Kirkwood deems pay competitive
By Dave Inland
The Gazette
CEDAR RAPIDS — Salaries of faculty, staff and administrative positions at Kirkwood Community College are at a competitive level, officials there say, although Iowa community college salaries are at national averages and those of most neighboring states. Salary competitiveness is a top concern at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa, leaders there said. The three public universities have had to restructure their finances in an effort to maintain and restructure top staff. But officials at Kirkwood said they feel their salary levels are in line with the appropriate and competitive.

"We're below the Midwest average, for sure, but generally speaking we have a very competitive salary situation," said Steve Ovel, executive director of governance relations at Kirkwood.

Kirkwood President Mick Stowell's salary of nearly $132,000 in 2003-04 was the second-highest among Iowa community college presidents. Dave Jagiello, president of the Iowa Community College Presidents Association, said, the year, at $120,000. The president of the University of Northern Iowa, for example, earned $113,500 this year. Kirkwood had more than $12,000.

CRIME

JenBonet arrest fills East towns with new hope
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The arrest this week of a suspect in the death of 1-year-old

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Unsolved murders in Eastern Iowa

Here are some of the unsolved murder cases still active in Eastern Iowa:
- Evelyn Miller, 58, of Royal, found dead June 7, 2002.
- Jay Osekvor, 18, and his daughter,quentially, died in fire at her Cedar Rapids home on April 5, 2003. Brian Zumwalt was tried and acquitted.
- Mike Junier Bivens, 49, shot in Cedar Rapids, Nov. 21, 1995.
- Judith Womel, 44, found murdered in Cedar Rapids, April 5, 1999.
- James Magill, 19, of Chicago, shot in Cedar Rapids, Nov. 1999. Paul Gilbert was tried and acquitted.
- Ted Exner, 22, stabbed to death in Cedar Rapids, Aug. 27, 1996.
- Ramona Beecham, 87, found dead in her home and body dumped near Raymond, R., Sept. 25, 1997.
- John Davis, 18, of Marion, stabbed in her home Oct. 13, 1997.
- Lena Von Vuye, 21, of

Iowa City, found barely alive along Eastern Highway, died Oct. 26, 1996.
- Dona Lee Marshall, 37, of Iowa City, shot in her home, Aug. 15, 1996.
- Sean Kostin, 38, of Iowa City, died of stab wounds in his home, Dec. 29, 1995.
- Unknown woman, 23, found dead in an Iowa City wooded area, Dec. 21, 1992.
- Brian Schappert, 22, of Cedar Rapids, died of an apparent robbery at Rum & Go in southeastern Cedar Rapids, Sept. 8, 1989.
- Cedar Rapids, shot while fighting a cat, Nov. 12, 1988.
- Lance Dellwoody, 22, of Cedar Rapids, died of a vodka overdose at an Cedar Rapids, April 23, 1988.
- Tim Reeder, 34, of Cedar Rapids, died of a heroin overdose at an Iowa City motel, Dec. 21, 1988.
- Bob Brazilian and Roger Madsen, both found dead in a tempel run along 8th Avenue, June 13, 1988.
- Barbara and Mark Luhrs, 18, of Cedar Rapids, found stabbed to death in her car at Westside Mall, Cedar Rapids, Dec. 19, 1987.

Source: Gazette files and police records.

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