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Ex-President Visits Kansas State, Dem's Gathering

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — As his wife campaigned for the office he once held, former President Bill Clinton traveled Friday to Kansas to deliver two speeches, one as part of a lecture series named for a Republican icon, the second to a political gathering of fellow Democrats.

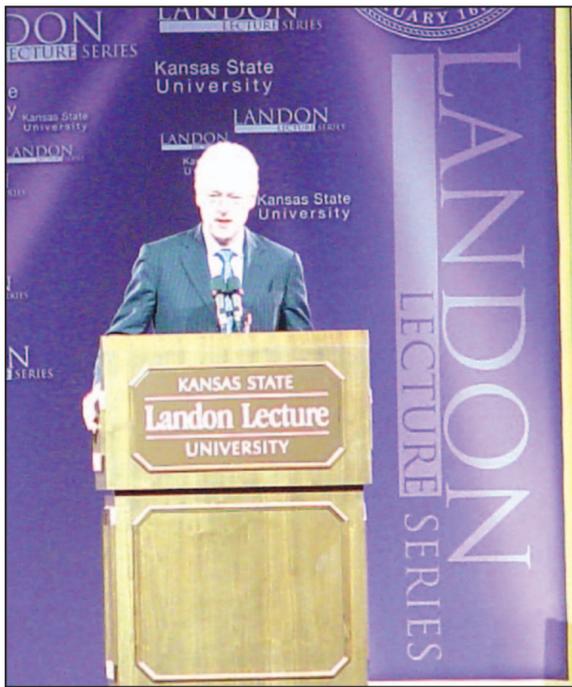
His first event was a 3:30 p.m. Landon Lecture inside Kansas State University's Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. The 41-year-old series is named for Gov. Alf Landon, the 1936 GOP nominee for president, and Clinton is the sixth sitting or former president to make an address.

The ex-president's second event was a 7 p.m. address to Kansas Democrats' annual Washington Days convention, naturally a more partisan audience.

While Kansas has a strong Republican heritage and Clinton lost the state handily in his 1992 and 1996 races, he still draws large crowds. About 9,000 people had free tickets to the Kansas State University speech, and 1,500 were expected to attend the Topeka event at a downtown hotel, paying \$125 a person. A Clinton speech at the University of Kansas in 2004 drew about 12,000 people.

His wife, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, announced her presidential candidacy in January. Her biggest perceived rival is Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, who addressed Kansas' Democratic convention last year.

In most decades, Kansas has been a Republican stronghold, and no Democratic presidential candidate has carried the state since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. Less than 27 percent of the state's 1.6



Former President Bill Clinton gave a Landon Lecture Friday. (Photo Cathy Gaides)

million voters are registered Democrats; there are more independents, and GOP voters outnumber Democrats by 322,000.

Yet the former president came to Kansas with his party enjoying relatively good political times. Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius easily won a second-term last year, and she's serving as chairwoman of the Democratic Governors Association and receiving some national attention. The party also had two high-profile converts win statewide office, Attorney General

Paul Morrison and Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson.

The Landon Lecture series as a history of attracting prominent political leaders and media figures.

President Bush delivered a lecture last year, as did President Ronald Reagan in 1982 and President Richard Nixon in 1970. Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter gave addresses after leaving office, Ford in 1978 and Carter in 1991. Reagan also delivered a lecture in 1967, when he was governor of California.

Clinton Says He Does Not Support Attack On Iran

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton said Friday sanctions against Iran were working better than people think and questioned whether a military strike would work to end its nuclear program.

He argued that two-thirds of Iran's population wants a moderate government and that sanctions could have some influence on the nation's powerful clerics.

"We may not have to go to war, and we may not have a disaster," he told about 9,000 gathered at Kansas State University. "You need to talk to everybody before you bomb them. In other words, if you're going to fight with somebody — I don't care

what you don't have in common — you should talk first."

The former president's comments answered audience questions following his 45-minute lecture. His remarks touched on a wide range of topics, including the need to improve health care and the economy in the United States and alleviate poverty abroad.

Officials from the United States and other major powers have been discussing imposing new sanctions against Iran over its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment. The U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions in December, but the Bush administration hasn't ruled out military action.

"We should be talking to the Iranians," Clinton said. "Attacking them is a whole different kettle of fish."

He came to Kansas while his wife is campaigning, though he didn't mention her bid for his former job during his lecture.

Clinton questioned some of President Bush's policies, though he didn't criticize Bush directly.

He said the No Child Left Behind education reform initiative imposed too much testing and didn't do enough to help schools with problems. He echoed other Democrats' statements that ending violence in Iraq requires both a political and military solution.

He also cited a recent nuclear disarmament accord with North Korea, saying: "I happen to think it's pretty good deal, and I was delighted to see it happen, but it was produced by diplomacy."

Kite's To Host Manhattan Arts Center's Blarney Breakfast

Join the Manhattan Arts Center at Kite's Bar and Grill for the annual Blarney Breakfast fundraiser, Saturday, March 17th, for green eggs and ham, and much more from 7:30 am until 10:30 am. Celebrate St. Patrick's day by eating a delicious breakfast for a good cause.

Adult tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door, and children's tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at the Manhattan Arts Center, Claflin Books & Copies, The Dusty Bookshelf in Aggieville or from any Manhattan Arts Center board member. For more information, call (785) 537-4420. Manhattan Arts Center box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Manhattan Arts Center is located at 1520 Poyntz.

For more information on this and other performances at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit its Web site at www.manhattanarts.org.

The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Additional funding comes from the City of Manhattan and MAC members and friends.

Mentoring Program Works With Children's Life Skills

School is out and 10 rambunctious middle schoolers bust into the UFM Learning Community Learning Center bright-eyed and ready to go ice-skating.

Recently, the students involved in the UFM teen mentoring program went ice skating at City Park as one of many bonding activities with K-State student mentors.

