

## From the Cotton Bowl... *To Washington, D.C.*



Jacob Adkisson/ Special to THE FLARE

**Rangerettes** prepare for their halftime routine during the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic, Jan. 2. Their performance came during the 73rd and final bowl game in Cotton Bowl Stadium, in which Mississippi defeated Texas Tech, 47-34.

### Rangerettes to participate in Texas State Society Inaugural Ball

**Christian Keitt**  
Assistant Editor

The Rangerettes will perform at the quadrennial Texas State Society Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball Jan. 19 at the recently opened Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on the Potomac River in Maryland.

"I am thrilled that the Rangerettes will be able to attend the Black Tie & Boots Ball

for the third consecutive time," said Rangerette director Dana Blair. "They are the perfect entertainment for this event with their western uniform and red, white and blue."

The women also performed at the Texas State Society Ball for President George W. Bush the past two times.

The women will perform their "Texas" show which consists of a kick, pom, skirt and jazz routine to various Texas songs. Freshman and sophomore

Swingsters will perform special numbers within the show.

Along with the 'Rettes' performance, country music artists such as Tracy Byrd, Jack Ingram, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Kevin Fowler will perform at the ball.

"It is an awesome and historical time to be in our nation's capital," Blair said. "I am sure they will never forget this experience."

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**Rangerettes** perform their famous ladder routine. The 'Rettes' will be taking their performance to Washington, DC to participate in the Texas State Society Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball on Jan. 19.



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**Rangerette Captain Angela Falcone** strikes a pose atop her ladder.



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**Pre-performance jitters** melt away as the 'Rettes' march onto the field.

## Spring enrollment record-breaking

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Assistant Editor

Spring enrollment has reached a record of 5,277 students, a 10.7 percent increase from last spring. The total includes 724 students registered for dual credit.

"The downturn in the economy is a big factor because the theory out there is that when there's a recession, people go back to school," said Trey Hattaway, director of marketing and enrollment management. "Higher education isn't cheap anymore. If someone has gone

off to college in another area, they might have to come here and take classes for transfer to be easier on their parents' budget."

Schedule changes can be made on Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at either the Counseling Center or any departmental office.

Students can receive a 70 percent refund from any dropped classes starting Monday and lasting through Feb. 3, when the refund amount drops to 25 percent.

The absolute last day for any refund is Feb. 9.

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**Students line up** for regular registration in the Devall Student Center. This semester's enrollment has eclipsed any previous record.

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## 434 make Dean's, President's list

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KC officials have released the President's List and the Dean's List, recognizing 434 students who achieved academic excellence for Fall 2008.

Students earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average and enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, excluding developmental classes, have been named to the President's List.

Dean's List honorees have achieved at least a 3.5 GPA enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, excluding developmental classes.

### PRESIDENT'S LIST (4.0 GPA)

- ARP- Shaniecia Daniels
- AUSTIN- Leanne Bilnoski
- AVINGER- Brittany Wellman
- BECKVILLE- Aubrey Cohorst
- BIG SANDY- Maureen Faulkner

- BRIDGE CITY- Hannah Dunahoe
- DEBERRY- Diana Clay
- DIANA- Stephen Blalock, Mitchell Kay, Parish Williams
- FLOWER MOUND- Kelsey Dean
- FRANKSTON- Genni Miller
- GILMER- Bradley Abbott, Shunda Andrews, Jimmie Barnard, Christina Caldwell, Tina Cooper, Philip Flewharty, Carmen Hall, Diana Hobbs, Kathy Jones, Carla Lancaster, Gladewater, Michael Frazier, Nina Siviero, Denetta Thomas, Jennifer Wilcox, Blake Willoughby
- HALLSVILLE- Donna Hosey
- HARLETON- Trevin Hurt
- HEMPHILL- Sarah Griffin
- HENDERSON- Sarah Bedunah

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## Ranger Alert updating information

**Christian Keitt**  
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Students have been urged to register for Ranger Alert, a text message program that informs students, faculty and staff about emergency or crisis situations affecting the campus.

"The primary use is for weather and in the spring you always run the risk of ice or potential storm," said Mike Jenkins, vice president of student development.

To sign up, students should go to Campus Connect (www.kilgore.edu) and put in their cell phone number.

Students wishing to be on the Ranger Alert list must be actively enrolled in classes to receive the messages.

Students not enrolled are automatically dropped from the list.

If a student has already signed up for this service, he or she doesn't have to re-register. However, students who have switched cell phone carriers or have a new number must re-register to continue to receive Ranger Alert messages.

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THE TOP THREE

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KC Lady Rangers smash TJC

Brandy Eubanks/THE FLARE



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Your view: What is the most important issue facing our country in the new year?

Taylor Cammack/THE FLARE



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## KC Calendar

Jan. 12 - 30

## Monday, Jan. 12

- **First Class Day (70% refund begins)**
- **Nursing Orientation** 8 a.m. - noon in DSC ballroom
- **Drops and adds** can be made to class schedule, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- **KC Board of Trustees Meeting** 6:30 p.m. McLaurin Administration Building.

