

Epilogue



Farewell, Coach – Gene Thrailkill was teacher, mentor and friend to thousands of Pride of Oklahoma Marching Band members during the three decades that he served as director, from 1971 to 2001. Thrailkill – whose innovations included creating OU’s pregame show – died Nov. 10 at the age of 83. Days later, the Pride offered a moving halftime tribute to Thrailkill in which a heart-rending solo of *Auld Lang Syne* rose against the backdrop of Pride members forming the word “Coach” on Owen Field.