MAGIC TRIP

The Kilgore College Rangerettes are headed in March to Walt Disney World, where they will be guest performers at the Contest of Champions. Thanks to former assistant director Laura Barnett Davis ('77) for this opportunity.

Revels 2016: ‘The Show Must Go On’

RANGERTTE REVELS 2016 runs 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9 with a matinée 1 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call the Revels box office at 903-983-8179. For more ticket information, email revels@kilgore.edu.
New leader kicks off her term

Greetings Forevers,

What an exciting time for Rangerettes Forever! As we conclude our extraordinarily successful 75th anniversary, I am honored to begin my role as president and follow Megan DeHoyos’ leadership. I am surrounded by a group of Forever officers and a board of directors who are as eager as me to ensure success in the coming months.

The 75th anniversary generated renewed interest and enthusiasm in our organization. Optimizing our member’s passion — and reaching out to those who are currently not members or not lifetime members — are priorities. To grow our numbers is to increase our depth and resources. Encouraging and fostering lines and decades to reconnect and celebrate our unique heritage is paramount as we continue supporting regional chapters and class reunions.

Also important to Forevers is the latest news from Kilgore College and the Rangerette organization. To that end, our Rangerette.com website is undergoing an update to improve distribution and accessibility. The previous board of directors addressed the initial phase of effort, and we’ll further ensure our Web presence continues to serve the needs of Hopefuls, Rangerettes, Forevers, friends, families and the Showcase. A new website is in our immediate future; it’ll integrate seamlessly with the college. I’ll keep you updated on our progress.

Dana Blair and Shelley Wayne continue to raise the bar for Rangerettes, and the Forever officers organization continues to support them and their vision. State funding for community colleges continues to dwindle without relief in sight. Families feel the pinch of increased costs for higher education. Central to our mission is support for scholarships that enable many young, talented women to have an opportunity for higher education.

Forever yours,

Beverly Rochin Swatzell, ’75-’77, 36th Line Rangerettes Forever president

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Volunteers needed for 2016 Kilgore College Rangerette summer camps: elementary day camp (grades 1–4) June 14; middle school (grades 5–8) June 15–18; high school session 1 (grades 9–college) June 19–22; and high school session 2 June 23-26. Contact Paula Jamerson via email at pjamerson@kilgore.edu or 903-983-8187 to volunteer.
Freshman Swingsters were selected after tryouts in December. They are, bottom row, from left: Lyneé Elliott, Flower Mound; Barbs Vega, Katy; Skylar Morgan, Mount Pleasant; Madison Cashion, College Station; Morgan Covin, Gilmer; Ramsey Shobe, Pflugerville; Emma Cox, Rockwall; Cameron Maldonado, Austin; Lauren Ligon, Richardson; and Gabby Azios, Cedar Park. Cashion is head freshman Swingster. Sophomore Swingsters are, top row, from left: Korinne Manjarres, Allen; Kelsey Moore, Plano; Maryelle Stephenson, Fate; Madeline Doerr, Frisco; Sarah Higgins, College Station; Lainey Bergen, Beaumont; Emily Shymkiw, Austin; and Ashley Hibbs, Allen. Madeline Doerr is head sophomore Swingster.
Sophomore Rangerettes Samantha Fink, left, Emily Shymkiw and Mary Williford stroll through Mike Miller Plaza, named for the late friend and supporter of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. New sidewalks are in place connecting campus through the area where the former Martha Pfaff Ivan Liberal Arts Building stood. The structure was demolished in 2014. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JON VASHEY

Honoring Mike Miller

Lifetime memberships make great Revels gifts

Searching for a gift for your adopted Kilgore College Rangerette? Or a present for your favorite Forever? Purchase a membership to Rangerettes Forever at Rangerette.com. Annual dues are $20, but you can become a lifetime member for $150 — at any time. Life members receive a 7-by-9-inch plaque. Membership benefits include priority purchasing for Revels tickets, travel opportunities and social events.

RANGERETTES IN THE NEWS

Black and white and red, white and blue all over...

Click here to read “Rangerettes Bring Red, White, Blue And Shades Of Gray To Cotton Bowl” on ESPNW.com.

Click here to read “As College Football Playoff Grows, It Doesn’t Need To Be Super” in The New York Times.

Click here to read about Deana Bolton Covin, second Rangerette director, in “Major Triumphs: SFA alumna recalls lifetime of cherished memories” on the Stephen F. Austin State University website.
Eloise Ashley steps into new role

BY ASHLEY AUSTIN JONES

As the new administrative assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement, Eloise Ashley is poised to make the transition into this position as seamless as possible.

Ashley is a Kilgore native and attended both Kilgore High School and Kilgore College. She received a bachelor of arts degree from LeTourneau University. As an employee of KC for 16 years, she has worked primarily in the admissions office.

Ashley is no stranger to the Kilgore College Rangerettes organization.

“I also had the pleasure to work for (Zwick Management) and Erin Oian Boyd while working part time in the GND for three years,” Ashley said. For now, Ashley has no plans to make any major changes to her new position in the Office of Institutional Advancement, saying it’s “baby steps for now.”

“I have humongous shoes to fill!” Ashley said of her predecessor. “I am one that’s not afraid of challenges, but sweet Sherry Ransom has set an unattainable bar and made such a loving and lasting impression for this position. She is always willing to help when needed.”

Ashley looks forward to fulfilling her role as a liaison for alumni. “Because I worked very early on in Nolen Hall, when the Rangerettes were housed there, and in GND, I know some of the Rangerettes and have met a lot of the Forevers over the years that I worked at the GND,” Ashley said. “I look forward to working with this esteemed organization.”