## Tuesday, Jan. 13

- **Kilgore Community Concert** 7:30 p.m. in Dodson Auditorium.
- **Drops and adds** can be made to class schedule, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 14

- **Lady Ranger vs. Paris** 5:30 p.m. at Paris
- **Rangers vs. Paris** 7:30 p.m. at Paris

## Friday, Jan. 16

- **Campus Closes at 3 p.m.** Last day to set up installment plan for housing.

## Saturday, Jan. 17

- **Lady Rangers vs. Lon Morris** 5 p.m. in Masters Gym.
- **Rangers vs. Lee** 4 p.m. in Masters Gym

## Monday, Jan. 19

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** Holiday; campus closed

## Tuesday, Jan. 20

- **Inauguration Day** President Barack Obama sworn in.
- **\$50 late fee begins** for dropping or adding classes.

## Wednesday, Jan. 21

- **Rangers vs. Lamar** 7:30 p.m. at Port Arthur

## Saturday, Jan. 24

- **Lady Rangers vs. Jacksonville** 5:30 p.m. in Masters Gym
- **Rangers vs. Jacksonville** 7:30 p.m. at Masters Gym

## Wednesday, Jan. 28

- **12th Class Day**
- **Lady Rangers vs. Blinn** 5:30 p.m. at Brenham
- **Rangers vs. Blinn** 7:30 p.m. at Brenham

## Wednesday, Jan. 28

- **Nursing Advisory Meeting** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in DSC Ballroom.
- **Next issue of THE FLARE**

## KC students receive scholarships

Two Kilgore College sophomore Occupational Safety and Health students were awarded \$500 scholarships by the Safety Council of East Texas.

The scholarships were awarded to Kamal Muhammad of Longview and Steven Whitlow of Mount Enterprise because of "excellent performance in the classroom as well as outside classroom involvement in safety-related community activities."

"These are examples of students who make a difference in the safety and health of the East Texas community in which they live," said Charles Blalack, instructor and coordinator of the program.

# Who's Who announced

Forty-six students have been selected to represent KC in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges 2008-2009.

Those selected have completed 30 hours prior to Fall 2008 with at least a 2.5 grade point average and have participated in campus programs and activities.

Who's Who recipients are as follows:

Karen Allen, Gilmer  
Misty Beasley Midland  
Kristi Bell, Kilgore  
Rose Bobodilla, Winona  
Brenda Bolden,  
Longview

Christina Caldwell,  
Longview

Taylor Cammack,  
Longview

Trinitta Daniels,  
Longview

Leah Deem, Longview

Jessica Derrick,  
Carthage

Jacqueline Earp, Laird Hill

Ashley Eastin,  
Henderson

Maureen Faulkner, Big Sandy

Megan Fore, Gladewater

Janeth Gaballero, Tyler

Lindsay Godfrey,  
Kilgore

Dawn Holland, Tatum

Jameca Hutchison,  
Longview

Nabeeha Hughes, Ore City

Kathy Jones, Gilmer

Tanya Langley,  
Henderson

Vicki Magana, Kilgore

Adam Maldonado,  
Longview

Nancy Manning,  
Longview

Faulkner Lee McCarrell,  
Longview

Mila Milanova, Kilgore

Viktoria Milanova,  
Kilgore

Carla Morris, Longview

Audrey Potts,  
Henderson

Debra Pruitt, Longview

Brandon Reynolds,  
Winona

Elizabeth Rodriguez,  
Longview

John Rumsey,  
Gladewater

Bethany Rudd, Tyler

Cindy Yancey Sanders,  
Hallsville

Cynthia Shirley,  
Longview

Kelley Sue Shorette,  
Longview

Helen Shuler,  
Gladewater

Dana Sibley, Longview

Ladonna Simon,  
Gladewater

Cindy Spicer, Longview;

Nastashia Stokes,  
Kilgore

Heather Tippens,  
Longview

DeAnna Tyeskie,  
Longview

Gregory Welch, Gilmer

Jason Womack,  
Longview.



**Who's Who recipients are, Front Row (from left):** Bethany Rudd, Jessica Derrick, Mila Milanova, Viktoria Milanova, Trinitta Daniels and Vicki Magana; **Back Row:** Nastashia Stokes, Jacqueline Earp, Helen Shuler, Brandon Reynolds, Taylor Cammack, Adam Maldonado and Jason Womack.



**Front Row:** Rose Bobadilla, Maureen Faulkner and Kathy Jones; **Middle Row:** Lee Ann McCarrell, Cindy Spicer, Nancy Manning, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Debra Pruitt, Ladonna Simon and Brenda Bolden; **Back Row:** Deanna Tyeskie, Kristi Bell, Christina Caldwell and Karen Allen.



