

Winstead is the Student Ambassador coordinator at SCC and assumed the role of Career Counselor in July. She encourages students who have not declared a major, and those that have decided but may be doubtful about their course of study, to visit her office for a one-on-one consultation that can help them “get on the right track.”

She explained that Career Services focuses on a two part course of action designed for students to discover and achieve realistic career goals: Career Exploration and Employment Services.

“The first component is Career Exploration and it’s designed for students who have not declared a major to discover the many opportunities that are available to them,” Winstead said.

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Viewing the world...

There was a full schedule for International Festival events on both SCC campuses. With “Let In The World” as the theme, the Laurel Campus festival was held October 17, followed by the Somerset Campus event on October 18. Shown here are scenes from festival activities on the Laurel Campus. Read about the Somerset Campus event on page 6.

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SCC should consider cross country

I remember being on a cross country team, running as fast as my legs can carry me. I would glide through the grass, over the sidewalks, and crest rather stressful hills, flying as fast as possible to get to the finish line first.

I can recall specific races. I remember running one with a lake beside me, with the geese on it playing happily and staring at me as I went by. It was such a beautiful day to win a race.

Cross country was a great sport to be a part of. As a team we always had each other’s backs, never letting each other get discouraged or give up.

The races are amazing, as is the feeling of accomplishment every person feels when it’s over and they remember the beauty of their surroundings, the rhythm of their feet, and knowing they gave it their best.

For these and many other reasons, SCC should have its own cross country team.

Cross country is a distance-based running sport; generally, 3.1 miles is the distance run during practices and competitions.

Cross country offers several benefits to any school and its students.

Some of these benefits include giving students a way to be more involved with the campus and in extracurricular activities. Students would have a place outside of class to meet others who like the same hobbies as they do.

Cross country gives students a way to stay active and fit while in school. One problem many new students face is the ‘Freshman 15,’ gaining at least 15 pounds in their first year.

Natalie Ping, a student at SCC, states that “I think other people would” be interested in cross country at SCC, “especially with freshman coming in, they’re leaving behind their high school activities and everyone knows about the ‘Freshman 15.’”

Students also have a great way to make new friends as a team, running as fast as my legs can carry me. As a team we always had each other’s backs, never letting each other get discouraged or give up.

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Don’t give up your right to be heard

As I walked into the Meece Building on Tuesday, September 25, I prepared myself for what I could only imagine would be a colossal crowd, especially after seeing armed police officers at the door.

I took a deep breath as I stepped through the doorway of the auditorium, and was slightly relieved that there weren’t one-fourth of the number of people that I had imagined in my head.

As I scanned the scene, I saw what seemed to be two divided groups on either side of the room. More armed officers were standing in the back corner of the auditorium.

I grabbed a seat in the middle and nervously waited for Governor Matt Bevin to arrive for his scheduled community forum. While waiting, I realized my slight sigh of relief over the smaller-than-expected crowd size was gone, replaced by sudden concerns.

Why is this auditorium not full?
Where are all the students?
Do people not know about the upcoming election?
I, at 25, seemed to be the youngest person in the room. The next youngest was at least 10 years older.

As the governor entered, I found myself getting lost in my thoughts about young people and the matter of voting. I tried to drown those ideas out and listen to Bevin talk about the state of Kentucky and his vision for the future.

Luckily enough for me, about three minutes into his speech, he snatched my attention back when he said, “How do we get more young people to actually be involved?” Although he was referring to jobs, taxes, and the budget, the feeling of the youth being so poorly involved consumed me.

One day, we will be the most considerable portion of the votes in this nation. But will ours be the loudest voice?
I’ve asked people around my age: Do you vote? There have been only a few affirmitives, but the resounding reply has been NO.

Of course, I always ask, why not? The reasons vary, but many argue that their vote does not really matter. Well, that’s what the people in power WANT the public to think.

SGA food drive is planning to ‘Take a Bite Out of Hunger’

SGA is hosting the “Take a Bite Out of Hunger” food drive for the Bethany House Abuse Shelter and Over My Head Homeless Shelter. It began October 15 and will continue through Friday, Nov. 30. Donation drop boxes and barrels are placed around the Somerset campus.

Items needed are any non-perishable food items such as canned food, cereal, Ramen noodles, crackers, and peanut butter. Their goal is to raise 1,000 items and all donations are greatly appreciated.

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Kentucky Skills U prepares students for a career field

By Madison Marlow

Kentucky Skills U, formerly known as the Adult Education Program, is a program that helps anyone 18 and older with a number of educational goals such as preparing for the General Education Development (G.E.D) test, college, or employment.

Several of the surrounding counties have a Kentucky Skills U program available, including McCreary, Russell, Casey, Adair, Pulaski, and Laurel.

Martha Ball, a KY Skills U instructor at the McCreary center, provided information on the resources available to students and community members.

“Kentucky Skills U goal is to prep everyone to be career ready,” Ball said.

The program provides tutoring in math, English, and writing to students who need help. It is based on student need, Ball stated.

Along with tutoring, “we offer help with transitioning into college or a career field,” Ball said.

“We have career inventory that we can go through,” Ball added. “So we can see where your interests are and match them with possible jobs you never thought about.”

Ball said another thing that they do is help students understand all the things that SCC has to offer.

“One student, from whichever angle they came in from, whether it be they walk in the door with a high school diploma and are anxious to get started or they have a G.E.D or need a G.E.D and want to do that, we help them with applications online,” Ball stated, adding that those applications include financial aid forms.

A lot of the college students that come through Skills U are really successful because they are the ones who utilize their resources, Ball said.