Linda Teener, director of the UFM teen mentoring program founded the mentoring program 10 years ago.

Teener said the program serves as a haven for Manhattan teens who struggle with the pressures of life.

"When I first started the program, we were seeing middle school and high school students falling through the cracks," she said.

Teener said there were no services available in the Manhattan community at this time, and these kids seemed to get themselves in trouble.

Maureen Mersmann, coordinator of youth programming at UFM and senior in family studies and human services, said the mentors meet with the mentees weekly.

She said the high school group meets on Tuesday's from 3-5 p.m. and the middle school group meets on Thursday's at the same time.

Teener said they focus on one life skill a week including drug and alcohol prevention, rape awareness, relationship skills, anger-management and communication skills.

"The mentors are very important to the program," Teener said. "The K-State students often develop friendships and have a significant impact with the students they work with."

Mentors are responsible for transporting the students from school to UFM and then home after their weekly activities, Teener said.

She said they meet once a week and keep in contact with one another at least once a week.

Mentor Grant Reichert senior in political science said he enjoys hanging out with the teens and learning about what's going on in their lives.

Reichert said jokingly, "I have the mind of a 12 year old at times, so me and the kids work out great."

Instructor of Family Studies and Human services, David Thompson, said the mentor program serves as a way for college students to stay connected to the community.

Thompson also said the program serves as an outlet for the students that may have family who can't pay special attention to them.

"College kids are the epitome of coolness for the mentees," Thompson said.

Teener said she has seen many success stories through the mentoring program.

One story in particular was a seventh grader who stayed in the program until he was a senior in high school, Teener said.

He lacked self-confidence, she said.

"His brother was involved in heavy drug use, and he (the mentee) was teetering off the edge," Teener said. "He was into anime (Japanese cartoon characters), and no one really gave him credit for it," she said.

Teener said his mentor encouraged him to explore his artistic skills.

"He told us UFM was a place that he knew people would listen and cared," she said.

Teener said when the student came in he didn't think he would finish high school.

"He is now a freshman at K-State, and he is wanting to apply to a art school in Chicago next semester," she said.

Rural Leaders Conference In Salina

The Kansas Sampler Foundation will host the We Kan! Conference March 20 and 21 in Salina. The conference is designed to help rural communities be the best they can be at being themselves. Explorer Tourism and community development ideas presented at this conference will empower community leaders in preserving, sustaining and growing rural culture.

Foundation director Marci Penner said, "More than 80% of the cities in Kansas have less than 2,000 population. We designed the format and chose the presenters so that the content would be especially applicable for those towns—though towns of any size will find useful information. Communities will hear from peers that have found success with common issues. When you mix successful ideas

regarding the topics of the eight rural culture elements (architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, and people) and how to market those ideas it becomes quite energizing." Specific topics range from "Techy things we can do to attract a younger market" to "Restoring a downtown building: Advice and lessons learned."

Chambers, economic developers, city councilpersons, community or county leaders of any age, entrepreneurs, artists, media, preservationists, museums, and tourism people will be among those who will find the conference useful. For conference agenda and registration fee information go to kansassampler.org, call 620.585.2374 or e-mail wendee@kansassampler.org.

Mainstreet To Perform At The Columbian Theatre

Popular regional band Mainstreet is returning to The Columbian Theatre for a St. Patrick's Day, March 17, CD release party and dance. Mainstreet has been entertaining the Midwest for over 20 years with a repertoire of music that spans jazz, rock, blues and soul.

Recent appearances have taken the group from Dodge City, KS to Minneapolis, MN.

Formed in 1979, the band includes Felix Smalley, Rod Manges, Greg Spreer, Kurt Morrow, Andy Bell and Daryl Batchelor. Felix performs on the drums and vocals and is a founding band member. Rod Manges is the director of the award-winning Manhattan High School band program, and is the band's keyboardist. Guitarist Greg Spreer, a Wamego native, was a former member of the favorite area rock bands from the late 1980's and 90's, Mantis and Speak Easy. Kurt Morrow, previous owner of the Acoustic Soul String Shop in Wamego, now residing in Kansas City plays bass.

Saxophonist Andy Bell of Manhattan, has performed and recorded with bands in the Dallas-Fort Worth, TX area and has had his own band, Cold Sweat. Daryl Batchelor on brass, percussion and



Popular band Mainstreet

vocals, was the Wamego High School band director before moving to Hutchinson. Mainstreet can be booked by calling Andy Bell at 785-556-1100 and to find out more about the band visit www.Mainstreet-Band.com.

Mainstreet is excited to return to Wamego for their 2005-recorded CD release party and concert. Felix Smalley stated, "We love playing in Wamego at The Columbian, it's such

a great venue." Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day, March 17, event are \$15.00 in advance and \$18.00 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a social hour to meet and mingle with the band before they perform. CD's will be on sale during the social hour and throughout the evening. Please call 785-456-2029 for tickets and for more information about the CD release party and concert.

Environmental Leadership Members Named

The Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) has named the members of its class of 2007.

The members, in alphabetical order by last name and including the community in which they live, are: Leslie Barnt, (Lenexa); Douglas Blex (Independence); Shelly Briley (Hays); Janice Cole (Manhattan); David Coltrain (LaCrosse); Sherry Davis (Randolph); Bruce Frost (Wichita); Douglas Helmke (Tecumseh); Krista Harding (Erie); Catherine (Cate) Holston (Kansas City); Barbara Johnson (Salina); James Leiker (Hays); Rhonda Montgomery (Topeka); Christa Mulder (Norton); Carolyn Nichols (Osborne); Ricky Nix (Liberal); Cade Rensink (Burlington); Tracie Schardein (Abilene); Heather Ross Schmidt (Lawrence); Karen Schmidt (Hays); Craig Smith (Manhattan);

On the list...

Janice Cole and
Graig Smith From
Manhattan, Sherry
Davis From
Randolph Named.

