

Homecoming looms on horizon

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Copy Editor

Plans are set for Homecoming next week, including elections for King and Queen. Voting is scheduled 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Devall Student Center.

Five women and five men were chosen as finalists in the first round of voting Oct. 7, making up the Homecoming Court. They are sophomores listed as follows:

Megan Fore, Ranger Ambassadors
Sarah Griffin, Residential Life

Sarah Lebus, Art Club
Rhonda McTyre, Nolen Hall
Adiah Prince, Rangerette Residence

Brandon Gardner, SGA
Herbert Griffin, Cheerleaders
Alex Kautai, Campus Crusades
Xavier Richard, Football
Laurence Sabeta, Residential Life

The Court will be introduced at the Pep Rally 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Masters Gymnasium. The King and Queen will be announced at 2:15 Saturday, Oct. 18, before the Homecoming Football Game, which

starts at 3 p.m. Twenty-two organizations nominated Homecoming representatives, listed as follows:

Ag Club: Shane Shaw, Bethany Rudd
Art Club: Sarah Lebus
Campus Crusade: Alex Kautai, LaKendra Woods
Cheerleaders: Herbert Griffin, Jordan Belrose
Dance Club: Alexis Conlin
Football: Xavier Richard
KC Ranger Band: Jacovia Cartwright, Ashley Centers
Lady Rangers Basketball Team:

Elise Kea
Latinos en Accion: Cristhian Baracaldo, Laura Orocio
Nolen Hall: Daniel Martinez, Rhonda McTyre
Orientation Leaders: Seth Hiltzman, Breann Staten
Phi Theta Kappa: Jason Womack, Rhonda Dority
Quad Housing: Randy Washington
Ranger Ambassadors: Adam Switzer, Meagan Fore
Rangerettes: Austin Honeycutt, Bethany Woodring
Rangerette Residence Hall:

Adiah Prince
Ranger Yearbook: Taylor Cammack, Jessica Derrick
Residential Life: Laurence Sabeta, Sarah Griffin
Stark Hall: Jason Eberhart
Student Government Association: Brandon Garner, Courtney Portley
The Flare: Jasmine Brazile and J.C. Derrick
TRIO: Amos McCord, Anna Butler

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Upcoming Homecoming Events

- **Monday, Oct. 13—** "Tacky/Mismatched Day"
 - Window Decorating Contest
 - Ice Cream Eating Contest 11 a.m. in the Lee Mall
 - Football Party: New York Giants vs. Cleveland Browns at 7 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.
 - Homecoming T-shirt sale in the DSC Game Room. Prices to be announced.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 14—** "Hip Hop Day"
 - King and Queen Elections, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the DSC Ballroom
 - Homecoming Court Banquet, 6:30 p.m. in the DSC Ballroom
- **Wednesday, Oct. 15—** "Twin Day"
 - Banner Contest and Pep Rally, 11 a.m. Masters Gymnasium. Campus lunch will be served after the Pep Rally.
- Note: 11 a.m. classes will be dismissed, and students will be given until 12:15 p.m. to get to their noon classes so they can have time to eat.
- **Thursday, Oct. 16—** "PJ Day"
 - Spirit Rally/Tailgate Party, 6:30 p.m. at the tennis courts
 - Rangerette Banquet, 7 p.m. DSC Ballroom
- **Friday, Oct. 17—** "Spirit Day"
 - Homecoming T-shirt day
 - Powder Puff football game, 7 p.m. at St. John Stadium
- **Saturday, Oct. 18**
 - Homecoming Game, KC vs. Trinity Valley Community College at 3 p.m.
 - Homecoming King and Queen will be introduced during the pregame show at 2:15.

CULTURE

Hispanic Heritage celebration Monday

Zach Terry
Staff Writer

KC will host the first-ever Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, 6-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, in Dodson Auditorium. The event is free and will feature food, guest speakers, dance performances by the "Latinos en Accion," musical entertainment from a mariachi band from Dallas and information tables.

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15, the

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LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING

Employees share memories

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS PART TWO OF A THREE-PART SERIES ON THE LA BUILDING

Taylor Cammack
Co-Executive Editor

As the years go by, memories wax and wane. The ins-and-outs of everyday life weave together, the days melding into entities with the specifics trailing lazily behind until time cuts them loose.

Sometimes, though, a single event can etch into your mind memories that will not quickly fade, these events displaying themselves in an array of manners ranging from romantic to terrifying.

In its 51-year history, the Liberal Arts Building has, for the faculty and staff, been a catalyst for many of these memorable events.

While their memories and the stories they have collected over the years about this building are far too numerous to count, the interest in the building (and the hope for its impending demise) justify reminiscing.

We have collected a brief smattering of stories from current employees.

That's when I learned that there was a late afternoon history class in session in LA 200. One of our stellar history instructors was lecturing on the economic impact of the War of 1812. And his students were taking full advantage of the opportunity for an afternoon nap.

I also learned that 95 pounds of butt-hauling dog will move those plastic desks that we used in LA. We had desks scooting across the floor, desks flying through the air, students screaming, pretty much total chaos.

By this time, of course, the dog had regained his footing and was on his way back to us. Being the consummate professional, I immediately rushed my students back into my classroom and helped the speaker get the dog in there.

As the noise at the south end of the hall died down, I peeked out, only to see the instructor standing in the hall, trying to determine what had so totally disrupted his class. To this day, he doesn't know.