**Seated:** Cindy Yancey Sanders, Lindsay Godfrey and Misty Beasley; **Standing:** Cynthia Shirley, Tanya Langley and Dana Sibley.

## EAST TEXAS COMMUNITY CHORUS

## Singers needed for Haydn concert

The East Texas Community Chorus is opening its membership again this spring to community members with singing experience who would like to participate in its upcoming 2009 Masterworks Concert.

The concert will celebrate the bicentennial of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn, one of the most prominent

composers of the classical period.

The ETCC, sponsored by Kilgore College, will perform Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and selections from his oratorio Creation.

The ETCC, in its eighth season, will be joined in performance by the KC Chorale and festival orchestra. More than 100 singers and

instrumentalists from the region will perform.

Ryan Kelly, director of choral activities at KC, will conduct the Masterworks Concert April 29 in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Longview.

Kelly said the chorus is "non-auditioned" and interested singers with "a strong desire to learn and

perform challenging choral music" are encouraged to attend the first or second rehearsal.

Chorus rehearsals will be held each Monday from 7-9 p.m., beginning Jan. 12, in the choir room of FUMC Longview.

Recent Masterworks concerts featured collaborative performances of Duruflé's

"Requiem," Mozart's "Requiem," Beethoven's "Mass in C" and Charpentier's "Te Deum" with the KC Chorale.

Registration for the ETCC is \$60.

For more information, contact Kelly at 903-983-8122 or by e-mail at rkelly@kilgore.edu.

## 18 graduate fire academy

Eighteen students graduated from the Kilgore College Fire Academy Dec. 3.

The academy is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the State Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The academy offers certification schools for NFPA 1001 Basic Structural Firefighter I and II certification, the Texas Volunteer certification,

Fire Inspector and Fire and Arson Investigation courses. It is also a designated institution by the Canadian Province of British Columbia.

The following graduates are part of KC Fire Academy No. 72:

**Chandler:** Jamey Hamby

**Conroe:** Luke J. Lewis

**Daingerfield:** Glenn McFarland

**Emory:** Kenneth E. Reed, Jr.

**Gladewater:** Joel Wesley Duraso

**Kilgore:** Robert Ivan Collins

**Mineola:** Michael Lusty

**N. Vancouver B.C., Canada:** Mark Reid

**Pampa:** Travis K. Dosch

**Rowlett:** Brian C. Lee and Justin O'Neil Dyson

**Terrace, B.C., Canada:** Brandon Corey Braam

**Vancouver, B.C., Canada:** Kevin J. Elliot

**Whitehouse:** Jeff Sanders

**Whitsler B.C., Canada:** Andrew W. Haig and Nick Velan

**Wills Point:** Matthew R. Bradshaw and James Eric Keierleber.

## KC offers GED testing

The KC Testing Center will offer General Educational Development (GED) tests this spring on the Kilgore campus. Anyone who is officially withdrawn from or not attending high school is eligible to take the GED test, with certain requirements.

Each test costs \$60 the first time it's taken and

\$15 for retesting. All fees are non-refundable.

For more information, contact the KC Testing Center-Kilgore campus at 903-983-8215, 903-983-8690, or send an e-mail to: testing@kilgore.edu. More information is also available on the center's Web site: www.kilgore.edu/testing.asp.

2009 Test Dates:	Registration Deadline:
Feb. 10-11	Feb. 2
April 7-8	March 30
June 9-10	June 1
Oct. 20-21	Oct. 12
Nov. 3-4	Oct. 26

**WOMEN SWEEP  
OZARKA LADY  
RANGER CLASSIC**

Ryan Griffin  
Sports Editor

KC's women's basketball team opened 2009 on the right foot by recording a 2-0 record in the Ozarka Lady Ranger Classic, hosted by KC Jan. 2-3 in Masters Gym. Chalking up wins over Ranger College and the Houston Jaguars, the Ladies improved their overall record to 10-2.

**KC 85, Ranger 43**

Returning to the court after a three-week break, KC's Lady Rangers blew by Ranger's Lady Rangers, 85-43 in Friday's first-round action.

Camille Voitot, France freshman, knocked down four three-pointers, all in the second half, and led KC's balanced scoring attack with 16 points. Danyell Oliver and Elise Kea each scored 14 points, while Denetra Kellum tallied 12 points. Janae Hendreson chipped in nine points, and Dabrielle Franklin grabbed a team-high eight rebounds along with scoring eight points.

KC led by 19 at the half and continued the thrashing after the intermission, sinking all seven of its three-pointers in the second period. Overall, KC shot 51 percent from the field and knocked down 18 of 23 free throws.

**KC 74, Houston Jaguars 66**

Kellum commanded the court in Saturday's second-round game, racking up 29 points, and KC topped the Houston Jaguars travel team for another victory, 74-66.

Kellum shot 12-19 from the floor, grabbing six rebounds and dishing out five assists.

Hendreson scored 14 points, knocking down 7 of 10 shots.