Students Jaimee King, Rhonda Gibson, and Tyler Taylor stated that Skills U is a big part of their college success.

King is in her second year of college at SCC.

“They helped me with all the new stuff I never saw in school,” King said, “especially the math and writing.”

King said the staff assisted with getting her “dual enrollment”, so she could work on her degree while completing her G.E.D.

After having a child, King said she was motivated to go to school to better their lives. A family member referred her to McCreary’s Skills U Center to help with obtaining her G.E.D.

“I was very shy at first,” King stated. “But they were so welcoming and helpful.”

King started G.E.D. classes in the summer of 2017, became dual enrolled in the fall of 2017, and completed her G.E.D. in December of 2017.

“They pushed me to reach my goal.” King said. “They go out of their way to see you succeed.”

Gibson is in the surgical technology program at SCC.

“I had been out of school for a long time,” Gibson said. “They helped me brush up on things I had forgotten since high school and college.”

Pictured from left to right are McCreary student Kimberly Carpenter, Instructor Martha Ball, and students Rhonda Gibson and Jaimee King.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared on page 4 of the September issue of The Bridge. The International Festivals took place October 17-18, not September 17-18 as reported. Managing editor Ray Hunter regrets the error and apologizes for any others that were missed.
A Kentucky newspaper legend tells his story

How I survived my Bridge press conference

There was a time when jumping off a bridge seemed less suicidal than speaking in front of a class at Somerset’s college.

Therefore a recent call inviting me to address the staff of The Bridge was received with mixed emotions.

Luckily, for me, but maybe not so much the budding journalists, my fear of public speaking was overcome some 20 years ago.

I was two hours into my allotted 50 minutes when we started wrapping things up.

It wasn’t entirely my fault.

The students sat patiently as I talked way too much about my nearly half century as a reporter, editor, publisher, and more recently, author.

Then, they had questions. Imagine that.

The Bridge editor Ray Hunter, her inquiring eyes never diverting from mine, led off by asking what I most regretted omitting from my memoir, Paper Boy: Giving My Heart To Journalism.

I’ve talked about the book in lots of settings and fielded questions from people of all ages and walks of life, but never one quite like this, that made me think.

Already impressed with this young lady from reading some of her stories, my admiration grew. This was a person with far more potential than I had shown at her age.

It didn’t take me long to figure out she was surrounded by talented staffers, and they had outstanding advisors in Jeff Harris and Stuart Simpson.

Other than exposure to his oftentimes quirky Facebook posts and a shared love for the movie American Graffiti, I don’t yet know Harris well.

But I’ve been an admirer of Simpson’s skills since his days as co-owner of Pulaski Week, a publication that was a shining star in this community and still fondly remembered by the locals.

Speaking of memories, my return to this campus, basically for the first time since 1967, didn’t revive many.

It is so drastically changed with its multiple buildings, instead of just one.

SCC had not been a place I aspired to be after a frustrating four years at Pulaski High, doing all I could to avoid having to give oral reports.

Only once, in my sophomore English class as I recall, did I make it to the front of the room, shaking like a tree limb in a hurricane and nearly passing out before making my way back to my seat.

Otherwise, I accepted the zeros teachers gave me, never seeking nor being offered counseling but somehow managing to receive a diploma despite horrible grades.

Many of my fellow graduates headed for SCC, but for me that wasn’t an option. I needed to get out of town, away from people who thought they knew me.

A year at Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands) in Williamsburg proved delightful.

I was never called on to speak in front of a class. Tension drained from my body, and I made good and sometimes excellent grades.

Then came an announcement on a bulletin board. “All Freshmen Not Taking Public Speaking Will Be Required To Do So Their Sophomore Year.”

Goodbye Cumberland, hello Somerset Community College.

After fall semester, I transferred to UK in Lexington, a bigger campus where I could easily hide out.

Three years later, I left without a degree, having never taken a single class in journalism.

But I did date two girls who would go on to successful careers.

Janis Engsberg of Missouri and Carol Price of Somerset both earned Phi Theta Kappa distinction. Janis became a celebrated teacher of English and journalism at a major university in China. Carol became a dedicated and beloved English and journalism teacher, too, at schools in Somerset, Lexington, Liberty, and Lawrenceburg. She also became my wife and mother of our two children, both now in the field of communications.

In the fall of 1970, George Joplin 11, owner/publisher of The Commonwealth Journal, offered me a job as a reporter for his daily newspaper and four months later, the position of news editor.

From there, it was on to The Lexington Herald Leader as an editor; editor/publisher of The Casey County News; editor/publisher of The Anderson News; owner of a freelance business first called Ken & Tucky, then later, The Kentucky Traveler.

In 2016 came the crowning jewel of my career when I was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

So, what accomplishments made me worthy of such a high honor, how did I become a journalist without ever taking a class in journalism, and how did I overcome my fear of public speaking?

The answers to all these questions and much more are in my book, available in hard copy or for download at Amazon.com.

Or, you can ask to borrow Ray Hunter’s copy. She’s probably too busy out on campus asking all the right questions to have time to read a book.

I concluded my session with the staff of The Bridge feeling confident that with people like them on the job, journalism has a bright future.

SCC Welding Technology students Justin Bastin (left) and Josh Stambaugh are shown unloading a unit for the future Air Conditioning Technology (HVAC) program scheduled to expand soon to the Somerset Campus. The program is currently being offered at the Laurel Campus.

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International Festival provides insight into different cultures

By Ray Hunter

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “No culture can thrive if it attempts to be exclusive,” and that idea was the foundation for the 13th Annual International Festival that took place October 18 on SCC’s Somerset Campus.

