Vice President’s Message
By Dr. Orlando Moreno, VP Brown County Center

Welcome back
It is with utmost pleasure that I welcome all of you to Ranger College’s Spring semester. Ranger College is running on all cylinders. The opportunities you have at this institution of higher learning are countless; be it academics, athletics or civic involvement.

Therefore, it is no surprise that Ranger College is the fifth fastest-growing two-year college in the United States. Last semester was very productive and this semester promises to be even better.

In December, 51 students from various programs graduated at the ceremony held at Coggin Ave. Baptist Church in Brownwood. Presently, Ranger’s hard working boys’ basketball team continues its thrilling winning streak and Phi Theta Kappa is setting a great example with its varied and interesting programs. These examples represent just a couple of the great activities available at Ranger College.

Get involved!
This year the college has added an exciting new program to its curriculum. The Study in Spain program includes four and six week study/travel options for the summer of 2016. Ranger College offers participating students college credits in language, fine arts or humanities.

The four-week program is scheduled July 2-29 and the six week program for June 16-July 29. There’s information posted on the college’s website, and printed information is available in the library at the main campus, and at the centers in Brown County and Stephenville.

If interested or for more information, contact me at omoreno@rangercollege.edu or at 325-203-5014.

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER.
Ranger College Student Spotlight

Name: Mason Thayer
Hometown: Ranger, Texas
People would be surprised to know: I plan to live in France in 2 years.
The person I admire most: My mother.
What do you usually do when you have leisure time on your hands? Read books, study French, watch films
How many siblings do you have? Three brothers and one sister.
When do you usually do your homework? On Friday
If you had to be stranded on a deserted island with one person who would you want that one person to be? Tom Hardy or a young Marlon Brando
Where is the farthest you have ever traveled? Boston
Future plans: Be a professor in France, live a happy life and make many friends on the way
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Ranger College Faculty Spotlight

Name: Kevin Daily

Hometown: Wayne, Michigan - (between Detroit and Ann Arbor)

Position: Full time Speech Instructor and Coach of RC Speech & Debate Team

Family: Have 3 cats - Snoopie, Woodstock, and Lucy

My 15 minutes of fame: One summer during college, I was working as a waiter at an Irish Pub and came across several other students who had just gotten back from a Madonna concert at Cobo Hall in Detroit. I had thought the concert was sold out, but they let me know you could get some tickets from “scalpers.” So my friends and I went down there “looking for tickets” and “dressed for the occasion.” So I gelled my hair back, threw on a white t-shirt under a thrift store blazer I got for 50 cents and ripped my jeans to be “cool.”

Before we got tickets from a scalper, we ran into a photo journalist from the Detroit Free Press newspaper. She asked “could we take a few pictures of you?” Of course I obliged and then asked “you don’t have any extra tickets do you?” As she said “no” she wrote “NO TICKETS” on her notepad. We ended up getting tickets - which we all thought were “near the front row.” Well, the first ticket the scalper showed me was Row 8, but the
other tickets were way up in the stands. So, when we got to the venue, I showed the usher our “tickets” with the best seat on top and said, “we’re on the MAIN FLOOR” and he escorted all of us down right near the stage.

We had a blast and went home telling everyone what a GREAT time we had . . . And then, the following Thursday, one of my friends and I were on the front page of the Detroit Free Press Fashion Section dressed to attend the concert and under our picture was our names saying we had “no tickets.” Needless to say, we had some explaining to do to all our friends! Luckily, the concert was filmed and later distributed on VHS as “Madonna: Like a Virgin Tour” video. I can be seen in it several times cheering near the front row.

People would be surprised to know: I’ve cut my own hair the last 14 years of my life.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I’m pretty much a home body and love to do yard work and projects (refinishing furniture, painting, cooking) around the house.

How many siblings do you have? I’m the youngest of five.

What’s the best part of being at Ranger College? The people, especially the students! Every semester we get new students, some from all over the world, so it’s always changing. I feel like they keep me young with their perspectives and many times they make me recall fond memories of my times at university and in Grad School.

Where is the farthest you have ever traveled? Europe. I have a very good friend who lives in Brussels, Belgium. I met her my first day in college and have kept in communication with her. She got her Masters from Harvard University and went to Europe shortly after and has been there ever since.
February 2016
Ranger College - Calendar of Events

Feb. 1 - Texas Wesylan College recruiting event 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. in the cafeteria
Feb. 4 - Lip Singing Contest in RC Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Peer Educator Sponsored Game Night, 8 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Bingo Night, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Fat Tuesday
Feb. 11 - Valentine's Party, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Feb. 14 - Shuttles to Church, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 16 - Freshman Class meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Feb. 18 - Sophomore Class meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Feb. 18 - Black History program, 8 p.m.
Feb. 25 - Game Night, 8 p.m.
Feb. 29 - March 1 – Shattered Dreams

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February 2016
Ranger College Sports - Calendar of Events