The Lady Rangers led at halftime again, 37-30 before cruising to the eight-point victory.

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**LADY RANGERS  
2009 SCHEDULE**

1/14 @ Paris	5:30 p.m.
1/17 vs. Lon Morris	2 p.m.
1/24 vs. J'ville	5:30 p.m.
1/28 @ Blinn	5:30 p.m.
1/31 vs. Angelina	4 p.m.
2/4 @ San Jac	5:30 p.m.
2/7 @ Panola	2 p.m.
2/14 @ Lon Morris	2 p.m.
2/18 vs. Blinn	5:30 p.m.
2/21 vs. Tyler	2 p.m.
2/25 @ TVCC	5:30 p.m.
2/28 vs. Paris	2 p.m.
3/3 @ J'ville	5 p.m.
3/6 - 9 Region XIV Tournament UT Tyler	

**RANGERS  
2009 SCHEDULE**

1/14 @ Paris	7:30 p.m.
1/17 vs. Lee	7 p.m.
1/21 @ Lamar	7:30 p.m.
1/24 vs. J'ville	7:30 p.m.
1/28 @ Blinn	7:30 p.m.
1/31 @ Angelina	4 p.m.
2/4 vs. San Jac	7:30 p.m.
2/7 @ Panola	4 p.m.
2/11 vs. Navarro	7:30 p.m.
2/14 @ Lon Morris	4 p.m.
2/18 @ Bossier	7 p.m.
2/21 vs. Tyler	4 p.m.
2/25 @ TVCC	7:30 p.m.
2/28 vs. Paris	4 p.m.
3/6 - 9 Region XIV Tournament UT Tyler	

**KC-TJC split  
doubleheader**

**LADIES ROLL TO 20-POINT WIN**

Ryan Griffin  
Sports Editor

Denetra Kellum sparked the Lady Rangers with 22 points in an 81-61 conference win over the Tyler Junior College Lady Apaches last Wednesday at Wagstaff Gymnasium. Kellum knocked down her first five shot attempts and also added six assists, six rebounds and four steals, helping the ladies improve to 11-2 overall and 2-2 in Region XIV play.

Coach Roy Thomas earned his first win over TJC, where he coached men's basketball from 1984 to 1993.

The Lady Rangers helped Thomas achieve the first victory in five tries against his former school by never trailing in the game.

KC scored the first six points of the game, jumping out to a 21-8 lead and never looked back.

After earning a 12-point lead with just less than 11 minutes remaining in the first half, the Lady Rangers held a double-digit advantage for the remainder of the game.

KC maintained a 38-23 halftime lead, and shot 52 percent (31-60) from the floor.

The defense stepped up, limiting TJC to 33 percent overall shooting (19-58) and 19 percent (4-21) from behind the three-point line.

KC also won the rebound battle, 44-35.

Danyell Oliver poured in 18 points, including knocking down 9 of 11 free throw attempts.

The ladies travel to Paris to continue conference play 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the first game of a doubleheader with Paris Junior College.

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Danyell Oliver, Napoleonville, La., freshman, shoots during a recent home game. The Lady Rangers tip off a doubleheader with Paris Junior College 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Paris.

**MEN FALL TO NO. 17 APACHES**

Ryan Griffin  
Sports Editor

Playing for the first time since Dec. 6, the Rangers' efforts to top 17th-ranked Tyler Junior College in TJC's Wagstaff Gymnasium came up short, 76-66.

KC sophomore LaMarshall Corbett led all scorers with 19 points, and Troy Cage added 18 points and a team-high 8 rebounds for the Rangers (7-8 overall, 2-2 conference). James Graham contributed 13 points for KC, which shot 40 percent overall (22-55) and 75 percent (15-20) from the foul line.

The Rangers squandered a 34-33 lead with 3:09 left in the first half. TJC (13-1, 4-1) held the Rangers scoreless and rattled off an 8-0 run to close out the half to maintain a 41-34 advantage at halftime.

KC hits the road 7:30 p.m. Wednesday for the second game of a doubleheader with defending conference champion Paris Junior College.

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**CTVT 2009 Spring  
Broadcast Schedule**

1/17 Lady Rangers vs. LON MORRIS @ 4:50
1/17 Rangers vs. LEE @ 6:50 p.m.
1/24 Lady Rangers J'VILLE @ 5:20 p.m.
1/24 Rangers vs. J'VILLE @ 7:20 p.m.
2/21 Lady Rangers vs. TYLER @ 1:50 p.m.
2/21 Rangers vs TYLER @ 3:50 p.m.
2/28 Lady Rangers vs PARIS @ 1:50 p.m.
2/28 Rangers vs PARIS @ 3:50 p.m.



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Sonny Solomon, West Palm Beach, Fla., sophomore, dunks in a recent home game. The Rangers travel to Paris and play at 7:30 p.m. in the second game of a doubleheader with Paris Junior College.