“Let the World In!” was the theme of the festival, and that was precisely what Elaine Wilson, Director of Cultural Diversity, did.

“We invited all the schools in the neighboring counties, and we expect a big turn out this year,” Wilson said. “That way students can experience different cultures from around the globe in their own backyard.”

The festival kicked off at 9 a.m. with the Opening Ceremony headed by SCC President Dr. Carey Castle, the Somerset Mayor Eddie Girdler, and Pulaski County Judge-Executive Steve Kelley.

The Parade of Nations, led by bugpipers Bart Davidson and Jack Lewis, included students from Somerset’s middle schools carrying over 50 flags from countries around the world.

According to Wilson, the festival introduced several new exhibits, performances, and activities this year.

Mia Owens represented New Zealand and Avarro Noguera, the owner of Pura Vida, performed music of his home country, Costa Rica.

For the first time, Bart Davidson and Jack Lewis presented “The History of Bagpipes and Scottish Highland Dress” to educate people about the unusual instrument and explain some of the traditions in Scotland.

Another new addition was “A Journey to Thailand” exhibit created by SCC student, Kanyakwe Skulsilllapakorn (aka ‘Tong Tong’).

SCC Recruiter and Academic Advisor Candi Baker arranged a variety of games to be played throughout the day on the lawn between Stoner Hall and the Meece Building.

Wilson said that many community contributors from previous festivals reappeared this year, including The Big Maracas from Lexington, who are always “a big hit,” she said.

Wilson called the popular Latin band “a crowd pleaser” and added, “They provide an upbeat variety of music that everyone loves.”

Jim Embry, the founder of Sustainable Communities Network, returned to the festival from Italy and provided some insight about his new initiative, “Sustainability Spans Continents: The Global Terre Madre Network.”

PeaceCraft, a non-profit retail store located in Berea, showcased arts and crafts produced by low-income artisans in developing countries. They sold the hand-made items to interested buyers to promote social and economic progress for people in Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Several programs at SCC supported the International Festival and donated time, services and skills.

The Culinary Arts program provided lunch featuring dishes from Brazil, Korea, and the Louisiana Cajuns. The transcontinental cuisine was served in the cafeteria and was free for everyone.

Also at the festival again was the Cosmetology program’s popular international fashion display, which modeled hairstyles and makeup trends from different countries.

Steve Cleberg, Director of the Theatre and Film program, screened this year’s International Autumn Shorts Film Festival selections in Stoner Little Theater.

Wilson expressed her appreciation for the extensive participation of SCC’s Student Ambassador program and the continued support of various student organizations at SCC.

She described Ambassador program coordinator Melissa Winstead and the Student Ambassadors as “invaluable” to the festival.

“We couldn’t do it without them,” Wilson said.

The Multicultural Club and the SGA previewed the upcoming Day of the Dead Celebration focusing on Latin culture and traditions by handing out sugar skull coloring books to attendees.

Nechalae Williams, a Diversity Initiatives team member, returned with the “Original Peoples” exhibit that highlighted her Native American heritage.

Wilson said that student involvement was essential for the growth and success of the festival and encourages all students to volunteer their assistance next year.

Other sessions at the festival included:

- Facts about the Philippines from Dr. Cecilia Ramilo, SCC Associate Professor of Chemistry
- Martial arts demonstration by Jeff Turner and the East/West Karate School
- Name writing in Chinese with Zhiming Xia, SCC Associate Professor
- Discussion about the difficulties facing the people of Uganda
- Home-baked bread and other treats offered by the Wayne County Homemakers
- Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble performance by the students of Berea College
- Information about the EF Study Abroad Program provided by Liz Correll
- Various exhibits from Somerset High School Spanish students
- Presentation of Mexican culture from SCC student Junior Flores
- Zumba demonstration led by community supporter Teresa Hail
- Update on the refugee crisis from James Taylor, SCC Associate Professor of Political Science

‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ to be held Nov. 15-17 in Stoner

SCC Theatre & Film program will be presenting William Shakespeare’s 12 Chairs A Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Little Stoner Theatre, located on SCC’s Somerset Campus for three nights, Thursday, Nov. 15 thru Saturday, Nov. 17.

Shakespeare’s classic comedy is presented in a unique and lively staging.

Theseus, Duke of Athens, is planning to wed his beloved Hippolyta, when he is faced with deciding the fate of a young girl who desires to be wed against her father’s wishes.

The two young couples take off into the woods on a midsummer’s night in an attempt to sort out their dilemma.

They become entangled in a battle of the sexes between the king of fairies and his queen.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for $5 or at the door for $8.

To purchase tickets in advance, visit the box office, opening Monday, Oct. 30, Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Theuses/Oberon – Martha Pratt
Hippolyta/Titania – Theresa Kibby
Helena – Ashlyn Summers
Hermia – Emma Coomer
Lysander – Trey Bray
Demetrius – Joel Brinson
Egeus/Quince/Prologue/Wall – Chris Harris
Puck – Livia Keith
Bottom/Pyramus – Greg Moore
Snug/Peasbottom/Lion – James Rose
Flute/Cobweb/Thisbe – Tiffany Warren
Starveling/Mustardseed/Moonshine – Mistaya Watson
Stage Manager – Tonya Marcum

Club Spotlight

PRIDE/Ecology Club

By Madison Marlow

SCC has many clubs for students to join. The PRIDE/Ecology Club is one of the more visible ones, as the goal of the club is to make students and the community aware that there are many little things we can all do to help the environment and that we have a responsibility to do so.

