Perryman unveils economic impact of dance industry

Famed economist Dr. Ray Perryman revealed at a press conference April 30 that the dance/drill team industry, inspired by the Rangerettes, brings in more than $8 billion per year. The report was released by Perryman in Kilgore College’s Devall Student Center Devall Room.

The study was an in-kind donation to the Rangerettes’ 75th Anniversary Committee, completed at no charge by Perryman’s well-known economics group in Waco, The Perryman Group.

“What are now cornerstones of halftime

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KC named as one of top 150 community colleges nationwide

Kilgore College was chosen as one of the top 150 community colleges nationwide that qualified to move on to the second round of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The 150 eligible institutions were chosen from more than 1,000 colleges nationwide, representing 37 states. All 150 colleges chosen for the second round demonstrated strong outcomes in three areas of student success:

1) Rate of students’ persistence, completion and transfer
2) Consistent improvement in outcomes over time
3) Equity in outcomes for students of all racial/ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

A $1 million prize will be awarded in early 2015 to one community college.

Ten finalists will be publicized nationwide in the fall of 2014.

KC is one of 17 community colleges in Texas chosen to qualify to move on to round two. MORE

Geology instructor
Paul Buchanan graduation speaker

KC Geology instructor Dr. Paul Buchanan will be the commencement speaker May 9 at the two graduation ceremonies at 2 and 6 p.m.

Buchanan, a native of Tyler, is a sponsor ofPhi Theta Kappa and was awarded the Hamilton F. and Kathryn Beeson Teaching Award this year. He was also KC’s 2014 Piper Professor Nominee.

Buchanan graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1976 with a bachelor’s degree. He then graduated from Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Col., with a Master’s Degree in Geophysics.

He then worked as a Senior Geophysicist for ARCO Oil and Gas Co. from 1978-86 and received his Ph.D. in Geology and Planetary Science from the University of Houston in 1995.

After completing his Ph.D., he worked in a variety of foreign and domestic locations teaching and doing research. These locations included the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa), the University of Vienna (Austria), the Natural Science Museum (Berlin, Germany) and the National Institute for Polar Research (Tokyo, Japan).

Buchanan was also a National
President’s perspective

Managing the Stress of Change

I know that I have dealt with this topic in previous columns; however, this month, I am struck once again with the multi-dimensional changes facing Kilgore College.

As we look at numerous retirements of long-time employees, the conversion to a new software system, the selection of a new Vice President of Instruction, the development of a new facilities master plan, the changes we will have to make regarding HB5 and public education program delivery, the possible advent of three potential early college high schools, the consideration of alternate schedules for instruction and conference hours, as well as the demands to consider radical changes to impact student success, I cannot help but be almost overwhelmed with the dimensions of change that Kilgore College must embrace to further its mission in the next few years.

These changes will naturally unsettle many of us and challenge us to think outside of the parameters that have defined our existence and our practice for many years. These challenges can be formidable and definitely cause a loss of equilibrium.

At the same time, these changes can be exciting – even exhilarating! In my own life, as I near the final few years of my professional career, I realize that I will not be able to oversee many of the changes and developments that must occur; however, I hope to put in place many of the structures and processes that will propel these changes for years after I am no longer present.

As I ponder the ways in which to personally handle these multiple changes, I come back to the principles and traditions that have governed Kilgore College for almost 80 years – we must serve our students, serve our community, embrace our role as leaders in learning, technology, innovation and care for those entrusted to us.

The old Chinese curse, “May you live in interesting times” will certainly apply to us in the days and weeks to come.

Let’s stay in touch and keep our lines of communication very effective as we manage this change.

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shows across the country – precision dance and drill teams – owe much to the innovative Rangerettes,” Perryman said.

“This industry as a whole generates a sizable economic stimulus of an estimated $8.3 billion in total expenditures and $4.0 billion in gross product each year, as well as more than 50,700 permanent jobs across the nation.”