**McCLENDON IN  
JUCO ALL-STAR  
GAME IN ARIZONA**

Ryan Griffin  
Sports Editor

Despite missing out on a postseason berth, KC was able to send a football player to the inaugural Triumphant Sports' Junior College All American Game.

Woody McClendon, a 2008 NJCAA All-American tight end, represented Team USA in the bowl game hosted by Chandler High School in Chandler, Ariz.

The game featured Team USA against a team with members from only California. Team USA won a close contest with a field goal in the waning seconds of the game.

McClendon, Texarkana sophomore, is now a two-time All-American pick, and was also selected as a 2008 Pre-Season All-American. He caught nine passes in 2008 for 89 yards and one touchdown, while also filling in at quarterback early in the season. McClendon completed 7 of 12 passes for 102 yards and threw for one touchdown.

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**KC MISSES OUT  
ON CANCELED  
AZTEC BOWL**

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More than 60 years past the inaugural game, the tradition-rich Aztec Bowl canceled its 2008 contest at the expense of the KC Ranger football team. The bowl was expected to invite the Rangers to play in the postseason game to be played in Saltillo, Mexico, approximately 50 miles southwest of Monterrey.

Instead, the Rangers officially finished the 2008 season with a 6-4 record, while the Southwest Junior College Football Conference champion Blinn Buccaneers were the league's only representative in a postseason game.

The Aztec Bowl has historically matched up Mexico's college football all-stars against a range of opponents, from American Division III colleges and junior colleges to a team from Italy in 1996. From 1997-2007 an American team consisting of Division III all-stars has taken on Mexico, with the American team losing only once in 2003 by three points.

Every game until 1997 was played in Mexico City, excluding the 1957 game which was located in San Antonio. Various Mexican cities have hosted the bowl since then.

The Pilgrim's Pride Corporation also canceled the 2008 Pilgrim's Pride Bowl Classic due to economic struggles.

Blinn participated in the C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl in Copperas Cove, the lone NJCAA bowl game located in Texas this season.

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**BASKETBALL  
GAMES SHOWN  
LIVE ONLINE**

Ryan Griffin  
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No longer is radio the only means to keep updated on Ranger and Lady Ranger basketball. College TV Ticket (CTVT) is now offering live video Webcasts, on a subscription basis, from its Web site, www.collegetvticket.com.

CTVT offers a season ticket for \$80, a monthly ticket for \$10, or a game-by-game ticket for \$8 per game.

Eight games are scheduled for the upcoming Spring semester. Four conference doubleheaders, all on Saturdays, will be shown live from Masters Gymnasium.

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## Academics, from page 1

Heather Cardwell  
Norma Castillo  
Michael Florczykowski  
Laquisha Jackson  
Christian Keitt  
Caitlin Limp  
Martin Morales jr  
James Price  
Tristan Robinson  
Bo Scott  
Turner Vinson  
**HOUSTON-**  
Emma Dutton  
**HUMBLE-**  
Casey Potter  
**JEFFERSON-**  
Erin Barnett  
Shayla Royal  
Karnack Hunter Arthur  
**KILGORE-**  
Amy Kinkaid  
Hannah Bell  
James Buckley  
Rusty Chapman  
Brady Cobb  
Peggy Coston  
James Griffin  
Bocis Guezomevo  
Joshua Hamm  
Katelin Hearn  
Kristin Henson-kiraly  
Amber Hogue  
Marissa Huskey  
Brandi Johnson  
Dae yong Kwon  
Josee Libebele-balombo  
Vicki Magana  
Michael Mckerley  
Bradley Miles  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Jensie Murray  
Joo hee Park  
Lakshman Raut  
Robert Shook ii  
Darrell Smith  
Bridget Stuart  
Jessica Tullberg  
Cynthia Vaughn  
Camille Voitot  
Gregory Welch  
David Wooten  
**LONGVIEW-**  
John Allen  
Amanda Barton  
John Braxton  
Heather Brown  
Shelby Browne  
Milisa Carter-o'quinn  
Juan Cerda  
Jacqueline Coleman  
Shari Darty  
Leah Deem  
Scarlett Delafield  
Katrinka Deromero  
Paul Du feu  
Tasha Earl  
John Eisenring  
Jennifer Fyffe  
John Goodding  
Canzada Grant  
Richard Gray  
Adam Hamill  
Michael Herrington  
Stacie Jones  
Jenneca Judkins  
Heather Khoury  
Emily Mach  
Madison Mack  
Nancy Manning  
Brett Miller  
Thomas Myers  
Luis Perez  
Derek Phillips  
Susan Poehler  
Amanda Reel  
James Rogers  
Vicki Sanders  
Jere Sansone  
Christi Satterwhite  
Brandon Schilling  
Hayley Smith  
Linda Solis  
Joshua Spanhanks  
Elizabeth Speegle  
Cindy Spicer  
Tabitha Stone  
Amanda Streed  
Justin Thatcher  
Jennifer Todd  
William Tuttle  
Kimberly Tyler  
Rachael Ward  
Cassie Wike  
Jason Womack  
Lakendra Woods