More on the PRIDE/ECOLOGY Club from co-sponsor Kelly Johnson.

When was the club founded? By whom?

The club was founded in the early 1990s by Loris and Gary Sherman, biology instructors at SCC.

How can students join the club?

Students can join by contacting Kelly Johnson (kelly.johnson@kctcs.edu) or Dr. John Starnes (john.starnes@kctcs.edu).

When and where does the club usually meet?

The club typically meets on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, but club organizers try to be flexible in scheduling meeting times so that all students who are interested have a chance to attend.

Why should students join the club?

Students should join because the PRIDE/Ecology club has a lot of exciting things going on this year.

Club members will be doing a project to educate the public on the impact of human activities in different land use zones.

Members are going to grow native plants in SCC’s greenhouse, then plant them in a native prairie plot on the nature trail and remove invasive species in that plot, as well.

One of the club’s biggest events of the year will be the Earth Day Celebration. It is a huge community event and gives the club a great opportunity to share knowledge with the greater public.
Meet Kailyn Haste. Kailyn is an SCC transfer student who will graduate in December with her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and Counseling from Lindsey Wilson College Somerset Campus. Kailyn is the Student Ambassador for her cohort and will begin pursuing her Master's Degree in Counseling and Human Development in January. The program is taught right here on the Somerset Community College Campus on the weekends. Kailyn is currently doing her Practicum hours at SAFY. Kailyn and her husband, Matthew, live in Somerset and are expecting their first child, a daughter, on November 1.

“I believe everything happens for a reason, and I’m so thankful my life was pointed in Lindsey’s direction!”

~ Kailyn Haste
Kentucky Skills U
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things I wasn’t taught in school.”

The main office at the McCreary Center sent her back to do testing to apply for college, Gibson said. She struggled with the math.

Mr. Allen Wright, an instructor with Skills U, tutored her all summer to help Gibson raise her scores in math to start college in the fall.

“He has a knack for it explaining it so you will understand,” Gibson stated.

Gibson said Wright and Ball provided tutoring and words of encouragement throughout her time at the McCreary Center.

“If you’re serious about it, regardless of your age, Adult Ed should be your first step to bettering your education,” Gibson stated.

Taylor is working on his Associate in Arts, which will be complete in December of 2018.

After graduating from high school, Taylor said he took a gap year from college. “I really shouldn’t have done that,” Taylor said.

Taylor said his test scores needed some improvement before starting college, so he was referred to Skills U for tutoring.

After the help he received, he continued to go back throughout college whenever he needed tutoring.

“They helped me get my associate degree by tutoring me every Wednesday,” Taylor said.

Mike Baker, a Skills U instructor, helped with tutoring Taylor in his theatre class. Wright has tutored Taylor in all his math classes from MAT 65 to currently MAT 150.

Taylor said Ball tutored him with his English classes, pushing him throughout his writing process each time.

Taylor said what really helped him was the amount of flexibility they provided.

“If you work, they will work around your schedule to help you with whatever scenario you have that day,” Taylor said.

Ball said Skills U’s face is changing, it is going well past a G.E.D.

“Helping people to see that they can do more than they thought they could do sometimes is the biggest resource that we have,” Ball said.

University of Kentucky history professor Gerald Smith will be this year’s guest speaker for SCC’s John Sherman Cooper Lecture Series.

The event, now in its fourteenth year, will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Rogers Student Commons Building. It is free and open to the public.

Smith is a co-editor of “The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia.” The topic of his speech, “Something Old and Something New,” will highlight sections from the award-winning encyclopedia.

This is Smith’s second time to speak at the event. In 2011, his topic was “The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky.”

Somerset native John Sherman Cooper (August 23, 1901 – February 21, 1991) was a politician, jurist, and diplomat.

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Month, SGA hosted Debra Lambert and the Pulaski Suicide Prevention Alliance for a Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training and certification on the Somerset Campus on September 27. In addition, Mental Health America of Kentucky was onsite offering free screenings and powerful testimony from suicide survivor, Austin Ramsey.

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think. So congratulations.

Some say they just forget about voting or don’t know enough about the candidates to make an informed decision. Most of those same people own smartphones that can connect to the internet.

The governor discussed many topics, including budget cuts to the education system, the 64 billion dollar pension issue, welfare recipients, and how to bring more business and technology to Kentucky.

As a young woman who takes advantage of my right to vote, I had more questions than ever. I needed answers, but I didn’t get any until later, when I asked the question that had been consuming me all night.

After his speech, Bevin posed for a picture with me, and I asked him “What could you say to encourage the younger generation to vote?”

He was happy to answer and was sure to let me know that voting is important (no matter who one votes for) because it is the greatest opportunity that Americans have.

Governor Bevin said, “So many people have sacrificed their lives for our right to vote.”

Having a father and a grandfather who both served in the military, I feel it is my responsibility to honor the sacrifice they made to defend our constitutional rights.

Some countries still do not allow their citizens to speak their voice or decide who will lead their country. When you vote, you are stating your opinion on how the government should operate. Federal and state legislatures create laws which can change the course of our government and affect your future.

If you decide not to vote, you give away your chance to be heard and hand over your rights.

I applaud the governor for taking the time to speak at SCC and thank him for addressing questions and concerns from the crowd.

I encourage everyone, especially my peers, to take the time to apply themselves and research the candidates, and to participate in our constitutional right.

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Austin Cooper  
Kristina Young

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What is your favorite Halloween costume ever?

Helena from *Orphan Black*  
Harry Potter  
Punky Brewster

How old were you when you stopped trick-or-treating?