THE BUILDING THAT WOULDN'T DIE

Richard Harrison

I started teaching at Kilgore College shortly after the Civil War ended. When I was hired, Stewart McLaurin, then the dean of liberal and fine arts, assigned me to an office in the Liberal Arts Building.

"Don't get too comfortable in there, though," he said. "We're tearing this building down in a couple of years."

Thirty years later, I moved my office and instructional area to the Communications and Automotive Building because we were "tearing LA down." Three years after that, the business and computer faculty moved into LA. As I understand it, when they vacate, the math and science faculty is set to move in.

It truly is the building that won't die.

UNLEASH THE HOUNDS!

Richard Harrison
Communications Chair

One semester, I taught a 2-3:20 M-W class in LA 207. I volunteered to teach the class because I thought that no one would take it: I'd get points for volunteering and I wouldn't actually have to do anything. The class filled up!

One day, a student brought his black Labrador retriever to class as a part of his demonstration speech. He was the last speaker, and the dog spent the class time sleeping in the back corner of the room.

The end of class arrived, and this student was the only one who hadn't spoken. So I told the rest of the class to stay: he had the dog and all of his equipment and I didn't want him to have to bring it back for the next class.

He started his speech, did the usual retriever obedience drill in the front of the classroom and suggested that we go outside for an actual retrieve. IT WAS 3:30!! I wanted out of there as badly as any of the students did. So, I suggested that we do the retrieve in the hall.

The speaker, the dog, 22 classmates and I went out in the main hall of the second floor of the LA Building, right outside LA 207. He threw the bumper down the hall: it hit, bounced, rolled and finally stopped right in front of the stairs at the south end of the hall.

The dog was quivering with excitement, but he wouldn't go without the command.

After a minute, the speaker gave the retrieve command and the dog flew down the hall. No, he didn't go flying down the stairs! The main hall runs north-to-south; the stairs go off to the west. But he did fly down the hall.

As he approached the bumper, the dog dug his claws in to break his speed. At least, had we gone outside where he was on grass and dirt, he would have dug his claws in. But we were in the LA Building, on a highly polished floor.

The dog extended his claws, which had the effect of putting him on ice skates. He executed a neat 180-degree turn, grabbed the bumper and went sailing butt first into LA 200.

"THE DOG WAS QUIVERING WITH EXCITEMENT, BUT HE WOULDN'T GO WITHOUT THE COMMAND"



THE SCENTS OF ROMANCE

Jason Graves
English instructor

"This is just weird, but in 1990, I had just started dating my wife, Susan, and we took several classes in that building together.

As all know who enter it, that building had, and still has, a unique and distinctive smell, something akin to gym socks drenched in pancake syrup.

Now, when I enter that building as an employee of the college some 18 years later, I immediately think of my wife and romance in the halls of Kilgore College."



SPACE CONSTRAINTS

Patty Waddell
Watson Library

About 18 years ago my husband was going to KC and all the offices were in that building! He had to register with Lois Jordan because he was a Vietnam Vet and she shared offices with about 4 or 5 other people and the line was completely out the door and down the walkway past the flag pole! The offices were so tiny and packed, Bob Carmack had his office at the office at the end of the hall and he had the largest office and it was way too small for him as well.

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TCCJA

Flare sweeps contest

Christian Keitt
Assistant Editor

The Flare won sweepstakes for the 18th time in 20 years at the Texas Community College Journalism Association convention in Corpus Christi last weekend.

Contest materials were submitted from the 2007-2008 school year when Sarah Fields-Thomas, Melissa Greene and Sara Knight were executive editors.

The Flare staff took home 23 awards, including first place in Division II for overall general excellence.

"This award has excited the current staff and helped us set new goals to continue the amazing tradition of excellence in the KC journalism program," J.C. Derrick, co-executive editor, said.

Students also competed in live contests, including news writing, editorial writing, copyediting and news photo.

Sophomore Justin Rhodes won an honorable mention for news photo, and freshman J.C. Derrick received an honorable mention in news writing.

Flare reporters took first place in seven categories: picture or page panel, headline writing, advertising single ad, in-depth/investigative reporting, sports photo, feature photo and sports news. Awards are as follows:

Jacob Adkisson - 1st, feature photo
Andrew Bennett - 2nd, advertising (single ad)
Amanda Bird - 1st, picture or page panel
Taylor Cammack - 2nd, editorial writing

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ELECTION 2008

Early voting starts Oct. 20

J.C. Derrick
Co-executive Editor


Forget straw polls and focus groups. Actual votes in the much-anticipated 2008 presidential election will be cast in the near future.

Early voting begins Oct. 20 and will run through Oct. 31. To view a list of available polling places for early voting, students can visit their local county Web site.


Voter registration ended Oct. 6.