Lauren Yoder  
**MAGNOLIA-**  
Erynn Frenchak  
**MARSHALL-**  
Heather Jones  
Jennifer Page  
**MIDLOTHIAN-**  
Sara Yarbro  
**MT ENTERPRISE-**  
Jeremy Orr  
Steven Whitlow  
**MURCHISON-**  
Celina Chavez  
**OLATHE-**  
Angela Weiss  
**OVERTON-**  
Guadalupe Guzman-salazar  
Kennon Murphy  
Kerri Parker  
Lacie Simmons  
**PASADENA-**  
Ashley Austin  
**PRICE-**  
Amber Churchman  
**RICHARDSON-**  
Nicole Ahlfinger  
**ROUND ROCK-**  
Sarah Acker  
**TATUM-**  
Melissa Bennefield  
Rebecca Craig  
Jennifer Salaises  
Patricia Tatum  
**TYLER-**  
Dianna Fisher  
Jamie Hawbaker  
Bethany Rudd  
Tiantie Tinsley  
**WHITE OAK-**  
Cody Bryant  
Keesha Cross  
Clayton Duke  
Daren Epperson  
David Lowrey  
Holly Milhorn  
Olugbenga Talabi  
**WINNSBORO-**  
Kaylon Thornburgh  
**WINONA-**  
David Holt  
Yaounde Cameroon  
Abdulaziz Felata

**DEAN'S LIST (3.5 GPA)**

**ALBA-** Tommy Peel  
**ALLEN-** Whitney Cook  
**ALTO-** Clayton Scott  
**APPLE VALLEY-**  
Ashley Baumgaertel  
**AUSTIN-**  
Kathryn Reeves  
**AVINGER-**  
Emily Williams  
**BATON ROUGE-**  
Jennifer Varmall  
**BIG SANDY-**  
Micheal Case  
Adam Switzer  
**BROOKLAND-**  
Michael Crowell  
**BROWNSVILLE-**  
Magaly Guerra  
**BRYAN-**  
Terra Hausenfluck  
**BULLARD-**  
Andrea Carter  
Burlington  
Russell Brawley  
**BURNET-**  
Meghan Robertson  
**CARROLLTON-**  
Mikaela Addison  
**CUSHING-**  
Ashley Pirtle  
**DAWSON-**  
Callie Callarman  
**DIANA-** Jacob Eberhart  
Amanda Parks  
**EL CAMPO-**  
Jacquelyne Rodriguez  
**EMORY-**  
Breanna Herriage  
**FLINT-** Courtney Drain  
**FRIENDSWOOD-**  
Angela Falcone  
**GILMER-**  
John Aslin  
Brock Blair  
Tyler Buller  
Clinton Clemens  
Whitney Coleman  
Shelbi Daniel  
Maigan Ford

Randall Gentry  
Jeannie Harrison  
Johnathan Johnson  
Malerie Jones  
Cody Lee  
Christopher Norstrom  
**GLADEWATER-**  
Christopher Akers  
Elaine Brackeen  
Serina Burgett  
Ruth Coffey  
Helen Cutright  
Crystal Dean  
Angela Deberry  
Keilyn Faulkner  
Holli Hampton  
Joshua Hilton  
Ryan Ketchum  
Amanda Koepke  
Kelvona Lincoln  
Kristen Mcguire  
Mary Newland  
Kenisha Odoms  
Davis Roebuck  
Larry Ross  
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## Our View

# The Lesson of 2008

If there were one word that could best encapsulate the year 2008 for many Americans, it would be “loss.” The loss of security, the loss of money, the loss of faith; one does not have to search far to find the severing tendrils of despair creeping through every crack.

The problems are obvious, but the solutions are not. 2008 saw the beginnings of an economic meltdown that will inevitably bloom into a harrowing recession for years to come. The sub prime mortgage crisis, sparked by banks lending money haphazardly and consumers spending money haphazardly, led to a crash in the housing market.

The casualties are widespread in this debacle: From the lenders themselves to the poor and minority homeowner who can no longer afford their homes, many across the board are feeling the anxiety of insecure finances.

Financial security is the key reason for consumers’ tightening their belts, according to automotive analyst Erich Merkle in a Jan. 4 New York Times article. “We know that people who have lost their jobs aren’t in the market for a new car, but even those who have jobs aren’t in the market right now, because they’re concerned if they’ll still have a job in three, six or nine months,” Merkle said.

With the economic woes, we can add the losses of fighting wars on two extensive fronts, both the loss of soldiers and the financial burden exciting an already swiftly ballooning national deficit.

Lest we are tempted to haze the seriousness of these situations through the dissemination of statistics, let’s tackle these problems from a conceptual perspective.

While “loss” may serve as a summation for these disastrous events, the word that would best serve as the catalyst for these events would be “greed.”