About 13  
11  
Last year when I was 18

What’s the scariest movie you’ve ever seen?

*The Lovely Bones*  
*The Conjuring*  
*It*—the original

What are the best/worst Halloween candies ever?

Reese’s pumpkins are the best; black licorice is the worst  
Suckers are the worst and Reese’s are the best  
KitKat is the best and toothbrushes are the worst

What causes you to howl at the moon?

Remembering procedures positioning in radiography  
I have no idea.  
Sugar!

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**Ignorance is truth**

Big Brother was watching Banned Books Week at SCC

**By Ray Hunter**

SCC’s Strunk Learning Commons was recently transformed into the “Ministry of Truth.”

Devin Phelps, Director of Technology Services, constructed the display in conjunction with Banned Books Week, a national campaign that took place Sept. 23 through 29. The yearly event, sponsored by the American Library Association, spreads awareness about “challenged” books and combats censorship.

Phelps said that the interactive exhibit was inspired by the themes of censorship, revisionism, and surveillance found in this year’s Common Read, *1984*, and fit the message of Banned Books Week perfectly.

“I wanted to create an immersive experience that was so in-your-face that it makes you stop and think about your own preconceived notions,” Phelps said.

SCC students were welcomed with this warning at the doors: “All Learning Commons materials have been rectified by the Party and are free of heresies, misprints, and old think.”

Phelps positioned huge “telescreens” around the Learning Commons with a close-up video of “Big Brother” (portrayed by SCC alum and actor Brian Covert) scanning the area for any “facecrimes.” Slogans of the “Party” were plastered on every wall and bookcase and several books lined up on the front desk were covered and retitled in “blackwhite.”

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Controversial books were covered and retitled with opposing names “to flip” the original argument, representing the theme of revisionism still found today, Phelps said.
Upcoming SoapBox to focus on autism

Autism awareness and understanding will be the topic of the next edition of SoapBox, SCC’s panel discussion series.

“Across the Spectrum: Understanding and Embracing Autism” will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 in the Community Room of the Rogers Student Commons on the Somerset Campus.

The event is co-sponsored by SCC’s Division of Humanities, Fine Arts, & Social Sciences and The Bridge, SCC’s student newspaper.

About 1 in 59 children has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC’s Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network. ASD refers to a broad range of neurological conditions characterized by challenges with speech, social skills, and repetitive behaviors.

“Autism has become one of the major health issues for children across the world, yet as a society we still have so little awareness of what it is, who is affected, and how they are affected,” said Jeff Harris, Professor of English at SCC and one of the organizers for SoapBox, along with James Taylor, Associate Professor of Political Science.

“With greater understanding comes greater compassion, and that is exactly what we are hoping to foster with this discussion,” Harris said.

“I think it’s important to talk about autism every day, not just in April,” said Ray Hunter, Managing Editor of SCC’s student newspaper The Bridge.

Those living with autism often deal with feelings of frustration, not only from autism itself but in dealing with other people’s ignorance and prejudice, Harris said.

“That is true for relatives and caregivers of autistic people as well,” he said. “They face these frustrations on a daily basis.”

The panel for this edition of SoapBox will feature Dana W. Speck, MA, CCC-SLP, co-owner of Brighter Futures Therapy Center in Somerset; Valerie Allen, APRN, a Family Nurse Practitioner for Lake Cumberland Medical Associates in Somerset; Ray Hunter, and others. Both Allen and Hunter are mothers of autistic children.

“No matter what age they are, people on the spectrum want the same thing as everyone else,” Hunter said. “They want to be loved.”

“Across the Spectrum: Understanding and Embracing Autism” is free and open to the public.

Cross country
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friends with the same interests as them. Some students can earn rewards or even scholarships for their hard work.

All of these benefits come at a low cost to the school, as the only thing they require includes a coach, uniforms, a way to get to their races, and race fees. Other things, like water bottles, running shoes and workout shorts can be provided by the students themselves.

Cross country also doesn’t require any special field to be created for its runners because people could run anywhere deemed safe around the school, or even meet at a different location to practice.

The runners can meet at a park, run around the school, or on our very own nature trail.

Many people think students would be interested in this sport if it were offered at SCC.

“There is a lot of people who don’t have anything else to do,” says Sara Probes, a student at SCC, “or just want to do sports.”

Graduating high school students look at what sports a college has before making their final decision about what college they want to enroll in. If SCC had more sports, the college’s attendance could rise considerably.

Runners are looking for a place where they can get their education and still be a part of something they enjoy. Why deprive them of the opportunity?

Campbellsville University’s Somerset campus recently announced the addition of a basketball team, which will compete against other comparably sized schools, including CU’s other satellite locations. If they can start a basketball team, which would be much more expensive, why couldn’t SCC have cross country?

Eric Wooldridge, SCC’s Professor of Digital Printing Technology, said that the “First question I would have would be how challenging it would be” to start the program.

The program would need to be approved by the school’s president, and then a coach would have to be hired. Then the school would have to set the budget and what it is to be spent on.

The rest would be up to the coach, making sure that students know about the upcoming sport, how to try out, the location of the practices, what they need to provide for themselves, as well as overseeing practices and distributing uniforms.

“I think it would be a great opportunity for students, especially if the interest is there,” stated Wooldridge.

All in all, cross country is a very low-cost sport that students would be interested in joining if SCC were to start a team.

Accreditation
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The SACSCOC committee was sent to determine if SCC actively demonstrates the core values, follows the comprehensive standards, and observes the federal requirements necessary to attain reaffirmation.