Marlene Spence (Weir); Marcia Stapp (Garden City); and Maurice (Mo) Terrebonne (Wichita).

KELP is a cooperative project of Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Class members will participate in five training sessions held in several communities throughout the state over a 10-month period. The sessions are designed to help mem-

bers hone their leadership skills and learn about the environment and water resources in Kansas, said Judy Willingham, KELP coordinator. The program is administered through the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Kansas State University.

Each session includes field trips, group activities, and opportunities to network. Participants visit water and wastewater treatment plants, learn about urban stormwater management sites, explore streams and their inhabitants, and view aquifer recharge projects.

More information about the Kansas Environmental Leadership Program is available at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/kelp/> or by contacting Willingham at 785-532-5813 or email judywmw@ksu.edu.

Obituary

Ethel M. Kohler

Ethel M. Kohler, 95, of Wamego, Kansas, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center in Wamego.

She was born March 29, 1911, north of Louisville, Ks. the daughter of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth (Kaye) Griffith. She attended schools in Emporia and Wamego. Ethel spent all of her life in the Wamego and Louisville communities, except for the six years she lived in Emporia.

On October 9, 1929, in Alma, Ks. Ethel was united in marriage to Dewey G. Kohler. He preceded her in death on March 11, 1986. They were married for over 56 years. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Dornbusch and Ivah Lorena Griffith; three brothers, Alvin, Samuel, and Lyle Griffith; one niece, Dorothy Dawson, and two nephews, Harold Dornbusch

and Joe Griffith.

Ethel and her husband farmed near Louisville until moving to Wamego in 1951. She worked for several years at Duckwalls, Warner's Café and Mill Café. She and her husband opened Kohler's Upholstery Shop in Wamego, in which she worked with her husband for over 20 years until retiring. In 1961, Dewey and Ethel built their own home in which she lived until the age of 95. She loved to clean house and cook. She was noted for her homemade pies for family dinners and other occasions. She loved to play cards, Bingo, and go to the casinos. Ethel was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a member of Lilly Rebekah Lodge #77 and Unity Rebekah Lodge #232 for over 56 years, the Manhattan Eagles Auxiliary for over 50 years, and was a member of the Wamego Senior Citizen's Center.

Ethel is survived by one daughter,

Gun Probe Yields Hundreds Of Weapons Used In Crimes

By The Associated Press

Operation Flea Collar, a two-year undercover investigation into the illegal sale of guns at two flea markets and a gun show in Alabama, highlights the reach and the impact of weapons trafficking.

Last year, law enforcement officers from 20 agencies in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee recovered more than 700 weapons — they purchased 166 and seized another 556 from about a dozen dealers. The guns

included small-caliber pistols, revolvers, machine guns and fast-firing "Street Sweeper" shotguns.

All 11 people who were initially indicted — several are in their 60s and 70s — pleaded guilty to a variety of charges such as selling guns without a license or selling to people they believed were felons. Their sentences range from 27 months in prison to three years home detention, according to federal authorities.

What's striking about this case is

the sheer magnitude of weapons associated with those charged: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives believes these 11 people — along with two others later arrested — had trafficked 70,000 guns over the last several decades.

The ATF also says those charged had previously sold 267 guns that have been linked to homicides, assaults, robberies, drug and sex crimes and other illegal activities.

Dam Closure Ends Way Of Life

CELILLO VILLAGE, Oregon (AP) — Jay Minthorn remembers watching the Columbia River rise, the islands of Celilo Falls vanish, the fishing platforms wash away — and a centuries-old way of tribal life vanish forever.

The gates of The Dalles Dam had closed, and nothing would ever be the same.

"That was the hardest thing to do," says Minthorn, a member of the Umatilla Tribe who fished the falls as a young man. "To me it was one of the biggest funerals that I ever attended. People were up there mourning, crying, everything."

"They just kind of walked off and left all their fishing equipment and nets and scaffolds, whatever, we left them to go under water or down the river."

He is 70 now. He was just 20 on March 10, 1957, when the dam pushed back the Columbia River to reap the benefits of hydroelectric power. In six hours the falls were gone forever beneath a mockingly tranquil reservoir pool.

The 50th anniversary of that moment is approaching. It will be more noted than celebrated.

"If you talk of Celilo to some Indian families you will get the door slammed in your face. It's still that painful," says Charles Hudson, spokesman for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

For 10,000 years or more, Columbia River Indians thrived on the abundant salmon churning through the falls to upriver spawning grounds.

The falls provided a cultural identity, an abundant life, and, for centuries, a Western Wall Street where tribes from across the West, from Alaska, from the Plains, from the South came to trade salmon, shells, buffalo meat, obsidian, copper, roots, fur, blankets, canoes, slaves.

For most people the falls today are trapped in classic black-and-white photos of Indian fishermen silhouetted with their dip nets on rickety-looking platforms hanging over the tumbling white-water. But for older tribesmen, the falls of their memories are in vibrant and living color.

"I tell people, my kids and grandkids, about it when we travel down here," Minthorn said. "They look at the man-made river we have today compared to the great Celilo Falls."

He said you could hear the falls and feel the humidity from their mist from miles (kilometers) away.

"The hills here used to be green from the mist from the water," he said, looking over to the Washington side. "Today they don't have any color left in them."

The story of how the color disappeared — and the fish, and the majesty of the falls — starts long before the dam was built.

The tons of drying salmon impressed members of the Lewis and Clark expedition as they headed down the river in October of 1805.

They were probably the first white men to see the falls, although American and British ships had been calling at the Columbia's mouth since 1792 and their trade goods (and venereal disease) had worked their way up to Celilo and beyond.

Celilo custom called for providing visiting tribes with the salmon they needed, but the expedition wasn't tribal and the Celilos were no fools.

"They ask high prices for what the Sell and Say that the white people give great prices &c for everything," William Clark grumbled in his journal in November of 1805.