’Sweethearts’ tour to end with Fort Worth festival

Kilgore College Rangerettes documentary “Sweethearts of the Gridiron” plays its last festival July 14–17, a few weeks before the film is released to the public, according to the SOTG Facebook page.

For Fort Worth Indie Film Showcase showtimes and additional information, visit https://www.facebook.com/FWIFS Follow “Sweethearts” on social media for updates:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SweetheartsOfTheGridiron
Twitter: @SweetheartsGrid
FOOTBALL

The Kilgore College Rangers defeated the Tyler Junior College Apaches in their final regular-season game Oct. 24 and made their way to the first PLAYOFF GAME. They defeated Trinity Valley Community College, went to a SECOND PLAYOFF GAME, took down Navarro College, and won the SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE. The Rangers went on to Copperas Cove to play in the HEART OF TEXAS BOWL, but unfortunately were defeated, 35-21. The Kilgore College Rangerettes were there to cheer them on, performing their traditional high kick and their 2015 field jazz for these games.

PARADE

Kilgore begins the Christmas season with its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE, and the Rangerettes marched in it. With the little red coats and shiny streamers, the Rangerettes sure knew how to grab the crowd’s attention with their traditional parade routine.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Rangerettes kicked off their Christmas season with their annual Christmas show, MIRACLE ON NOLEN STREET. The show brought a variety of dances to celebrate the season with a jazzy opener, Santa tap and the traditional kick production. Local studios also showcased their Christmas routines. Click here to watch the show’s finale.

The Christmas show finale. PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL
The 80th annual Goodyear COTTON BOWL CLASSIC was a great way for the Rangerettes to ring in the New Year. As Alabama defeated Michigan State, the Rangerettes performed the traditional high kick at pregame and their 2015 horseshoe field prop routine at halftime.

Here’s where you can see Rangerettes next:

**RANGERETTE REVELS:**
Show dates are 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9 with a matinée 1 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call the Revels box office at 903-983-8179.

**KILGORE COLLEGE DANCE CONCERT:**
7 p.m. Friday, April 29, in Van Cliburn Auditorium

Freshman Allison Eigsti dances in the halftime prop routine. Click here to watch the performance and here to watch the pregame kick.
Kicks & Cadence

Tales from the continued adventures of Forevers and supporters

Honored:
Dana Blair,
left, Jeanne
Johnson
(40 years)
and Ginger
Holley (30
years).

Kilgore College honored Rangerette director DANA BLAIR for her 30 years of service at its annual service awards luncheon in December. Other honorees with Rangerette ties: LEAH GORMAN, director of development with the Office of Institutional Advancement, 15 years; DAYNA McCOY DAVIDSON ('77), associate degree nursing program director/instructor, 15 years; and PAULA JAMERSON, coordinator of alumni relations, 25 years.

From left: Leah Gorman, Sandy Teel, Brenda Brown and Dayna Davidson.

LISA HOLLABAUGH DALTON ('79) received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Texas Dance Educators Association's January convention. Dalton was director of the South Garland Southern Belles for 28 years and at Eisenhower High School in Houston for two. She has worked for NCA Superstar and Mike Miller and Associates and now for Encore Creative Productions.

ASHLEY (MARTIN) ATWOOD, 61st Line, completed “The Veil,” for which she was stand-in and photo double for actress Lily Rabe. The film is streaming on Netflix.

ERIN CUMMINGS ('97) appeared opposite Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner in “Madoff,” a miniseries on ABC that aired in early February.

Share your successes and milestones! We want to hear about your exciting new jobs, promotions and achievements. Tell us about weddings and new family members, too. Email your news to RetteForeverNews@gmail.com. Include a high-resolution, color photo and caption information.
THEIR JOURNEY CONTINUES
Here’s where 75th Line members are headed after Kilgore College

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27.8 PERCENT

27.8% of the 75th Line members plan to attend Texas A&M University. Whoop!

19.4 PERCENT

19.4% of the 75th Line members plan to attend a school outside Texas.
Dance Classic provides opportunity to recruit for Rangerettes, dance department

BY LAINEY BERGEN-HENENGOUWEN

Hundreds of girls gathered on the Kilgore College campus Jan. 30 as a result of the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic. Eager to experience more of this beautiful art form were several dancers from Austin. These students participated in a Kilgore College Dance Department clinic hosted by the Dance Club officers and current KCDD students. The clinic accommodated dancers of all ages and allowed the Sun Dancers from Austin to experience the dance department in a master class and tour of the Rangerette Showcase.

Students were divided into two age groups, which alternated from taking a master class to roaming the Rangerette Showcase. The dance class began with an intense warmup, followed by technique traveling across the floor and a style-based combination in the center. Dancers left the class feeling confident and challenged.

In the Rangerette Showcase, all were free to admire the memorabilia that covers the walls and to purchase the new and stylish apparel. The Sun Dancers also watched an 18-minute video from Overton Films, which tells the story of the Rangerettes’ origin, while also showcasing the Rangerettes’ current activities. Following the video, the dancers participated in a question-and-answer period with current Rangerettes and Forevers.

Overall, it was a successful day in the promotion and recruitment for the Kilgore College Dance Department, as well as the Rangerettes. Dancers returned home with sore bodies, smiles on their faces and new insight to all of the things Rangerettes do besides high-kicking.

If you or someone you know is interested in booking a Kilgore College Dance Department clinic, contact Angela Falcone at afalcone@kilgore.edu.

Lainey Bergen-Henengouwen is a 75th Line Rangerette and a lieutenant.