Dr. John Enamait, the President of Stanly Community College in Albemarle, N.C. led the peer review and presented only three recommendations for SCC to implement at the formal exit conference:

• Complete self-evaluation process (KCTCS Board of Regents)
• Provide documentation for fundraising activities (SCC CEO/President)
• Reinforce support services for all SCC students (Casey and Clinton centers)

Dr. Hayes said there are plans in place to address these concerns within the next few weeks and he expects SCC to be officially reaffirmed by June 2019.

SACSCOC’s on-site committee traveled to all of SCC’s campuses and centers during the three-day review process and interviewed students, faculty, and staff.

The SACSCOC visiting team interviewed SCC Student Ambassador Kaitlyn Kulpa on the Somerset campus. She said she was nervous about the meeting because she had never talked to such “big people” for the college before.

She said, “They were really friendly and made us feel comfortable right off the bat.”

In addition to Kulpa, Justin Mann, Darcy Peter, Jasmin Bader, Dino Melgoza, and Tyler Morrow met with the SACSCOC committee to share their experiences.

The team wanted to know about organizations, programs, and services from the perspective of SCC students and alumni.

“Everyone did a fantastic job,” said Dr. Hayes, “We couldn’t have asked for a better visit.”

Day of the Dead festivities
Oct. 31 on Somerset Campus

Day of the Dead festivities will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31 on SCC’s Somerset Campus.

The event, set from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be held in the Community Room of the Rogers Commons Building.

As part of the celebration there will be a sugar skull decorating contest, music, face painting, a costume contest, plus food and drink.

The event is hosted by the Multicultural Club and Student Government Association.

Students in the Physical Therapy Assistant program take advantage of a beautiful day while learning real-world techniques, like how to get a wheelchair-bound patient over a curb properly.

Photo by Ray Hunter
From Alpine skier to SCC’er, Jasmin Bader just keeps moving

By Aleshia Barnett

Jasmin Bader grew up splashing through streams that were clean and cold, surrounded by pine trees. She enjoyed rolling green hills and large mountains that were perfect for hiking and skiing.

The Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky? Nope. Try the Alps of Austria.

Bader, born and raised in Vorderhornbach, Austria, moved to the United States three years ago to do her dream job, becoming a horse trainer.

Bader, now a student at SCC’s Somerset Campus, described the transition from life in Europe to life in the U.S. as “a lot of work [and] a lot of money.”

In her unique German accent, Bader explained that the hardest thing about moving to the U.S. was getting a visa, as the process was long, tedious, and expensive.

Ultimately, it was well worth it, as her love for horses drove her to become a horse trainer in the United States. Bader originally settled in Texas because she described it as a “hot spot” for the equine industry.

Austria native Jasmin Bader says she’s still adjusting to life in the United States.

“On the first day of the month I have to budget for gas and insurance. I have to pay for the horse to eat and for the horse to be able to run. I have to budget how much I can eat.”

Unfortunately, Bader had to quit her job when her work visa expired and she was unable to renew it. Losing the visa did not come as a complete shock, however.

“I was well prepared for it,” she said. “I’ve been in the U.S. for a lot of years, so I knew it was going to happen.”

Bader was not ready to return home, though, so she applied for and received an education visa.

In her first semester at SCC, she is still adjusting to a new culture as she also adjusts to college.

Bader said she chose SCC because she wanted to study at a smaller school, and SCC is more “laid-back” than other options.

“The transition was easy,” she said, crediting Natalie Winstead, the Primary Designated School Official from KCTCS’ Office of International and Immigrant Student Services for making the process smoother. “Miss Winstead was great. She helped me and gave me all the information I needed.”

Bader’s goal is to become a Medical Assistant because she decided she did not like to train the horses and instead preferred to ride them for enjoyment. Bader is considering transferring to a four-year college when she graduates from SCC.

“I like to help and work with people,” she said.

Bader added that she still loves horses, but now prefers riding them for enjoyment rather than training them as a career.

Bader has noticed lifestyle differences between Austria and America.

Her childhood was spent outdoors with her friends while most American children spend their time indoors watching Netflix and playing video games.

“I had never heard about Netflix before I came here,” she said.

Bader said that she struggled with the language barrier when she first arrived in this country. For example, she struggled with getting her tags for her vehicle because no one knew what she meant when she asked about the “sticker on their license plate.”

Bader has also struggled with the tax differences. In Austria, all taxes are taken directly from one’s paycheck before it is received.

When purchasing items in this country, she was initially confused by the six-percent sales tax that was added to the total.

It was one of many small differences that were part of her adjustment to life in the U.S.

“Little things make a big impact,” she said with a laugh.

According to Bader, the standard of living is better in Austria because citizens have free health and dental insurance, free education, and guaranteed retirement.

However, they are also required by law to have jobs in order to receive those benefits. She believes that is why there are not as many poor people in Austria.

Bader said that most people in her home country “live happy middle-class lives” and tend to work hard.

“I think in Austria, there are too many rules, too many tax rules, too much stuff that takes money out, so you basically can’t get rich,” she said.

Bader misses her family and friends but says that she goes home for Christmas every year.

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Exploration that features a wonderful assessment tool called Career Coach,” Winstead said. “You can choose to take either a six or sixty question assessment that identifies your interests.”

The results indicate three dominant personality traits based on the answers provided and calculates the percentage of several broad career matches by category. Each potential category is broken down into specific careers that can be sorted by match percentage, estimated annual salary or alphabetically.