Thus, perhaps, a tourist industry was hatched.

Clark described the falls and adjacent rapids that tumbled through several miles (a dozen miles) of basalt formations as "fuming and boiling in a most horrible manner."

Beginning in the 1830s, gold seekers and early settlers forced the tribes out of the river valleys leading to the Columbia, and the tribes found a welcome among the Celilo on the Columbia. Treaties of 1855 then herded the Indians onto reservations after they signed away huge tracts of traditional lands and other wealth.

Some stayed on the river, but all members of the river tribes kept their fishing rights to the "usual and accustomed" places, and the falls remained known as "an Indian place."

But access to the "usual and accustomed" fishing areas, guaranteed by treaty but not well-defined, often was

blocked by whites who had taken over land.

And murderously efficient fishing methods by non-Indian fishermen (such as fish traps and fish wheels, since outlawed) fed the voracious downriver salmon canneries.

Pollution and destruction of spawning grounds also played a role in reducing the salmon runs to a trickle of their historic highs. But dams were a major factor.

At the height, as many as 16 million salmon passed through the river. By 2006, only about 1 million adult salmon and steelhead heading upriver to spawn were counted at Bonneville Dam, the first of 14 dams on the Columbia.

Looking back, there was little the tribes could do to prevent the dam from being built. They argued for its placement where it would not bury the falls, but America in the 1950s — emerging from a hot war and entering a cold one — was about progress and patriotism. Dam advocates stressed a need for cheap hydroelectric energy to power the aluminum smelters on the river.

Bonneville Power Administration newsreels of the day presented the falls as a nuisance to river commerce and transportation and painted glowing images of the easy life of abundant, cheap electricity.

Meanwhile, the Eisenhower administration was nullifying the reservation status of many tribes and school books still depicted Indians as defeated historical footnotes, the bad guys in the B movies generations of kids saw on Saturdays for a quarter.

At the same time, bad blood remained between tribes and whites over river access for fishing. Sometimes, the Indians successfully defended their rights in court.

As a result, said Charles Hudson, many non-Indian fishermen supported inundating the falls, believing it would end the Indian river fishery. Perhaps it would do to the river what the loss of the buffalo did to the Plains — get rid of the food supply, get rid of the Indians.

And so, the falls disappeared.

After considerable dickering, most members of the four tribes got about \$3,750 each for the loss of their fishing place. Some refused the money, saying nothing could replace what was lost.

River towns, including Celilo, were relocated to allow for the rising reservoir.

Those who remained at Celilo got new homes, many built with "weathered" surplus World War II materials, in the new Celilo Village, said George Miller, Celilo Village project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

And it became a dreadful slum. Water pressure, residents said, was so low that sewage sometimes backed into the water pipes.

Antone Minthorn, 71, chairman of the Umatilla tribal confederation based near Pendleton, said non-Indian towns that were relocated got good-quality modern facilities. Not so Celilo, "because we were Indians. We were out of power."

Congress did not authorize money for repairs until 2004. It is now being renovated by the Corps with new sewer and water systems and new streets and housing.

About 60 people call the dilapidated village home, a number that can double when tribal members arrive for fishing season. In its prime the population probably ran to 5,000-10,000.

The fishery is controlled, and today the tribes' catch is limited. Some isolated platform fishing continues but the tribal fishery generally has become a much smaller and placid, mostly stillwater operation.

"There is an economy here only when there are fish," Jay Minthorn said. "Young people go to work in Portland. The challenge is to keep the village together, to build an economy for them."

Celilo Falls, he said, was a living, a livelihood.

"We had an abundance of fish ...," he said. "They were 30, 40, 50-pounders," and salmon sales to visitors were brisk. The fishery was a tourist draw. "People come from all over to witness the fishery," he said. "They'd give you a dollar to take your picture. A dollar was a lot of money in them days."

Today, windsurfers frolic where the falls once channeled a roaring river. A sign at a freeway wayside tells visitors what they missed.

But the tribes remember.

Ronald Jim remembers his father, Howard Jim, a long time chief who fished the falls; when the gates closed and the falls vanished, the elder Jim couldn't bear the sight, went away and didn't come back for two years.

Jay Minthorn remembers a Umatilla member, Wesley Tyus, who said he would never fish or eat salmon again. "He lived by that," Minthorn said.

"When you see what we have here today, people say it's the biggest cemetery that we have here," Minthorn said.

The Dalles Dam can generate enough electricity to serve a city the size of Seattle, and there is no talk of removing it. A few have suggested dropping the reservoir 40 feet or so to expose the falls again, if only briefly.

"But there is an opinion that, 'Don't bring them back only to take them away again.' That pain should not be felt by others," Hudson said.

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1871

Saturday, July 15
Saw Pierce, Hookey &c. Went to Manhattan. \$2500. to E.B. Purcell. Rode up to Blumont with Mrs. Adams. P.M. pulled weeds &c. Eve—went to Denison's & stopped—Pleasant visit.

Sunday, July 16, 1871
Home all day; read & rested. Looked at my old Cabin Spot! Long talk with J.D. & wife.

Monday, July 17
Went to Topeka & made Report to state Auditor. Gordon House, Saw Wilson, Stover. Interview with J. Richey on C.W. Lionhardt, &c. TruBridge.

Tuesday, July 18, 1871
Went to Lawrence. Business with Thatcher. C.W. Adams, T.P. Mitchell, Fisher- &c. 11-30 T.L.&G. train for Divide- stopping at Ottawa for dinner. Hack to N. Falls-at 6 P.M. Folks all well. Looked over business letters. tired- to bed 9 1/2. Ellen F. Denison.

Wednesday, July 19
Office business. Worked on letters & appraisal of lands.