Feb. 2 – RC Softball vs. Western Texas, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 3 – RC Basketball vs. McLennan, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 – RC Baseball at Wharton County, 6 p.m.
Feb. 5-6 – RC Softball at Cowtown Classic, TBA
Feb. 6 – RC Baseball at Wharton County, Noon & 2 p.m.
Feb. 8 – RC Softball at NE Texas Community College, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 10 – RC Basketball vs. Collin County, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12 – RC Baseball at Clarendon College, Noon & 2 p.m.
Feb. 12-13 – RC Softball at LSCPA Tournament in Beaumont
Feb. 13 – RC Baseball at Clarendon College, Noon & 2 p.m.
Feb. 16 – RC Softball at Clarendon College, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 18 – RC Baseball at Concordia University, 2 & 4 p.m.
Feb. 19 – RC Baseball at McMurry University, 2 & 4 p.m
Feb. 19-20 – RC Softball in Ft. Worth Tournament, TBA
Feb. 20 – RC Basketball vs. Cisco College, 2 p.m.
Feb. 20 – RC Basketball vs. Texas International, 4 p.m.
Feb. 24 – RC Softball vs. Odessa College, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 24 – RC Baseball vs. Western Texas, Noon & 3 p.m.
Feb. 26 – RC Softball vs. Western Oklahoma State, 1 & 3 p.m.
Feb. 27 – RC Softball at Odessa Tournament, TBA
Feb. 24 – RC Baseball at Western Texas, Noon & 3 p.m.
Feb. 29 – RC Softball at Western Texas, 1 & 3 p.m.
Former Kentucky, A&M coach looking to create ‘something special’ at RC

When Billy Clyde Gillispie stepped down as the head coach with the Texas Tech Red Raiders in 2012 due to health reasons, he couldn’t see anything on the horizon that might tempt him to return to a career that had taken him to the top of the basketball world and had him mentioned with the likes of legends Adolf Rupp, Guy V. Lewis and Coach K.

A funny thing happened on the way to retirement, though. Two old friends needed help.

Those friends, as it turned out, were Ranger College president William J. Campion and former RC coach Ron Butler. The two called and said they was looking for a qualified person to take over a struggling men’s basketball program at one of the smallest colleges in the state. That perfect someone, he was told by Campion and Butler, to bring basketball’s pulse back to Ranger College was none other than him.

At that moment, the man who had guided three Division I teams to the NCAA tournament knew he had found a new mission – make the same team that had given him a chance to play college basketball relevant again.

BCG was back.
“My love has always been basketball,” said Gillispie. “And I’ve always had fond memories of coming here and for what Coach Butler did for me, so when I was asked if I could help, I knew this was something I wanted to do. We want to create something special here … and we’re on the verge of doing that.”

“Really, the whole reason for me coming here was to create something special that the college and community here can be proud of,” said Gillispie. “I’ve always thought the college and the community’s here in surrounding areas have been disconnected to a point. The college is here and yet it seems we haven’t really connected with the people around here. That is something we all want to fix. We want to reach out to Ranger, Eastland, Gorman, Strawn, Stephenville and Brownwood, Comanche and all of the other towns that are around us and be their college.”

“This isn’t a bad place to start,” he added.
Although he admits to wanting to win every second of every game, Gillispie isn’t shy in admitting that he would much rather capture something even bigger. He would relish the opportunity to see his players get the opportunity to meet and get to know the same people that received him so well when he was younger.

“You know, I really want to set the world record for community service,” he said. “We haven’t had as much time lately to do that, but I want our guys to get to know the people here and for the people to be able to get to know and support them,” he said. “We want our players to be a part of this community, and to take that with them wherever they may go when they leave here. I remember that, and that sense of belonging here is something I want these young men to experience.”
Gillispie knows the one way for the Rangers to open the doors is for the team to succeed on the court. Wins bring excitement. Excitement brings people. People bring relationships.

The Rangers have more than lived up to their end of the bargain over the first half of the season. The team has won all 22 of its games this season on the court. Earlier this season, the RC squad cracked the NJCAA’s national poll, reaching as high as No. 16.

“We’re a work in progress,” Gillispie said. “We’re not anywhere near where we want to be, but we’re getting better every day. Our whole goal is to be something the people here can be proud to be part of, and be proud to come out and see.”

The former head coach at The University of Kentucky and Texas A&M said he and his team won’t slow down in their efforts to win and connect with the local communities. The team is planning to have players visit with local schools to meet students and read books to youngsters, and to visit churches and retirement centers, when possible.

“I would love for the people to get to know these young men, and to come see them play,” he said. “This is college basketball. These guys play some really exciting basketball. I want to encourage the people who live around here to come out and meet us and watch us play a brand of basketball. They might find that they like it.”
RC to hold $250 shopping give-away on Feb. 10

One lucky Ranger College basketball fans will walk away from the Ron Butler Gymnasium following the men's and women's basketball games on Feb. 10 as a big winner. And with plenty of things to come.

As part of its “Fan Appreciation” efforts, Ranger College – in conjunction with The Shoppin’ Basket grocery outlet – will be giving away a $250 shopping spree to a fan at the Rangers’ and Lady Rangers’ outing against Collin County Community College.

The game marks the final home conference game for both the men’s and women’s teams this season.

To be eligible to win the give-away, fans must have purchased a valid adult or student ticket to the games. Passes, free tickets and other specials will not apply and are ineligible to win. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at the half of the men’s game. The winner must be in attendance to claim the prize.
RC to debut Rowdy Rangers this spring

The Ranger College spirit is going to get amped up a few decibels this spring. Well, at least at the college baseball and softball games it will. Ranger College announced plans to field a “Rowdy Rangers’ cheering section this spring in mid-January. As part of the plan, approximately 100 students were recruited to attend the college’s spring sporting events in an effort to create the loudest cheering section in NJCAA history.

As part of the effort, the students will sit together and wear bright purple T-shirts with “Rowdy Rangers” on the front.

The 2016 spring season gets under way in February with the start of softball and baseball action.