Additionally, each specific career suggestion includes an overview with a detailed job description of daily tasks performed, and shows the current beginning, median, and experienced wages that professionals earn each year in that field. The “Employment” tab displays monthly job postings and the companies that are hiring for that position, as well as projected employment trends for the next ten years.

The search area can be filtered to show results in Lexington, Louisville, and Bowling Green or by distance in miles from Somerset. Several other filters can narrow down the options based on the amount of education suggested for each specific career. Graphs within the results display a national percentage breakdown of the top-degrees for entry-level workers in the various careers.

“All of this information is based on actual labor market data for our service area, except the daily tasks and the educational attainment level,” Winstead said.

All available programs at SCC that offer training, certifications, diplomas or degrees for a specific career will be listed. Choosing one could potentially show some related careers and there will be a “View Program Info” link provided.

Winstead said, “I just love how the link connects people directly to the SCC website.”

Career Coach also contains an easy and convenient way to upload or create a resume and according to Winstead, it is her favorite element. She said that there are extensive lists of suggested tasks and skills to add in the appropriate sections that make the resume builder an incredibly valuable resource.

“This feature delivers professional resumes that are clear, concise, and accurate,” she said. “From there you can submit it straight onto the Work Connections board and browse current job postings.”

The second part of the process, Employment Services, includes access to the online job board College Central Network (CCN). Winstead said that CCN is a national database that connects SCC students and alumni to local employers that are actively hiring. Her favorite aspect of the web-based system is portfolio builder that allows users to create a custom collection of images showcasing their work, skills, certificates, awards, and achievements visually.

“A creative and interesting portfolio could give you an edge in a competitive job market,” Winstead said, “but Employment Services is more than just that.”

She said that she can provide SCC students and alumni with guidance that has been tailored to meet their specific goals and has a wealth of knowledge to share. From the “do’s and don’ts” of resume writing and the importance of cover letters, to tips about the interview process and advice on dressing for success, Winstead wants to help any way she can.

“Investing a little time to examine your options now is worth the effort,” Winstead said, “even if the results confirm that you are already on the right track.”

She urges every student to visit her and take advantage of the resources available in the new Career Services office. She believes that exploring different careers, finding appropriate programs, and investigating actual earning potentials can map out a realistic academic plan and lead to a rewarding future.

The Career Services office and the Transfer Center are both located in room 210 of the Harald Roger’s Student Commons on SCC’s Somerset Campus.

SCC Monster Bash at Laurel Oct. 23, Somerset Oct. 29

SCC will become more culturally diverse in the next few days when ghouls, ghosts and goblins are welcomed into the student population.

Yes, it’s that time of the year for a bash—a Monster Bash.

The annual event is sponsored by the college’s Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) organization and wants to include as many “monsters” as possible this year, so bashies will be held on both SCC campuses.

The Laurel Campus Monster Bash will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23, and on the Somerset Campus Monday, Oct. 29. Both events are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Both events are free and open to all SCC students and the public.

Any student or student organization that would like to help with either event or for additional information about PTK contact Johanna Atkinson-Bigelow at johnna.atkinson-bigelow@kctcs.edu.
ACROSS
1. ______ Buddies: The puppies go on a spooky adventure through a haunted mansion.
3. The ______: Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren work to help a family terrorized by a dark presence in their farmhouse.
5. The ______ Family: Con artists plan to fleece an eccentric family using an accomplice who claims to be their long-lost uncle.
6. ______ Pocus: A curious youngster moves to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century.
7. ______ Fever: As a flesh-eating virus rips its way through a remote woodland cabin, the terrified teens vacating Inside wonder who will fall victim next.
8. The Little ______: A lonely boy becomes best friends with a vampire.

DOWN
1. The ______: Jack Torrance descends into madness -- terrorizing his wife and son -- after living at a deserted and eerie hotel during its off season.
2. It's the Great ______ Charlie Brown: The Peanuts gang celebrates Halloween while Linus waits for the Great Pumpkin.
3. ______: A paranormal expert and his daughter bunk in an abandoned house populated by three mischievous ghosts and one friendly one.
4. The ______ Before Christmas: Jack Skellington, King of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempts to bring Christmas to his home causes confusion.

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Secrets of the Signs

Insight into the cosmos by Madame Leda Rune Harmonia*

Madame Leda Rune Harmonia has conversed with the cosmos and secured the secrets of your sign. Find her predictions for this month below.

Scorpio (10/24 – 11/21)
Happy Solar return, Scorpion! Nothing can stop your forward momentum as the Sun enters and Mercury leaves your house this month. Your passion and determination soar, allowing you to hit your targets with a laser focus. Friends and family continue to support your decisions, which increases the confidence you have already been feeling. If you are behind in your assignments, you can quickly catch up with a little concentration and effort. Your dogged drive is accelerated as the New Moon rises in your house and facilitates your financial success. Visit Career Services this month and figure out how to maximize your earning potential.

Sagittarius (11/22 – 12/21)
Arrows have a lot going on this month as Mercury enters your house. Your usual optimistic nature could be tested by the commotion this dominant planet brings, and your approach to the situation will determine your level of success. Communication and clarity are appreciated in your relationships, but silence and inattention to detail could cause an argument. When Ruler Jupiter arrives, the cosmic chaos settles, and things get back to normal. Get involved in campus activities and participate in useful discussions with your peers. Just be mindful of your tone and delivery to achieve personal growth. Get ready, the Sun is coming to your house soon.