Thursday, July 20, 1871
Telegram to Parsons& Sedalia. Decided suddenly & went with Ellen to Sedalia, Dining at Parsons, Supping at Schell. Arriving at Sedalia 9 P.M. Met Henry & Stevens. Put up at Ives House. Rested & slept well. Good bed & airy room. Met Solomon at Humboldt, who went back with us.

Friday, July 21
Business with Mr. Stevens & looked around Sedalia with Henry & Ellen. Left for Parsons at 6 A.M. Dined there & looked over the town with Solomon, Calling on Mrs. Davis. Home at 3. P.M. Ellen & Hattie all well. — Letter writing.

Saturday, July 22, 1871
Office Business!

Sunday, July 23
Sermon by Br. Mowry. Eve— at home. A day of rest & reading — comfortable.

Monday, July 24, 1871
Into Office work. College correspondence & miscellaneous work.

Tuesday, July 25
Picnic in Neosho Woods, Dr. Carpenter &c. Good dinner & time in general. Wrote letters &c.

Wednesday, July 26, 1871
Looked over lands & attend to correspondence- &c. Warm! Col. Goss called.—

Thursday, July 27
Went to Leavenworth & met N.Y. Agri!—Editors at 11 A.M., 28. Grand reception speeches &c. Sent E.B. Purcell bt mail, Miscellaneous Drafts \$2100.00 +.

Friday, July 28, 1871
Left amid the speeches at 4 A.M. for Kansas City & Chicago. Arrived at Quincy at 9 P.M. Lost my ticket! Made right with conductors— gentlemanly. Took sleeping car at Quincy.

Saturday, July 29
Arrived in Chicago 20. to 8 A.M. Did Business with J.M. Wing &c. Dined with Dr. Walden & left at 3 P.M. & went to Buda. Stopt with Hubert.

Sunday, July 30, 1871
Went to Wm A. Miller's & dined & supped. Went to Church, Sermon by Rev. Arnold. Retd to Buda with P.F.M. & Ben Miller. Stopped at Hotel—

Monday, July 31
2 1/2 A.M. took the Cars for Galesburg. Arrived at 4 1/2 A.M. Breakfast at H.B. Weeks, Dinner at A. N. Carpenter's. Left at 5 P.M. for Home. Took sleeping Cars at Quincy. Rode all night.

Tuesday, August 1, 1871

In Kansas City at 9-30. 10., K P. Cars. At Manhattan 4-30. Went to J. D., & spent the night - C.W. Lionhart. — Maj. Miller. Israel Adams, &c. spen Warm with shower at night.

Wednesday, August 2
Regents meeting at 10 1/2 A.M. Land business discussed. P.M. after dining at Mr. Adams went with Geo. D. to Deep Creek & visited C.W. Lionhart & family. Retd to Mr. Adams to tea & then spent the night at Mr. Denison's. Visit with Mr. Wheeler, Maj. Fred Miller—

Thursday, August 3, 1871
5 P.M. took the cars for Junction. Dr. Reynolds & Capt. Hanna aboard. 6 -50 left J— for Neosho Falls, arriving at 4 P.M., found W.H. Hypes at home. John M. Wetherell aboard & Mr. Oliphant looking for lands. Stopped off Met Consultation with [H-!]

Friday, August 4
After consultation, Hypes & Wetherell left this morning. Worked on College papers & R.R. business. Eve with Ellen Called on Geo. Quackenboss, from Chicago.

Saturday, August 5, 1871
Busy on papers &c. Do not feel very elastic. Damp weather—[W— —!]? Eve—called on Rev. Brown & daughters.

Sunday, August 6
At home all day. Ellen & H. went to Church A.M. Read & rested.

Monday, August 7, 1871
Sent R.S. Miller—Drafts check on 1 N.B. Atchison 1200, Geo W. Shivers—Ck deposit Atchison S.B. 73.50, Ck F. Schmidt—on Ex. B. St. Louis—34.20, Ck. Profit & Loss—14.58 total— 134.28. Solomon W— came up & spent the night. Do not feel very elastic!

Tuesday, August 8
Solomon left this morning. Shower. Call from Col. Goss. Wheat went to Parsons. Cooler. Worked on College accounts, &c. Wrote Wm E.G.

Wednesday, August 9, 1871
Work in office—

Thursday, August 10
Went to Parsons 4-25. Put up at Belmont. Solomon met me at Depot. Rested well.

Friday, August 11, 1871
8 A.M. Cars for Oswego with S,W— 10-30 took a carriage & drove around the town & county 2 hours. Dined & went to Chetopa. Saw Col. Hibbert Huston, &c. 11 P.M. took the cars for Parsons, arriving at 1 1/2 at night— Belmont.

Saturday, August 12
Land business appraisal of land &c. 12 1/2 P.M. left for N. Falls— Home all right

Sunday, August 13, 1871
A.M. Sermon by E.A. Graham. Day of rest & reading. Rev. Gilbert. Bath—

Monday, August 14
Went to Emporia to see about Land Sold for taxes &-Land Men. Called on Judge Watson. Met Randall &c. Eskridge, Norton &c— Warm —

Tuesday, August 15, 1871
Went to Neosho Rapids. Called on Joseph Henry, Gruwell, F.R. Page. Saw Roberts, &c. Retd to N. Falls, P.M. Eve—got E.A. Graham & Kratzer together to look over Accounts- Saw Goss & Mendenhall. Thunder & lightning East.

Wednesday, August 16
Sprinkle of rain. Maj. Stover, &c. L.M. Clark, &c. Visit with Col. Goss Mendenhall & Eastman—at tea. Cool nice evening.

Thursday, August 17, 1871
Went & examined crops on Pierces farm with O.P.H—wives both along. Pleasant time. P.M. Correspondence

Friday, August 18
7 A.M. Took Stage for Divide &

thence L.L. & G—R.R. to Lawrence. Visit with J.P. Devereaux. Several calls. Retd to Ottawa at 10 P.M. to see Judge Sears. Up till 11 P.M. on R.R. taxes.