Bankers, quick to pounce on financial gain, leapt headlong into the veritable treasure trove presented by allowing sub prime loans.

While corporations make easy scapegoats, one cannot help but dole out the blame on consumers as well. We spent more than we saved; we indulged more than we showed restraint.

It only makes sense that a culture built on instant gratification would soon find its wants outweighing its means.

Will we learn the merits of restraint? Will we finally realize that some problems are impervious to money? As recession approaches, now is our opportunity to show that we will adapt to the coming storm and that we’ve learned our lesson.



Taylor Cammack / THE FLARE

## 2008

# Learn to enjoy the journey

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.”

This simple beginning to “A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens is quite applicable to my life. I suppose many college students could say the same thing.

Attending college is such an interesting time of life, it’s often hard to articulate properly. I’m not a big resolution person, but I do enjoy taking inventory of the previous year to see what was the proverbial “good, bad and ugly.”

Looking at 2008 brings to mind one word: strange. I started college at the age of 24, so that was an obvious highlight of my year. However, the year also contained a couple of the lowest points of my life.

Most notably, my year ended with a resounding “thud.” This unfortunate turn of events left me looking ahead to the new year more than I would on a normal basis. The next 12 months hold so many possibilities...

And that brings me back to the quote at the top of this column. The coming year could be the best of my life or the worst and only God knows which one it will be.

I love the lyrics to “Revelation” by the band Third Day:

*Give me a revelation,  
Show me what to do  
Cause I’ve been trying to find my way,  
I haven’t got a clue*

*Tell me should I stay here,  
Or do I need to move  
Give me a revelation  
I’ve got nothing without You.*

Am I the only one who feels clueless sometimes?

I didn’t think so.

The older I become the more I realize that bad things happen to everybody. Bad things happened in 2008 and they will again this year, and the year after that and the year after that. So what?

As hard as it may be, you have to pick yourself up off the floor and go at it again.

I’m a very goal-oriented person and that sometimes makes life difficult when things don’t work out they way I planned. Despite that, I’ve learned that the destination is not always as important as the journey. If you learn and grow as an individual along the way, the difficult times are absolutely worth it.

Life is not easy, but we have a choice to live above our circumstances or below them.

Here’s to 2009; let’s enjoy the journey.



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## New Year’s Resolutions

# Resolutions? Humbug! Set some real goals

It’s time for everyone to realize what 60 percent of the population has already discovered—that New Year’s resolutions are a thing of the past. Why? Because they don’t work.

Forty percent of Americans intended to make resolutions this year, according to a Reuters poll conducted last month. Of these, 97 percent will fail.

My question is, if resolution are probably not going to work, why make them at all? The answer to that is easy: resolutions are a stall tactic.

The concept of waiting until New Year’s Day to make a life change is a blatant excuse for not changing at all. Resolutions are nothing more than tools procrastinators use to appease their collective nagging conscience. They know that in February, when they’ve given up *again*, they can say, “Oh well, I tried,” and add it on to next year’s list. Conscience appeased.

New Year’s resolutions should be called New Year’s wishes. Resolutions require effort; wishes do not. A new tradition could even be started where the wishers could blow out their candles on New Year’s Eve at midnight. Their wishes would have about the same chance of “coming true” as the resolutions, because members of our instant-gratification society don’t want to put forth the effort to bring them about.

If someone knows that there is something in his or her life that needs to be changed, why not make a resolution

any time of the year? What’s so special about January? And call it something else—a goal. Now there’s a new concept.

Writing down goals, planning them out and following the plan seems a lot more effective to me than “wishing.” That way when the New Year comes around again you won’t have to lie to your conscience and pretend to try, all the while knowing that your wish has not been granted and you’re probably going to fail.

There are also some people who, upon deciding to make a resolution, indulge more in their bad habit before the year is up because they know they’ll have to straighten up later. A friend told me last month that his New Year’s resolution was to diet, so he intended to eat like a pig through the holidays. That’s like maxing out your credit cards before filing for bankruptcy.

By the way, my friend’s brilliant plan had one unforeseeable flaw—peanut butter cookies. He couldn’t resist, and crumbled by Jan. 3.

So tear up your wish lists, get out there and start setting some real goals.



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## Your View

# Q. What is the most important issue facing our country in the new year?



## Chris Jones

Henderson freshman

“War in Iraq. I’m in the National Guard.”



## Gregory Reece

Longview freshman

“Economy. Because of the change in oil prices.”



## May Davis

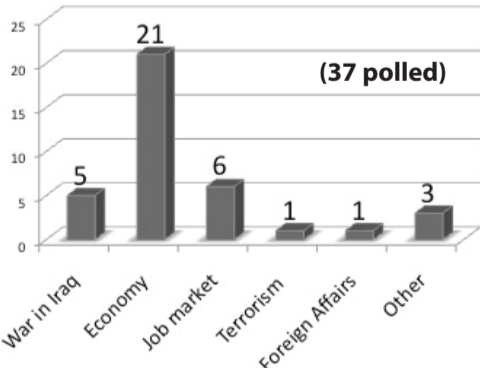
Gilmer freshman

“Terrorism.”