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KC Calendar Oct. 10-17

■ **Saturday, Oct. 11**
Rangers Football
3 p.m. vs. Tyler Junior College in Tyler
Faculty Art Show in Turk Fine Arts Center
Works by Carolyn Fox-Hearne, O. Rufus Lovett and John Hillier through Oct. 31
Powder Puff Football Signup Continues
Sign up in the Game Room at the Student Center

■ **Monday, Oct. 13**
Window Decorating Contest
Ice Cream Eating Contest
Bosses' Day Luncheon
11:30 a.m. at the DSC Ballroom

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 14**
Campus Crusade Concert 6-10 p.m. in the DSC Ballroom
String Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m. in Van Cliburn Auditorium
Homecoming King/Queen Election 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in DSC Ballroom
Homecoming Court Banquet 6:30 in the DSC Ballroom

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 15**
Banner Contest
Pep Rally 11 a.m. Masters Gymnasium; free lunch in Lee Mall
Student Government Association Meeting 2 p.m. in the DSC Game Room

■ **Thursday, Oct. 16**
Spirit Rally/Tailgate Party 6:30 p.m. at the Tennis Courts
Rangerette Homecoming Banquet 7 p.m. at the DSC Ballroom
Chorale Concert: "A Lighthearted Look at Life" 7:30 p.m. in Van Cliburn Auditorium

■ **Friday, Oct. 17**
T-Shirt Day
Powder-Puff Football Game 7 p.m., St. John Stadium
Ex-Teacher/Ex-Student Dinner 6:30 p.m. McLaurin Administration Bldg.
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FACE IN THE CROWD

...a weekly glance at a person on campus

TY GAUDET



Mercedes Sepaugh/THE FLARE

Hometown: Kilgore

Classification: Freshman
Major: Psychology

Favorite TV show... "Southpark"

In 10 years I will be... Either dead or having fun while maintaining a good job.

A defining moment that changed my life... Meeting my guitar hero, Mike Einziger.

If I had 24 hours to live, I would... Back into a police car at a red light and then run from him.

My hidden talent is... I can pop my knuckles in my index finger real fast and keep a rhythm to it.

My advice to everyone is... Do not confide unless you are willing to accept help; otherwise you are a nuisance.

Best workplace ever... Logging, you are outside and your job keeps you exercising by carrying a chainsaw around eight hours a day.

Right now I would rather be... Riding bicycles with polar bears.

If I could go anywhere in the world where would it be?... To visit Redwoods in California.

PTK inducts members, elects officers

Christian Keitt
Assistant editor

KC's Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, has elected new officers.

Officers are sophomores listed as follows by office and hometown: president-Adam Switzer, Big Sandy; vice president of scholarship-

Jason Womack, Longview; vice president of service-Melissa Carter-O'Quinn, Longview; vice president of fellowship-Rhonda Doirty, Kilgore; vice president of public information-Heather Lott, Longview; and administrative assistant-Heather Tippens, Longview.

Brandon Walker, math

instructor, and Lori Truman, English instructor, serve as PTK advisers.

New members were inducted Sept. 30 in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

For more information, contact Walker at 903-988-7509 or Truman at 903-983-8694.

The following students were inducted into PTK last week:

Sehyun Ahn
Angela Alexander
Miranda Allbright
Leanne Bilnoski
Connie Bobnock
Russell Brawley
Heather Brown
Tyler Buller
Taylor Cammack
Justin Carter
Rustin Cavel
Juan Cerda
Whitney Clevenger
Lauren Clinton
Trinita Daniels
Alisha Davidson
Crystal Dean
Angela Deberry
Rhonda Dority
Emma Dutton
Jacob Eberhart
Angela Falcone
Shawnda Ferrell
Jesse Garcia
Randall Gentry
Kristian Hamilton
Carl Hardwick
Kathryn Howell
Joshua Hyde
Heather Jones
Malerie Jones
Amy Kinkaid
Holli Kinsey
Brandi Lucas
Emily Mach
Lauren Makowski
Jenna McCracken
Michelle Meeks

Brett Miller
Carla Morris
Kaitlyn Moulton
Jamie Nevill
Paul Nichols
Jeremy Ottens
Joo Hee Park
Derek Phillips
Sarah Pirtle
Casey Potter
Matt Price
Brandon Reynolds
Christopher Riggs
Alejandra Rodriguez
Larry Ross
Samantha Rossiter
Jennifer Salaises
Bo Scott
Kelley Sue Shorette
Dior Siahaan
Nina Simpson
Rebecca Slaback
Darlene Steffensen
Kelly Steveson
Sherill Still
Bridget Stuart
Deanna Summers
Justin Thatcher
Deborah Thorn
Stephanie Toland
Georjana Trezell
McKenna Vogel
William Washington
Brittany Wellman
Slade Williams
Kayla Winn
Lisa Womack



Rick Gray/THE FLARE

New PTK members light candles as part of the induction ceremony Sept. 30.

SBDC to host QuickBooks course

Montell Owens
Staff Writer

The Kilgore College Small Business Development Center will host a QuickBooks course for small business owners and managers.

The course is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday, Oct. 21-Nov. 11, and will be held at the KC-Longview Computer Lab, located at 300 South High St. in Longview.

Some of the topics for the course include: common business/accounting terms; introduction to Qb and Qb navigator; creating a new company file; working with lists; and other skills essential to running a business.

"These courses are designed to give the small business owner the same tools as larger companies at a fraction of the cost," said Brad Bunt, director of the SBDC.

The prerequisites for this course include basic accounting principles and familiarity with computers and Windows.

"As American businesses become more competitive, it is imperative that even small businesses learn how to become more efficient utilizing technology," said Bunt.

"It is now possible for even the smallest business to have their daily financial position at their fingertips. The ability

to track inventory and project costs is essential in running a small business."

The instructor will be Bill Russell; Sandra H. Russell will be technology coordinator.

Seating for the course is limited to 30 participants.

The \$149 fee includes all lesson materials and hands-on computer lab instruction.

To register or for other questions, call the SBDC at 903-757-5857.

To register with a credit card call KC-Longview at 903-753 2642.