Saturday, August 19, 1871
Up at 2 A.M. Cars to Humboldt. Breakfast at N.Eastman's. Retd home at 11-20. P.M. Dr. Denison, Wife & Fanny arrived. Pleasant Visit.

Sunday, August 20
A.M. Dedication of Presbyterian Church A.M. Sermon in thr Eve— by Rev. S. Hill of Kansas City. Rev. J.S. Sherrill

Monday, August 21, 1871
Dr. D— left for St. Louis.A.M. Goss retd in the P.M. Talk on general matters— Warm

Tuesday, August 22
Miscellaneous land business. Walk down street with Fannie. Call from Col. Goss. Wm Steele! Rev. Kelly from Emporia. Letter writing. Warm day.

Wednesday, August 23, 1871
Call from Snider, &c. Miscellaneous work.—

Thursday, August 24
3 Bu peaches. Took a ride with Mrs. D—&c to Swisshelms & Dr. Carpenter's. Fun ride.— Very Warm. Eve—prayer meeting.

Friday, August 25, 1871
Hoed early in garden. Libbie Smith!! Wood Chopper, Two Kentuckians. Battle with Maple worms!

Saturday, August 26
Hoed early! Wheat & O.P.H. after poachers! Horner's Splurge! Correspondence —

Sunday, August 27, 1871
A.M. Sermon by Rev. E.H. Graham. Read considerable Pleasant day. Mrs. Denison under the weather.

Monday, August 28
All hands washed. P.M. Took the Whole family to ride. Called on Mrs. C. Cask on our return. Eve — long call from Br. Mowrey. Mr.— finished job of wood, \$9.00

Tuesday, August 29, 1871
Pleasant weather. Telegram from Henry. Br. Denison arrived from Chicago & Henry. Miscellaneous business. Land sale dull. Sickey around. Hattie went to festival. Visit with Br. D's. family.

Wednesday, August 30

General visit with Br. D's folks, &c., fruits abundant. Warm days & cool nights. Call from Br. Mowrey.

Thursday, August 31, 1871
Prof. B.F. Mudge at dinner, & Rev. Norton. Br. Denison, wife & Fannie left P.M. by way of Junction. Henry [—?] till morning. Maj. Bond arrived. Still warm. Visit with H.D. & [Tournier?] at tea, &c. Fultz.

Friday, September 1
Henry Denison left at 9 A.M. Bond here examining Books & gesticating improvements!
Talk with Maj. Bond. 4-20 Went to Parsons. Stopped at Parsons House. Met Whitney & Gillum. T

Saturday, September 2, 1871
Went with Whitney & examined land, East of Parsons. Retd to N. Falls after a satisfactory visit with M.W. Reynolds, &c. Supper at Falls House. Interview with Maj. Bond.— & Goss.

Sunday, September 3
Bond & Goss left. A.M. Sermon by Br. Mowrey. Warm

Monday, September 4, 1871
Went to Parsons, met Maj. Bond & Gunn & Whitney &c. Retd to N. Falls, P.M.
Miscellaneous items of business. Made up Report on Int. & Int. of Agl. C. Lands.

Tuesday, September 5
Left with Hattie for Manhattan. Sarah K — came same day. Put up at Junction.

Wednesday, September 6, 1871
Called on T. Hookey on Bank business. Went to Manhattan, Settled up monthly business with E.B. Purcell \$7857. Genl talk on RR

for Manhattan. Visit with Prof. Hougham on fines & road. Prof. Platte. Stopped at J. Denison's.

Thursday, September 7
Up at 4 A.M. D. Adams took me to the Depot. Ex train 1 hour behind. Train gone at Junction. Retd to Manhattan. Went to S. Whitney's & to the Wild Cat with [Dea?] Adams. Took the 4 P.M. train to Junction. Pacific Hotel. Read & wrote letters.

Sarah Kimball with us.
Friday, September 8, 1871
Up at 2 A.M., took the train for N. Falls. Home at 9 O.C. A.M. Correspondence &c. Warm— Br. Mowrey at tea.
Saturday, September 9
Ground Scythe & mowed weeds, 2 houses. Sale of lands this week over \$ 20,000 Warm—

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Thoughts from the Praire Now and Then



Dick Miller

Now and then we reluctantly take a leave of absence from the Praire. This week Jenny and I are in Georgia helping my older brother make final preparations to complete his sojourn on Planet Earth. He has fought a tough battle against five varieties of cancer during the past 8 years, now he says "Its time to go home!" Donal shared with me that the most important event in his life occurred in February 1941. "I accepted Jesus Christ as Savior during a revival meeting and was baptized the following Sunday in the ole swimmin' hole by breaking a hole in the ice!" A tough breed of Mountaineers!

Donal again showed how tough he was during the Korean War as a Forward Observer on Heart Break Ridge in 1952. Although wounded by an enemy mortar round, he continued to adjust friendly artillery fire, finally, on his own position to repel hoards of enemy troops. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for his courage and sacrifice.

Now his body is racked with pain but he has never wavered. We have fondly reminisced about days gone by while agonizing about the differences between then and now as we perceive our freedom

being jeopardized. Then, for instance, the one-room school we attended was beside the church and when there were activities at the church during the daytime, the school would often recess so all the kids could attend church. The annual Christmas play at the school was a big community activity with reenactment of the birth of Jesus story, singing carols and exchanging gifts.

Now, this past week in a religious freedom case, a judge in Massachusetts ruled against a group of parents who objected to mandatory classes for their second graders, teaching them to accept and endorse homosexuality. One of the arguments presented by the lawyers for the school district was that parents have no right to control what ideas the school presents to elementary schoolchildren. The brief submitted by homosexual-advocacy groups stated "the rights of religious freedom and parental control over the upbringing of children ... would undermine teaching and learning..."