Rick Gray/THE FLARE

## By The Numbers

# Q. What is the most important issue facing our country in the new year?



### Answers to note...

“The economy is on the brink of recession. In my opinion, financial security helps our nation handle the other affairs.”

“We are very vulnerable to socialism because our nation is looking for the government to bail us out.”

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**Marley & Me**  
24.5 million

2. *Bedtime Stories* (21)
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4. *Yes Man* (14)
5. *Valkyrie* (13.5)

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### Video Games

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**Wii Sports**

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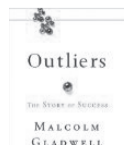


**1**  
**Scarpetta**  
Patricia Cornwell

2. *Cross Country* - James Patterson
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5. *Too Fat To Fish* - Artie Lange

# YEAR IN REVIEW: THE TOP 10 OF 2008

1



## Barack Obama

At KC and around the world, the election of Barack Obama as president made headlines in 2008. Obama used his charisma and stirring speeches to sweep onto the national political scene with a surprising defeat of Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primaries. Obama then became the 44th and first black president of the United States with a commanding victory over Republican challenger John McCain. Obama will take office Jan. 20.

2



## Record enrollment

The economy was down, but KC numbers were up in 2008. KC set a school record for spring enrollment at 5,055 before smashing the fall record (previously 5,095) with 5,513. Staci Martin, registrar, attributed the growth to an increase in dual credit students and the affordability of KC.

3



## Ranger Ride

Gas prices hit record highs in 2008, prompting KC and its students to take action. Some commuter students carpooled while others set their schedules to require minimal amounts of driving. As fuel prices neared \$4 per gallon in the summer, KC launched Ranger Ride, a free shuttle from KC-Longview to the Kilgore campus. Although gas prices plunged below \$2 per gallon at the end of the year, Ranger Ride will continue this spring.

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## Campaigning

The 2008 presidential primary season brought with it some of the most heated party battles in recent memory. Speaking on behalf of his wife, Hillary, former president Bill Clinton (1993-2001) made an appearance at Longview's Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Center in February. Later that month Republican presidential candidate John McCain stumped in Tyler with one of his town hall meetings.

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## SACS visit

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools team made its once-in-a-decade visit in September. The SACS team spent four days on the campus before issuing its favorable review. Administrators deemed the visit "successful" and are now responding to four issues which must be resolved before the reaffirmation of accreditation vote in June 2009.

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## Hurricane Ike

Hurricane Ike slammed into South Texas in September, leaving a path of destruction which stretched through East Texas. KC escaped the worst of Ike, which was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time of its arrival, but the campus experienced a loss of power in several buildings on both campuses. Cindy Lavine, physical therapist assistant instructor, had a tree fall into her Longview home, but she was uninjured.

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## KC topples Blinn

Storied R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium hosted one of its most memorable games Sept. 27. The KC Rangers faced then-No. 1 and undefeated Blinn College in a triple overtime thriller, which was won on a 37-yard Rico Casas field goal. KC led most of the game, but it took a Shane Fry touchdown pass to Cortez Smith with 3.6 seconds remaining in regulation to extend the contest.

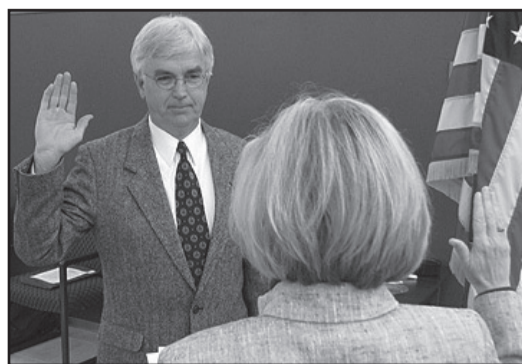
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## Goodbye, Coach Schu

After 13 years at the helm of the KC basketball program, Scott Schumacher resigned after the 2007-2008 season. During Schumacher's tenure, his teams' regular season record was 235-156 and 145-138 in conference play. Over the last 13 years, Schumacher's teams were conference champions once (1998-1999), accumulated the fourth most conference wins in a 12-team league and produced eight NJCAA All-Americans. Schumacher moved on to become the new head coach at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

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## New board member

Charles Hale was appointed to the KC Board of Trustees. Hale replaced former KC football coach Marion Turner, who resigned after nine years of service to the college and the community. KC will hold a special election this year for Hale to fill Turner's unexpired term which runs until May of 2011.

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## Programs ended

The KC Board of Trustees unanimously voted to close the medical assisting program and the computer electronics maintenance technology program in March. Dr. Bill Holda, president, cited financial reasons and low enrollment for the program closures. He said each was posting a loss of \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year with only 9 to 11 graduates.