An online schedule of courses may be viewed at <http://www.kilgore.edu/sbdc.asp>

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Rick Gray/THE FLARE

Students wait in line Monday for their refund checks in Devall Student Center.

Rangers face rival rematch

Ryan Griffin
Sports Editor

What could possibly make a rivalry more compelling? How about playing each other twice a year? KC (3-2) faces the task of beating Tyler Junior College (2-3) for the second time this season, this time in conference play 3 p.m. Saturday at Tyler's Trinity Mother Francis Rose Stadium. "Any time you play the Apaches it's tough," KC head coach J.J.

Eckert said.

The Rangers shut out the Apaches in a non-conference matchup Sept. 6 at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

Leading 7-0 at halftime, the Rangers pulled away with three third-quarter touchdowns en route to a 31-0 victory. Cornelius Shackelford led the KC rushing attack with 113 yards on 14 carries.

The Rangers are 2-1 in conference, including consecutive wins over then-No. 1 ranked Blinn, and Arkansas Baptist College.

KC hits the road for the second straight week, after achieving its first road victory against ABC in Little Rock, 21-7, last Saturday.

"Compared to a four-hour trip to Arkansas, traveling 30 minutes to Tyler doesn't even seem like a road game," Eckert said.

TJC enters the game a week removed from a convincing loss to Blinn, 52-3. The Apaches amassed 131 yards rushing on 47 attempts, averaging 2.8 yards per carry. Quarterback Vincent McNeil threw

for 81 yards on 5 of 11 passing. TJC fumbled four times, losing three of them, and was penalized 10 times for 128 yards.

Since losing to KC, the Apaches beat Cisco, then lost to current No. 1 ranked Navarro and Blinn, accumulating a 1-2 conference record.

KC has won three straight over TJC, including two wins last season.

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NJCAA Rankings

SWJCFC Teams

(as of Oct. 7)

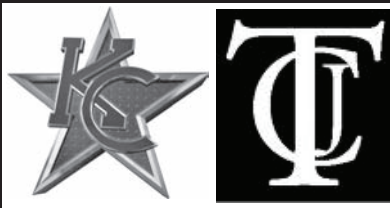
1. Navarro
(5-0) @ NEO

6. Blinn
(4-1) @ Trinity Valley

17. Trinity Valley
(4-1) vs. Blinn

28. Kilgore
(3-2) vs. Tyler

Source: www.njcaa.org



KC Rangers (3-2, 2-1) at TJC Apaches (2-3, 1-2)

3 p.m. Saturday; Trinity Mother Francis Rose Stadium, Tyler

Last Meeting: Kilgore 31, Tyler 0 (Sept. 6, at Kilgore)



Quarterback Shane Fry fights for yardage in the Rangers' triple-overtime triumph over then-No. 1 ranked Blinn College.

KC beats No. 1 Blinn in triple-OT thriller

Ryan Griffin
Sports Editor

Repeating last year's upset of No. 1 ranked Blinn, KC battled from behind and forced overtime, prevailing 20-17 after three overtimes Saturday, Sept. 27, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

For the second straight season, the Rangers faced an undefeated Buccaneer squad and came away with a victory. In 2007, KC traveled to Brenham and upset Blinn, 40-39. This time around KC had home-field advantage.

Rico Casas nailed a 37-yard field goal in the third overtime to seal the victory for the Rangers. Casas' first attempt to win the game in the first overtime period missed wide left.

The Rangers hosted a Blinn team that had compiled over 500 yards of offense the previous week in a blowout of Arkansas Baptist College. KC's defense held the Buccaneers to seven points in the first half, with the only score coming on a 14-yard, fourth-down desperation heave from Blinn quarterback Terrance Cain to receiver Dexter Ransom.

KC held Blinn's offense to 244

yards in four quarters and three overtimes. Cain completed 17 of 24 passes, falling short of his 220-yard per game average, with 106 yards.

"We just allowed the defense to go out and play," KC head coach J.J. Eckert said. "Our guys actually thought they could have been up going into halftime."

A Blinn field goal and another Cain touchdown pass gave the Buccaneers a 17-10 lead with less than six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

KC regained possession but threw an interception deep in Buccaneer territory that handed the ball back to Blinn with little time left.

Ranger defensive end Matt Jones sacked Cain on third down, ending Blinn's attempt to run out the clock, forcing a punt.

Quarterback Shane Fry and the Ranger offense hit the field with less than two minutes to go and 64 yards to cover to tie the game. On a third-and-21, Fry connected with Luke Anderson for 23 yards to keep the drive alive. Facing another third down, Fry found Darius Valentine for 10 yards gaining a first down by inches. Cortez Smith hauled in a 31-yard strike

from Fry, putting the Rangers in prime scoring position.

With 3.6 seconds remaining in the game, Fry found Smith in the corner of the endzone for a three-yard touchdown completion. Casas' extra point sailed through the uprights, sending the game into overtime.

"We didn't think there was any particular point, especially in overtime, where we didn't think we were going to win," Eckert said.

Smith caught seven passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

Neither team scored in the first overtime. Blinn intercepted a KC pass in the second overtime, but fumbled on its next offensive play, forcing the decisive third overtime.

A missed Buccaneer field goal attempt gave the ball and the chance to win to KC. The Rangers ran the ball three times, and on fourth down Casas converted the 37-yard game-winning attempt.

KC's Rueben Ramirez contributed to the Rangers' field position battle, averaging 47 yards on 6 punts.

