

Drill Team History



Gussie Nell Davis

-Born November 4, 1906 in Farmersville, Texas

- In 1929, Gussie started the first Pep Squad at Greenville High School in Greenville, Texas.

-In 1940, she was hired by Kilgore Junior College to organize a group of girls to perform at the halftime during the college football games.

-This team is called the Kilgore College Rangerettes.



Gussie Nell Davis (cont.)

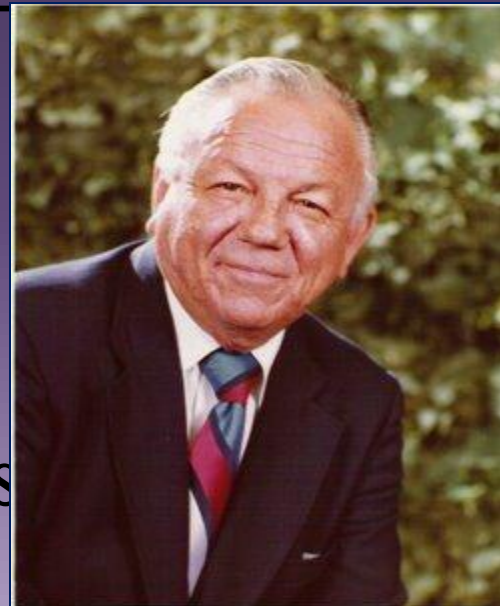
-In 1958, Miss Davis teamed up with Dr. Irving Dreibrodt to start a school to teach drill teams not only routines for the field, but the importance of being ladies.

-She was inducted into the Texas Woman's Hall Of Fame in 1990.

-Miss Gussie died on December 20, 1993 in Kilgore, Texas

“Beauty Knows No Pain”

~Gussie Nell Davis



Kilgore College Rangerettes (1940)

- The Rangerettes first debut on the football field was September 12, 1940.
- The Rangerettes are the first drill team created and most famous for their fabulous high kicks!
- Their trademark uniform is a simple red blouse, blue skirt & white leather gauntlets, boots and hat.
- The team has never had more than 40 girls.
- The team is lead by officers, 4 Lieutenants and 1 Captain.
- They perform high kick, streamer jazz & production on the field .







Kilgore College Rangerettes (1940)

- The Rettes have traveled all over the world! To name a few places: Venezuela, Hong Kong, France, New York City & Washington D.C.
- Their performances have consisted of the Bowl Games, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, U.S. Presidential Inaugural Ball, Cotton Bowl Classic, Dallas Cowboy Football Games & Indi 500 race week.



The Apache Belles

- The Belles were the second Drill Team of Texas created in September of 1947.
- This Belles were first known as the Apache Roses, but later changed it to the Apache Belles in December, 1947.
- The first uniform consisted of Heavy brown twill, fringe, an Indian head band, moccasins, a gold band around right ankle with an attached copper miniature cow bell.
- The Belles first performance was on September 27, 1947.



Tyler Apache Belles (1947)



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- The Apache Belles are also known for their High Kicks!
- They have made many special appearances in Magazines and Movies.
- They have traveled to many places such as Washington D.C., Ireland, Hawaii, Mexico & Dallas.