Capricorn (12/22 – 1/19)
Trust your gut this month, Sea-goat. Your ruling planet Saturn is roughly halfway through its three-year stay in your house, which has inspired the positive life changes you have made so far. Always the planner, your path may seem unclear to you now. Fear not, dear Cap. It is time to re-evaluate your relationships, both personal and professional, and decide what is working for you and what is not. Is your partner pulling his or her weight? Are you ready for a promotion or a new job entirely? Self-reflection is necessary to answer those questions, and although the transition may be difficult, continued growth depends on authenticity. Know your worth.

Aquarius (1/20 – 2/18)
This month is a time of awakening for Water Benders as your ruling planet Uranus moves forward out of retrograde. You may have finally found the solution to a problem that has eluded you for months or feel like you have discovered your calling in life. This breakthrough gives you the ability to move beyond previously imagined restrictions and the opportunity to branch out and make new connections. As Mercury goes retrograde in the Archer's House, your creativity and originality shine. Take advantage of this combination and volunteer to spearhead an artistic group project. You could receive significant recognition for your efforts.

Pisces (2/19 – 3/20)
It's all about you this month, Fish. Your two ruling planets, Jupiter and Neptune, are in conjunction with each other and motivate you to embrace your individuality. Discovering your personal truth gives rise to greater self-love and awareness. Usually content to go with the flow, you become more assertive and decisive as Mars enters your house. You know what you want, and you will have no trouble speaking your mind. Be selfish, for a change, and show the people who have taken advantage of your generosity that you are capable of saying no. Concentrate all your efforts on creating a brighter future for you and you alone.

Aries (3/21 – 4/19)
Patience is the keyword for Rams this month. The New Moon in Scorpio has unsettled you, and then Uranus entered your house backward, in retrograde. The peaceful atmosphere you felt at home or in class recently has vanished as your interactions seem to intensify quickly. There is frenetic energy surrounding you that stresses everyone out, but you must remain calm and flexible to alleviate the tension. You may feel a little discomfort, but don't be disheartened. Although capable of solo advancement, investing in the people around you will generate deeper and more rewarding friendships. Practice active listening and be sensitive in exchanges.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20)
Reach out soon or be sorry, Bulls. Your usual coolness and composure have evaded you recently since Ruler Venus is in retrograde transit. You feel on edge this month because your stubborn nature is pushed back by intense introspection. Venus turns direct soon, however, replacing humility and doubt with conviction. This window gives you a brief opportunity to review past mistakes and possibly repair the damage you caused. Pick up the phone or draft an email offering that overdue apology before it's too late. When Mercury, the planet that facilitates communication, goes retrograde, that window closes, and reconciliation must be postponed.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21)
The Twins need to focus on imaginative endeavors this month as your ruling planet Mercury goes retrograde and your self-expression suffers. You feel out of sorts lately, and none of your ideas seem to be going anywhere. Your forward momentum as the Sun enters your house this month and figure out how to maximize your earning potential.
your familiar pursuits peak your interest. Do what you do best, adapt rather than surrender to boredom. Work out at the Fitness Center instead of your gym, go to a student event on a different campus or a center, or take a weekend trip to a city you’ve never been to before. Be careful not to let restlessness lead to recklessness.

Cancer (6/22 – 7/22)
It’s time to spread your wings, Moon Child. Consecutive solar and lunar eclipses have had Crabs spinning and getting nowhere fast. The New Moon in Scorpio has a calming effect that centers and directs you. Your attention is with domestic concerns and cultivating relationships at home delivers the security and support you desire. The Full Moon in Gemini awakens the insight to identify boundaries and embrace independence. Set realistic goals and take steps every day to accomplish them.

Leo (7/23 – 8/22)
Lions may feel that this month is a repeat of last month when the same issues keep popping up. Mars continues its intense opposition to your house while in transit, but relief is around the corner when the war planet enters Pisces. Luckily, you are better prepared to deal with your bubbling aggression, and your reactions are purposeful and restrained. The stormy skies begin to clear when Mercury, Jupiter, and your ruler the Sun simultaneously emerge in Sagittarius. These celestial titans are in conjunction and establish the foundation for you to rebuild your confidence. Use this experience to mentor fellow students that may be struggling.

Virgo (8/23 – 9/22)
Lighten up, Virgins. Ruler Mercury is in transit, and so are you. New academic and professional opportunities are opening up for you, and although the change is good, you must remain focused and determined to be successful. Your loved ones are instrumental in quieting your concerns, and you should take care to keep your promises to them. The peace and happiness that has eluded you for months is revitalized by the New Moon in Scorpio which benefits you greatly as Mercury reverses in retrograde. You are in full stride now and handle problems with purpose and ease.

Libra (9/23 – 10/23)
Although you seek balance in all things, you may find financial matters demand a majority of your time this month. Worry not, dear Libra, for the increased attention generates an abundance of wealth, rather than forfeiture of funds. Ruler Venus is in retrograde as it backs into your house and the tendency to overspend would typically rise with its presence. It’s a good thing for your checking account that Venus turns direct almost immediately and persuades the risk-taker in you to invest instead of spending your money. Follow your instinct and believe that there’s no such thing as too good to be true.

By Ray Hunter
SCC student Amanda Garcia and Tyler Smith (pictured at right) met on the Laurel Campus while attending classes during the Fall 2017 semester.
Garcia is a budding artist and agreed to draw a portrait of Smith for $10. She said that she doubted her abilities at first, but went ahead with the illustration anyway.

Smith said that he was “very pleased” with the finished product and plans to make several copies to use as book covers.
“I think it’s wonderful,” Smith said, “She really exceeded my expectations.”
Garcia said that Smith’s compliments gave her more confidence as an artist and that she has drawn and sold other pictures since then.
Garcia and Smith are still friends today.

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