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Fans deliver for Rangers

Over the last six years, I've never been close to going hoarse while covering a football game. After KC's home win over Blinn Sept. 27, I cannot say that anymore.

Quite simply, more than one play in the Rangers' 20-17 victory in triple overtime ignited spontaneous cheers from every person in the press box.

The night was a roller coaster of emotions for both sides. I can't tell you how proud I was to watch hundreds of spectators stay for all four hours of the contest, including Dr. Bill Holda, KC president, and

other faculty who joined fans in standing for all three overtime periods.

But it didn't take overtime to get fans into the game. Even after the Buccaneers jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, cheers of "DE-FENSE!" could be heard in the stands later in the first quarter.

When KC took a 10-7 lead early in the third quarter, the sense of anticipation was evident. The Rangers turned the ball over twice inside the Blinn 10 yard-line, but the momentum never seemed to significantly shift in favor of the Bucs.

Blinn scored 10 points in a five-minute period of the fourth quarter and quickly regained possession with a 17-10 advantage. After what appeared to be the game-clinching first down, which would have allowed Blinn to run out the clock, a penalty negated the play and gave the

Rangers another chance.

The Rangers made the most of it. Matt Jones sacked Blinn quarterback Terrance Cain on the next play and KC's Shane Fry engineered a game-tying drive in the final two minutes.

The going only got tougher in overtime for Blinn, which entered the game averaging 489 yards of offense per game. The KC defense forced its first two turnovers of the game on the final two Buccaneer drives while holding Blinn to 244 total yards.

After missing two opportunities to win the game in overtime, Rico Casas found the third time to be a charm when he booted a 37-yard field goal to finally put an end to the marathon.

Although it was just a regular season contest, the implications could be massive for the Southwest

Junior College Football Conference as the season wears on. No. 1 Navarro College sits atop the conference with a 3-0 mark, but still has a Nov. 1 date with No. 8 Blinn College looming on the schedule. KC is settled in a second-place log-jam with fellow 2-1 teams Blinn, Trinity Valley and Northeastern Oklahoma.

Whether or not the Rangers even make the playoffs this year, a lot of people will not forget the riveting matchup one fall evening at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

KC's football team had its back against the wall and the fans delivered in the clutch. Well done KC fans, well done.

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Fullback Frank Rodriguez (right) withstands a hit by Blinn's C.J. Parish to gain yards after catching a pass.

KC records first road win at Arkansas Baptist, 21-7

Ryan Griffin
Sports Editor

Defense was the key for the Rangers in a 21-7 win over Arkansas Baptist College last Saturday at Quigley Stadium in Little Rock.

ABC's special teams scored the only Buffalo touchdown on a kickoff return in the second half.

KC held a 7-0 halftime lead, scoring on the first drive of the game. Quarterback

Shane Fry hooked up with All-American tight-end Woody McClendon for a 17-yard touchdown completion, with less than two minutes burned off the clock.

A defensive battle ensued for the remainder of the game, as the game's next score came in the fourth quarter, with 6:30 left on the clock. Fry tossed a 14-yard strike to receiver Darius Perkins to increase KC's lead to 14-0.

On the following kickoff, Micah McDonald scored the lone Buffalo touchdown on a 98-yard return, trimming the Ranger lead to 14-7.

Fry threw his third touchdown of the afternoon late in the fourth quarter, leaving the final score at 21-7.

Fry finished with 192 yards and three touchdowns on 12 of 20 passes.

KC's defense held ABC to 71 yards rushing on 39 attempts,

as ABC restrained KC's rushing attack to 57 yards on 30 carries.

Cornelius Shackelford ran for 45 yards on 14 carries. LaRon Elmer had 25 yards on nine attempts.

KC is 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference. Arkansas Baptist is 2-4 overall and 0-3 in its inaugural season in the conference.

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Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	Fort Scott	L 40-20
Sept. 6	Tyler	W 31-0
Sept. 20	@ Navarro	L 28-10
Sept. 27	Blinn (30T)	W 20-17
Oct. 4	@ Arkansas Baptist	W 21-7
Oct. 11	@ Tyler	3 p.m.
Oct. 18	Trinity Valley	3 p.m.
Oct. 25	@ NEO	3 p.m.
Nov. 1	Cisco	3 p.m.
Nov. 8	Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 15	Championship	TBA
Dec. 6	Bowl Game	TBA

LA Stories FROM PAGE 1

CREEPY CRAWLIES

Bindy Tice
TRIO/SSS Fast Track Program



The TRIO staff always enjoyed "swarming termite season" in the LA Building. Each spring for about 10 days termites would take over our offices and eat our bulletin boards and swarm in our faces. We had to spray Final Net hair spray on them to kill them. Nothing said "welcome" like a bunch of termites flying in our students' faces! We also enjoyed hanging a HUGE black spider on the tree outside of my window on Halloween and watching the students scream! We had reflective paper on our windows so they couldn't see us laughing at them. One day the entire football team was in my office laughing at the spider "victims." For some reason the spider scared more boys than girls.