Now, the Humanists claim they

own the public schools and the students and any attempt by parents to control what their children are being taught is rebuffed as an invasion of their territory. Leo Pfeffer wrote that such an attempt is "their crusade against secular humanism in the public schools..." and further confirmed my argument that this has been the strategy from the beginning. Pfeffer lamented that "If the Supreme Court upholds one book, the fundamentalist will find another one to attack...Should the Court accept the validity of the fundamentalist' claim, the consequence may be no less than the disintegration of our public school system and the end of Horace Mann's dream."

Pfeffer's rationale supposes Mann's dream was to use public schools to enhance humanistic ideology, not to increase factual knowledge. The books in question are not core text books but books with inappropriate material. Now, we enact laws to restore what was then unspoken. For instance, Kansas HB 2200 intends to protect students from inappropriate material and is back in the Education Committee after initial overwhelming acceptance. Clay Aurand is the chair. His email is <caurand109@yahoo.com>.

Three other bills with hearings held March 6th merit our support. HB 2292 is a good bill requiring a minor seeking an abortion and the person accompanying the minor to present valid forms of identification. HB 2098 defines terms relating to human cloning using the medical dictionary with no political adaptations. HB 2255 prohibits the use of State funds for human cloning. Our representatives need to hear from us!

Americans work in farming. And yet they produce enough food to feed all 300 million Americans, with plenty left over for export. When are liberals going to break the news to their friends in Darfur that they all have to starve to death to save the planet?

"Global warming" is the left's pagan rage against mankind. If we can't produce industrial waste, then we can't produce. Some of us — not the ones with mansions in Malibu and Nashville is my guess — are going to have to die. To say we need to reduce our energy consumption is like saying we need to reduce our oxygen consumption.

Liberals have always had a thing about eliminating humans. Stalin wanted to eliminate the kulaks and Ukrainians, vegetarian atheist Adolf Hitler wanted to eliminate the Jews, Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger wanted to eliminate poor blacks, DDT opponent Rachel Carson wanted to eliminate Africans (introduction to her book "Silent Spring" written by ... Al Gore!), and population-control guru Paul Ehrlich wants to eliminate all humans.

But global warming is the most insane, psychotic idea liberals have ever concocted to kill off "useless eaters." If we have to live in a pure "natural" environment like the Indians, then our entire transcontinental nation can only support about 1 million human beings. Sorry, fellas — 299 million of you are going to have to go.

Proving that the "global warming" campaign is nothing but hatred of humanity, these are the exact same people who destroyed the nuclear power industry in this country 30 years ago.

If we accept for purposes of argument their claim that the only way the human race can survive is with clean energy that doesn't emit carbon dioxide, environmentalists waited until they had safely destroyed the nuclear power industry to tell us that. This proves they never intended for us to survive.

"Global warming" is the liberal's stalking horse for their ultimate fantasy: The whole U.S. will look like Amagansett, with no one living in it except their even-tempered maids (for "diversity"), themselves and their coterie (all, presumably, living in solar-heated mansions, except the maids who will do without electricity altogether). The entire fuel-guzzling, tacky, beer-drinking, NASCAR-watching middle class with their over-large families will simply have to die.

It seems not to have occurred to the jet set that when California is as poor as Mexico, they might have trouble finding a maid. Without trucking, packaging, manufacturing, shipping and refrigeration in their Bel-Air fantasy world, they'll be chasing the rear-end of an animal every time their stomachs growl and killing small animals for pelts to keep their genitals warm.

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Even right-wingers who know that "global warming" is a crock do not seem to grasp what the tree-huggers are demanding. Liberals want mass starvation and human devastation.

Forget the lunacy of people claiming to tell us the precise temperature of planet Earth in 1918 based on tree rings. Or the fact that in the '70s liberals were issuing similarly dire warnings about "global cooling."

Simply consider what noted climatologists Al Gore and Melissa Etheridge are demanding that we do to combat their nutty conjectures about "global warming." They want us to starve the productive sector of fossil fuel and allow the world's factories to grind to a halt. This means an end to material growth and a cataclysmic reduction in wealth.

There are more reputable scientists defending astrology than defending "global warming," but liberals simply announce that the debate has been resolved in their favor and demand that we shut down all production.

They think they can live in a world of only Malibu and East Hampton — with no Trentons or Detroit. It does not occur to them that someone has to manufacture the tiles and steel and glass and solar panels that go into those "eco-friendly" mansions, and someone else has to transport all the workers there to build it. (And then someone has to drive the fleets of trucks delivering the pachysandra and bottled water every day.)

Liberals are already comfortably ensconced in their beachfront estates, which they expect to be unaf-

ected by their negative growth prescriptions for the rest of us.

There was more energy consumed in the manufacture, construction and maintenance of Leonardo DiCaprio's Malibu home than is needed to light the entire city of Albuquerque, where there are surely several men who can actually act. But he has solar panels to warm his house six degrees on chiLiberals haven't the foggiest idea how the industrial world works. They act as if America could reduce its vast energy consumption by using fluorescent bulbs and driving hybrid cars rather than SUVs. They have no idea how light miraculously appears when they flick a switch or what allows them to go to the bathroom indoors in winter — luxuries Americans are not likely to abandon because Leo DiCaprio had solar panels trucked into his Malibu estate.

Our lives depend on fossil fuel. Steel plants, chemical plants, rubber plants, pharmaceutical plants, glass plants, paper plants — those run on energy. There are no Mother Earth nursery designs in stylish organic cotton without gas-belching factories, ships and trucks, and temperature-controlled, well-lighted stores. Windmills can't even produce enough energy to manufacture a windmill.

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Family Of 9 Thankful

By **LEANN ECKROTH**
The Williston Herald

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — Darcy Sletvold says she and her seven children had "nothing left but our pajamas" after escaping the fire that destroyed their rural home.

"I had no idea what we were going to do at first," Darcy said.

The response from people in the Williston and Trenton areas after the Jan. 25 fire was immediate.

