Kilgore College will once again honor former standout athletes and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend, Oct. 18-19.

The golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 18, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

Hall of Fame members will also be recognized during halftime of the KC versus Southeast Prep football game at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

“I always look forward to the Hall of Fame event because it is one of the most inspirational events of the year,” said Jimmy Rieves, athletic director. “It is such a hard task to narrow down all of the great student-athletes and contributors who have come through our doors over the years.”

The golf tournament will be a two-man scramble at Southern Hills Golf Course in Gladewater, sponsored by KC and Trinity Mother Francis Hospital. All proceeds will benefit KC Athletics.

According to Rieves, there is still plenty of time to register a team. Also, the college is looking for hole sponsors for the golf tournament or any business that can donate door prizes.

For more information, contact Gail Jackson, athletic secretary, at 903-988-7537.

Athletic Department announces Hall of Fame inductees

Rangerette Revels is April 10-13
SHOW DEDICATED TO FORMER RETTE DIRECTOR DEANA BOLTON-COVIN

Tickets to the 68th annual Rangerette Revels variety show are now on sale at the Rangerette Revels Box Office, located on the first floor of the Rangerette Gymnasium on the Kilgore campus.

This year’s show, “The Rangerette Express,” is dedicated to former Rangerette director Deana Bolton-Covin in honor of her 20th year of retirement and her 90th birthday.

Show times are 7 p.m. nightly, Wednesday thru Friday, April 10-12, with two performances on Saturday, April 13, at 1 and 7 p.m.

Tickets are $20 each and are all reserved.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To purchase tickets by phone with a credit card, call 903-983-8179, or order tickets online at www.rangerette.com.

KC students can pick up a free ticket to the Wednesday performance from the box office with a current student identification card.

For more information, contact the box office at 903-983-8179, or e-mail: revels@kilgore.edu.

INDUCTEES WILL INCLUDE:

Football:
Kyle Cunningham (player from 1978-79)
C.G. Mata (player from 1961-62)
Leonard Carey (player in 1969)

Men’s Basketball:
Tom Farrell (player in 1966)

Women’s Basketball:
Cheron Wells (player in 1989)

Teams:
1993-94 Men’s Basketball Team

Contributor:
David Castles: KC teacher, coach and athletic director
Legislative Update

With the 83rd Legislature more than halfway complete, the real time for action begins this week. The Senate Finance Committee passed out a bill which was negotiated over a 10-day period with a few difficult moments. At the end of the process, none of us achieved everything we wanted; however, we did achieve consensus – that is, “We can live with that.”

The House passed a very different version, so as the process moves forward, we will need to try to get the House version to conform to the Senate version as much as possible. On Thursday, April 4, we will attempt a floor amendment to the House rider which restores to biennial distribution, not an annual distribution. We will let everyone know what involvement we will need next week. Here is the core of the Senate compromise:

1. Approximately $151 million new funding will be put in the instructional formula. This includes a starting point of $147 million plus about $4 million in the former small institution supplements which will be rolled into the total.
2. This new infusion of $151 million will bring our starting instructional grand total to about $1.8 billion.
3. $50 million will be set aside as core funding.
4. Approximately $175 million will comprise success (outcomes based) funding.
5. Health Insurance (HEGI) will be a 50/50 split and will codify in statute so that it cannot decrease. Our current rate was 42.1 percent. New funds of $45 million will be put into HEGI.
6. Retirement will end up as a 50/50 split, with $8 million to $10 million in new funding.
7. We will agree to language form the previous session which ties the growth of eligible employees to enrollment growth.
8. The Senate has agreed to the rider language which will eliminate the mid-biennium redistribution of formula, which resulted in 37 of our 50 institutions losing funds last year.
9. The Senate has agreed to rider language to specify that the performance outcomes based funding will be based on a model which allows us to compete against ourselves, rather than competing for a common pool of funds.

So... what are the good points about all of this?

1. Proportionality is no longer an issue; we are into the cost share models approved by both groups.
2. We have an infusion of $200 million – one of the largest increases in state funding in our history.
3. We have stable models of cost sharing which allow us to anticipate future costs.
4. We were successful in all of the riders which we proposed. Of significant note is the agreement to eliminate a mid-biennium reallocation.

What is the downside?

I wish we could have negotiated a larger percentage cost share of benefits. However, given the environment and landscape – the hand we were dealt – this was the best deal we could extract.

Very soon we will focus on the House members – we will need your involvement and action!

Raymond Caldwell, Artistic Director and Founder of the Texas Shakespeare Festival, was featured in The Texas Theatre Journal, the official annual publication of the Texas Educational Theatre Association. Caldwell was selected to be the first person profiled for the journal’s new feature, “Theatre Profile” because of his work in Texas educational theatre. The three-page article summarizes his career in educational theatre, focusing on the Texas Shakespeare Festival and his work at KC. It also includes a full-page portrait photo taken by Jon Vashey, KC photographer. The journal is distributed to members of the Texas Educational Theatre Association.

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Nominate service learning award candidates
In honor of National Volunteer Week, every KC employee can nominate students and/or campus clubs/organizations who have been involved in community service or service learning, demonstrating a passion for service. The survey will only be available until Friday, April 5. To nominate students or campus organizations, visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Service_Learning_Award_by_Faculty.

Get your yearbook photo taken Tuesday, April 2
A makeup day for the 2013 Ranger Yearbook employee/staff group photos is Tuesday, April 2, in the Devall Room (across from the KC Bookstore). Times for the photos are 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. Come by yourself or come with a group -- but please show up to be photographed!

Nominate students to become orientation leaders
Student Services is looking for outstanding students to be Orientation Leaders this summer. If you have any students with the following qualifications, please have them pick up an application in Gail Jackson’s office (Student Services, Office #120). They are looking for students with a 2.5 GPA or better; second semester student preferred; friendly and outgoing; hard working and responsible; and someone who is respectable and dependable.