ELEVATOR TRAUMA

Dawn Apple
Watson Library



I will never forget the time when Karen Johnson and I were on our way to a departmental meeting on the second floor of the LA building. We went in the east entrance, and the elevator door was open. Although we both normally took the stairs, we entered the elevator, thinking that the open door was good timing. The elevator stopped just short of the second floor. We spent the next hour hovering between floors as well as between calm and panic. During the first few minutes of our confinement, the elevator bounced about two inches up and down. The bouncing, combined with the panic and lack of fresh air nauseated us. Fortunately, a maintenance worker was able to make the elevator stop bouncing quite some time before he was able to get us out. Needless to say, I never get on an elevator without my cell phone"

"IT SMELLS LIKE S--- IN HERE"

Mike Turpin
Institutional Planning / Student Services

The Counseling Center was located on the north end of the first floor. Throughout the year, the soil would expand and contract according to its moisture content. In the hot, dry summer, the broken sewer line coming from the women's restroom would fill the air with the unmistakable aroma of methane. One afternoon, a student entered the office and said, "It smells like s--- in here." The counselors looked at him and simply said, "Exactly." The smell got worse during the later years that the building was occupied. The maintenance department's solution was to pour sulfuric acid down the toilets to clean the line. The vice president's solution was to order an extra large case of Lysol spray. The counselors' solution was to light lots of candles and hope that they didn't blow up the building.

ON SOLID GROUND?

Bill Holda
President

You had to be careful about what bathroom you went into, because, depending on the day, the doors might not close. If it was dry and they had fallen, the door would scrape on the bottom. If it rained, they would come up. Even the doors in the main hallways would start to close and then just open. The mud underneath the building would contract and the floor would go down. You could put a marble on the main hallway and it would roll toward the middle when it was dry. Then when it rained, you could put a marble in the middle and it would roll to the edges. Then once a year all the termites would infest. You would have flies everywhere.

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A student navigates through the main hallway in the LA Building in-between classes. The second floor of the building was reopened for classes this year after being closed for several years.

AG CLUB

Show team garners awards at ET Fair

Hannah Bryce
Staff Writer

Four KC Show Team members earned reserve awards for their livestock Sept. 24 at the East Texas State Fair in Tyler. Bretsyn Jones, Mt. Pleasant freshman, placed Intermediate Reserve Bull with the only bull shown by KC Show Team.

Jessica Jordan, Carlisle freshman, placed Intermediate Reserve Heifer with the calf she showed. Katie Philpot, Union Grove freshman, received Sr. Reserve Heifer with oldest heifer shown by the KC team.

Brandon Reynolds, Wynona sophomore, placed second in his class division. The show team will exhibit the calves again at the Louisiana State Fair on Oct. 22 and 23.

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Sweepstakes FROM PAGE 1

J.C. Derrick - 2nd, news writing; 3rd, feature writing; honorable mention, sports news; honorable mention, sports feature.
Chatty Easley - 1st, advertising (single ad)
Sarah Fields-Thomas - 2nd, layout and design
Rick Gray - 1st, picture or page panel, 3rd sports photo
Melissa Greene - 1st, picture or page panel, 2nd, news photo; 3rd, in-depth/investigative reporting
Hayden Henry - 3rd, in-depth/investigative reporting; honorable mention, editorial writing

Anna Katzkova - 1st, in-depth/investigative reporting
Sara Knight - 3rd, column writing; 3rd, in-depth/investigative reporting
Drew Nelson - 1st, sports photo; 3rd, sports action photo
Cherokee Robinson - 2nd, sports feature
Kyle Shipp - 1st, sports news; 2nd, sports feature.
The Flare staff also received 1st and 2nd in headline writing. Editors from the Texas Associated Press were judges for the contest.

Flare advisers are Bettye Craddock and O. Rufus Lovett. "We are so pleased and proud to bring KC yet another sweepstakes," Derrick said. "A lot of the credit for this honor goes to the talented Flare staff of last school year, many of whom are now at universities. Their hard work and dedication have paved the way for the success of those who are working in the journalism program this year."

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Heritage FROM PAGE 1

anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates its independence Sept. 16, and Chile celebrates its independence on Sept. 18. "I am very proud of working for KC because of the effort to reach out to the Hispanic community," said Margarita Talavera said. Speakers will include Talavera, Manny Almanza, coordinator of marketing and outreach; Dinorah Malik, Longview Economic Development Corp. business director; and Dr. Bill Holda, KC president. "Thirty-four percent of East Texans are Hispanic, and KC has great services and opportunities for the Hispanic population, and the overall population equally," Almanza said.



The term "Hispanic," as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States, regardless of race. In the 2000 Census, people of Hispanic origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other. More than 35 million people in the United States identified themselves as Hispanic.

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the staff speaks out **OUR VIEW**

TELEVISION BEST IN MODERATION

With the 1930s commercial advent of television, man's dreams to see what is happening in the city next to them and, ultimately, the world at large had been realized.

In 35 years, most of the world was watching television and gaining understanding and seeing sights and images they had never had access to before.

Now, as television begins the first steps of evolving into digital format in the United States, the level of impact is enormous. But as television viewer-ship and availability expand, are we completely convinced that the impact will lead to a betterment of society, or will it be a detriment?

Studies by the University of Maine link excessive television viewing (three to five hours per day) habits in children to more violent and aggressive behavior, poor school performance, obesity, early sexual activity, and drug or alcohol abuse.

The findings cite a child's need for development of the bodies and brains, what the Parent as Teacher National Center calls a child's need to "explore, move, manipulate, smell, touch and repeat as they learn."

Television does not offer these necessary stimulations for healthy development.

The question of the degradation of society must also be considered in a dialogue about the effects of television, as it impacts the whole of society.