The economic study reveals numbers for 2013, reflecting public and private elementary and secondary school precision dance teams, as well as public and private college and university and professional sports franchise precision dance teams.

The Rangerettes’ first halftime performance was Sept. 15, 1940, under the direction of Miss Gussie Nell Davis.

The press conference was a precursor to the beginning of the Rangerettes’ 75th Anniversary with the selection of the 75th line.

FACULTY & STAFF reports

Kilgore College Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Jim Taylor, performed March 25 at the Meyerson Center in Dallas – one of the finest performance halls in the world – with the Texas A & M at Commerce choir and concert band in a 20-minute work commissioned by James Syler by TAMU-C. Two other community colleges were invited as well, making a 160-voice chorus.

Librarians Susan Wilson and Susan Black attended the Texas Library Association’s Conference in San Antonio, April 9-11.

Staci Martin, Registrar and Director of Admissions, has been selected for membership in the Texas Tech University chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest, most selective and most prestigious all-discipline honor society. Membership is by invitation only to Texas Tech’s top 7.5 percent of second-term juniors and the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students. Martin is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration at Texas Tech.


Good News:

Congratulations to Caitlyn Dobbs, daughter of Melissa Dobbs, Counselor at KC-Longview. Caitlyn will graduate May 10 from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with her Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science in Pre-Physical Therapy. She will begin her Doctorate program in Physical Therapy in August at Texas Woman’s University in Dallas. Also, her daughter Kelsey Dobbs, who is a Junior at Spring Hill High School, recently won the girls’ district championship in golf. Her team also won first place in district.

News & Reminders:

Dance Concert set for May 2

The broad range of skills of Kilgore College dance students can be seen at the annual Spring Dance Concert set for 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, in Van Cliburn Auditorium. This will be Beckman’s final dance concert after serving as KC’s dance instructor for 34 years. The choreography is a collaboration of the students and instructors Cathy Beckman and Shelley Wayne. Tickets are $10, $5 for students with KC ID. Photo by O. Rufus Lovett

Student artwork on display through May 5

Student artwork of the Kilgore College Visual Arts Department will be on display on the Kilgore campus until May 5. The artwork and photos will be displayed in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery in the Fine Arts Building. The display represents some of the best drawings, photography, sculpture, graphic design and photography that students have created this spring. The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free.
calendar

1, Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Van Cliburn Auditorium
TRIO Spring Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Ballroom
2, Dance Concert, 8 p.m., Van Cliburn Auditorium
4, Piano Concerto Program, 3 p.m., Van Cliburn Auditorium
5-8, Final Exams
9, Spring Graduations, 2 and 6 p.m., Dodson Auditorium
   Basketball tryouts, 1 p.m., Masters Gym
   PTA Pinning Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Ballroom
   ADN Pinning Ceremony, 9 a.m., Dodson Auditorium
10, Twirler tryouts, 8 a.m., Masters Gymnasium
14, May Mini Courses begin
17, Cheerleader Tryouts, 8 a.m., Parks Fitness Center
   New Student Orientation
20, New Student Orientation
26, Campus Closed, Memorial Day
30, May Mini Courses End

News & Reminders:

Take online dance/drill team survey

The 75th Anniversary Committee is collecting data for the next 60 days with an online survey. Anyone who has participated in dance/drink team in any capacity or just watched a performance can take this survey. The data will be used to produce fun statistics about the Rangerettes and precision dance/drink teams. It will also help the Rangerette organization to reconnect with Rangerette Forevers. Final statistics will be posted on Rangerette social media during the 365-day celebration beginning in August.

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Research Council Research Associate at Johnson Space Center in Houston. His research during this time centered mostly on Vesta and on the igneous Bushveld Complex of South Africa. For the past seven years, he has taught geology at KC and has been active in faculty affairs, serving as the Faculty Senate President from 2009-10.

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