The UM study shows that the average American child is exposed to 12,000 violent acts on television a year. Children's programming is also affected, as average children's programming contains about 20 violent acts an hour.

As the saying goes, "Monkey see, monkey do." The American Psychological Association Help Center suggests that desensitization to violence and a development of aggressive behaviors would naturally result from excessive viewing of television.

Despite these adverse effects, there are some bright spots to television.

Karen Jaffe, from the Family Education Network, praised the effects of educational programming, saying that it positively affected social behavior and creativity. The Research Center for Families and Children corroborated these findings, stating that "children who watched a moderate amount of TV performed better academically than those children who excessively watched television or those children who did not watch television at all."

Educationally, television programming also has obvious benefits; channels such as PBS and the History Channel serve as effective educational outlets for our visually oriented culture. These types of programming are often more effective in improving audience information retention and can tackle a wider scope of material than a textbook.

All in all, television has proven to serve best in moderation. Television viewing should always serve as a supplement to creative thought and ingenuity, rather than a substitute.

VANDALS STRIKE

With three straight losses to KC, including a 31-0 shellacking last month, apparently the TJC Apaches thought a little vandalism is just what they needed to get their pathetic football program out of the conference gutter.

Between midnight and 2 a.m. Thursday morning, the lawn and sidewalks around the Turk Fine Arts Center were assaulted by juveniles with nothing better to do. Maybe the Apaches are trying to find solace after Blinn massacred them last week, 52-3. Maybe they are so delusional to think they really do "rule" even though KC defeated Blinn the week before, 20-17.

We should probably all just be understanding to the suffering Apaches, because it's obvious they are trying to make memories in whatever way they can. Clearly, they won't be doing anything noteworthy on the football field.



Flick Gray/The Flare

'Sylvia' offered something for everyone - except kids

I have a confession to make. My first chapter test in speech did not go so well, so I squeezed in a trip to see KC's play "Sylvia" for the sole purpose of collecting the 10 bonus points my speech instructor offered.

Since I enrolled at KC earlier this year, I have heard quite a bit about the quality of our theatre program. Now I know why. It is really good.

I was out of town for three days with The Flare staff the week of the production, so I barely managed to slide into a seat for the last showing Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5. I have to say, I was very impressed.

Performing for a decent-sized crowd, the acting on the part of all six members of the cast was excellent. It's a shame so many students had to be bribed into attendance, because the show was well worth the time and money. Still, I realize many of my fellow students were just eager to get their program stamped and escape the premises with their 10 points in tow.

The story of "Sylvia" centered around a middle-aged man, Greg (played by Ryan Ketchum), who is having something of a mid-life crisis when a dog arrives in his life. The dog, Sylvia (Maigan Ford), ends up stealing the heart of her owner, much to the chagrin of Greg's wife, Kate (Breanna Harriage). After a lengthy struggle, Greg agrees to give Sylvia away in a compromise, only to have Kate allow the dog to stay.

Having never seen the play before, I really was unsure how it would finish. For a while it looked as if the dog would split up the marriage, but in the end level heads prevailed.

I found the moral of the story to be quite refreshing. In a world with more than enough selfish people, the audience of "Sylvia" was treated to a first-hand glimpse of self-sacrifice. We could certainly use a lot more of that.

Love is a choice, and it was great to see two people making the right one. Putting first the needs and desires of the other person is a critically important -- dare I say essential -- component of marriage. Maybe if more people understood that our nation would see more than half of its marriages survive.

The one glaring detraction to the show was its adult language. While the play had plenty of funny moments and contained a good moral in the end, I wonder if the same end could have been accomplished with less than 31 cuss words (that was my unofficial count) and several crude sexual references. If I printed the words here, I would probably be fired and lose my scholarship. If I came into class with a string of profanities, I doubt my instructor would just ignore it and go on with class. But somehow such language is considered effective in a play. Or maybe it's just cool.

Regardless, as I looked around the Van Cliburn Auditorium, I was saddened to think that children had been discouraged from coming due to the language. Surely they would have enjoyed the show as well -- and others would have enjoyed it more without the language.

During the play, Kate spoke of how kids are fascinated with words. Good point. I think it would be a good idea if we all watched our language a little bit more in the future. I've never once heard of complaints because a production didn't use enough profanity.

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REVIEW

Comedy leaves audience rolling

Brilliant, wonderful, hilarious; these are just a few of the words one might have heard when leaving the Van Cliburn Auditorium during the last week. The theatre's latest production, "Sylvia," left audience members with aching sides. A wonderfully funny play to begin with, KC's fantastic actors along with director K.C. Crowe made the play their own and brought the characters to life with vigor and conviction.

From the wild and colorful humor of Sylvia, played by Maigan Ford, the often oblivious hilarity of Greg, played by Ryan Ketchum, and the quick wit of Kate, Greg's wife, played by Breanna Harriage, "Sylvia" keeps audience members rolling.

Sylvia had the audience cracking up when she spotted a cat on the street and the ensuing stream of profanity and death threats had the whole house in an uproar. Kate's witty references to Shakespearean works kept a constant thoughtful undertone throughout the duration of the play.

Along with the main cast, the side characters

provided their own sort of humor. Including the simple and accepting park-goer Tom and his "big fella" Bowser, Kate's tipsy and upper-crust friend Phyllis, and the gender explorative therapists Leslie, these side characters provided wonderful interludes of different, yet still extremely hilarious comedy, to supplement the play.

While the actors provided the entertainment, one couldn't help but appreciate the technical aspect of the show. Even watching for them, it was nearly impossible to see the grips as they made seamless transitions between scenes. The wonderfully planed lights provided a complete and well done wash of light, easily dispelled all shadows and provided measured and flawless scene transitions. The music and background noise very tastefully and tactfully incorporated park ambiance and great music.

Laramy Thomas is a freshman journalism major from Longview.

students speak out **YOUR VIEW**

Q. Does TV have a positive or negative impact on society? Why? How many hours a week do you watch TV?



Erica Ramos

Longview freshman

"Negative. Because they show more violence, drugs, etc. to teach people how it affects them which is mainly placing ideas in their heads."

No hours weekly TV watching.



Harrison Hartt

Tatum sophomore

"Negative. People watch too much TV. The personalities portrayed are often imitated by the public and destroys individuality."

One to 10 hours weekly TV watching.



Ramon Withanage

Negombo, Sri Lanka sophomore

"Positive. To be current with the information around the world."

One to 10 hours weekly TV watching.

BY THE NUMBERS

Does TV have a positive or negative impact on society?

(57 students polled)

POSITIVE
15

NEGATIVE
27

BOTH
15

answers to note...

"Both, some is good for educational purposes and awareness of what's going on in the world. Some encourages stupid and violent behavior."

- **Megan Zimmermann**
Hallsville freshman

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FRIDAY Partly cloudy. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s

SATURDAY Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

SUNDAY Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s

WEEKLY TOP 5

BOX OFFICE

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1. BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA
\$ 29.3 million

- EAGLE EYE - \$17.7 million
- NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST - \$11.3 million
- NIGHTS IN RODANTHE - \$7.3 million
- APPALOOSA - \$5 million

DVD SALES

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1. MADE OF HONOR

- SPEED RACER
- 88 MINUTES
- BABY MAMA
- THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

SONGS

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1. WOMANIZER
Britany Spears

- LIVE YOUR LIFE - T.I. feat. Rihanna
- SO WHAT - Pink
- LET IT ROCK - Kevin Rudolf feat. Lil Wayne
- WHATEVER YOU LIKE - T.I.

ALBUMS

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1. APPEAL TO REASON
Rise Against

- PAPER TRAIL - T.I.
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- LIFE IS NOT A WAITING ROOM - Senses Fail
- OK NOW - Jon McLaughlin

VIDEO GAMES

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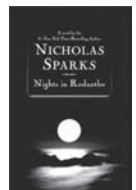


1. WII SPORTS
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- WII FIT - 129,437
- STAR WARS: THE FORCE UNLEASHED (X360) - 118,182
- LEGO BATMAN: THE VIDEOGAME (Wii) - 109,767
- LEGO BATMAN (X360) - 105,026

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1. NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
Nicholas Sparks

- THIRD DEGREE - Greg Iles
- BOOK OF THE DEAD - Patricia Cornwell
- DEAD UNTIL DARK - Charlene Harris
- STONE COLD - David Baldacci

PAPERBACK NONFICTION

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1. THREE CUPS OF TEA
Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

- EAT, PRAY, LOVE - Elizabeth Gilbert
- SARAH - Kaylene Johnson
- THE AUDACITY OF HOPE - Barack Obama
- CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR LIFE - Daniel G. Amen



International students display signs from their home countries with their names in their native language.

Mercedes Sepaugh/THE FLARE

INTERNATIONALS

36 countries represented on campus

Drae Benfield
Staff Writer

Many students at KC may not have American faces. These are KC's international students. The program began in 1990 with two students and has been going strong for the last 18 years.

"They just kind of fell into my lap," said Brenda Thornhill, director of international programs. "Dr. Holda asked me to start this program in 1990. His belief was that KC had a lot to offer the international students, and more importantly, they offered a lot of things to our East Texas community."

Bill Holda, who was the new KC Registrar at the time, said he felt it was important to have students experience college with an international flavor.

"We live in a world community and we owe it to the students to give them an experience of being in the world community," said Holda, who has been president since 1996. "It's part of our mission to provide the students with a world view and one of the best ways to do that is to be around people from other countries. It helps all of us appreciate diversity of cultures and nationalities."

About 140 international students are enrolled in the international program this semester, a number which has remained constant for the past two years. The students come to KC from all over the world, including Kenya, Costa Rica, Japan, Gabon, Chile, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Korea and many other countries.

Many come to KC by "word of mouth" after hearing of the college through friends and family

members. Other international students choose KC over other schools because they like the climate. A few other reasons include the fact that Texas is one of the cost effective states for college tuitions; KC offers on campus dorms; and the English classes attracted them here.

"I came here, because it was cheaper than other colleges," said Risa Uejo, Okinawa, freshman. "I like it here, because there is nothing to do; time goes slow. It's not a busy place and I like that."

International students also enjoy making new American friends.

"Students like to intermingle with Americans," Thornhill said. "Many of the international students come to Kilgore College speaking little or no English. Most are able to comprehend some English, but slang is still hard for them

though." According to Thornhill, most international students initially want to go to California or New York, because it is what they have seen in the movies.

"They will tell you that, because they've seen New York and the big cities in movies," Thornhill said. "When they start looking at price, that's the most important."

Majors for international students vary from anything such as corrosion technology to nursing, Thornhill said.

Of the 36 countries represented at KC, South Korea has the most with 15. International students come to KC on many different visas. Others are work, religious, fire academy or Optional Practical Training visas.

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