"I was amazed by the number of people who don't know us who helped. They gave us donations, clothing for the kids, pots and pans, and toys," Darcy said.

The clan has nestled into a routine in the past four weeks, in a four-bedroom apartment complex in Williston. It's not home, but low-income housing officials have allowed them to use the apartment until a family who qualifies needs it.

It is close quarters for Darcy, her husband, Todd, and their children, Tierney, 13; Courtney, 10; Royce, 10; Rowan, 8; Raif, 7; Destiny, 3; and MacKenzy, 2.

"We've had a few nightmares, but we're dealing," Darcy said, glancing around the young faces watching her at the table recently.

Todd Sletvold, who works for a trucking company, was out of town on the night of the fire.

"I'm talking to my pastor a lot. The kids have been troopers," Darcy said. "It's much harder when Todd has to go to work."

She has found support in a strong network of friends.

The Sletvolds have been looking for a permanent home, but a housing shortage has made it difficult.

"There haven't been any houses big enough for the family," Darcy said. "We've seen five bedrooms, but we need a six or seven-bedroom. We've thought of rebuilding and we've checked into some of those prebuilt homes," she said. "We're looking at rebuilding at our old home. Someone has to take the old stuff out. We have to wait until it warms up."

She is clearly uncomfortable with letting the children outside near a busy Williston intersection. At their rural home, they could ride their bikes, play freely and chase after pets with little interruption, she said.

Their belongings were too smoke-damaged to salvage.

"All of their pictures are gone. Everybody's 'first' was on video including their first steps and all the sport activities. All the baby books are gone," Darcy said.

"Destiny was only 2 pounds, 4 ounces when she was born. We kept some of her little diapers. We wanted to show her what a little miracle she was," she said.

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Philharmonic Of Russia At K-State's McCain Series

**By Sara Shellenberger
KSU News Service**

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The National Philharmonic of Russia will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in McCain Auditorium. Selections will include Shostakovich's Festive Overture, Rachmaninoff's 2nd Piano Concerto and Tchaikovsky's 6th Symphony.

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Festival.

A pre-performance lecture will be given by Robert Edwards, professor emeritus of music at K-State, at 6:30 p.m. in 204 McCain.

Tickets for the performances can be purchased at <http://www.k-state.edu/mccain> or by calling the McCain box office at 785-532-6428 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Both performances are sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the K-State fine arts fee. They also are supported by the Friends of McCain. Additional support for The National Philharmonic of Russia was provided by Mid-America Arts Alliance and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support for Steven Osborne was provided by Capitol Federal Savings.

Jazz Artist Billy Taylor Preforming At Kansas State

With help from a Manhattan-based organization, the National Endowment for the Arts is bringing jazz pianist, educator and composer Billy Taylor to Kansas State University for a performance and lecture.

Taylor will perform and speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at K-State's All Faiths Chapel. The performance and lecture are free and open to the public. K-State and the International Association for Jazz Education, based in Manhattan, are hosts for the event, which is sponsored

by the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters on Tour program.

Taylor's recording career spans nearly six decades. He began playing piano professionally in 1944 and has performed with artists like Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis. He has led his own trio since the 1950s. He also was an arts correspondent for "CBS Sunday Morning" for more than two decades. In addition, he served as a Duke Ellington Fellow at Yale University. Taylor has received two Peabody Awards, an Emmy, a

Grammy, a National Medal of Arts Award and was elected to the International Association for Jazz Education Hall of Fame.

Taylor was given the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Award in 1988. The award recognizes living artists or advocates who have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of jazz. The award is part of the Jazz Masters Initiative, a National Endowment for the Arts program to support jazz artists, audiences, presenters and students.

Breiners' Inducted Into The Wall Of Honor

On Tuesday February 27, three entities came together for the good of one. The David and Diane Breiner Family, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation met at the Manhattan Commission Co. in Manhattan, Kansas. David and Diane Breiner were recognized for their induction to the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation "Wall of Honor".

The Wall of Honor was established in 2003 to recognize Kansas ranching families. Many inductees have shown at the Kansas State Fair. The inductee's are recognized on a plaque located in the Prairie Pavilion

and at each respective breed show at the state fair. Long time supporters of the Kansas State Fair, David and Diane Breiner Mill Creek Ranch owners will be added to the Wall of Honor for the 2007 Fair. In addition, the family will be recognized at the Kansas State Fair Hereford Show scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007. "We are so pleased to see Kansas ranchers participate in this important program" said Mary McCurry, Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation board member. "The Breiners are long time supporters of the fair and are true leaders in the beef industry. We are proud to have

them recognized on the Wall of Honor."

The first inductee and Wall of Honor program developer, George Crenshaw along with his wife June were present to support David and Diane. Lori Mulch, Assistant Manager, Kansas State Fair stated, "We are so thankful to George and his family for all they have done for the program. George is well respected for his accomplishments in the industry."

Additional inductees will be announced throughout the summer.

"Walk Kansas" To Encourage Physical Activity

Governor Kathleen Sebelius' HealthyKansas initiative and Kansas State University Research and Extension are teaming up to promote physical activity.

"Walk Kansas" is a team-oriented, eight-week walking program beginning March 11 and concluding May 5, with the goal being to walk a combined 423 miles - the distance across the state.

"Walk Kansas is a great way to include physical activity in your daily routine, and develop personal health habits that will last beyond the eight weeks of this event," Sebelius said. "I encourage Kansans of all ages to form teams and get walking."

Teams of six will walk daily to reach the goal, and other forms of physical activity such as running, biking, swim-

ming, etc. can be counted towards the team's mileage. Each team member's daily mileage would need to average approximately 2 miles over the eight-week event to meet the goal.

Teams are formed and registered in Walk Kansas through local K-State Research and Extension offices, according to Mike Bradshaw, K-State Research and Extension's Health and Safety Specialist. A registration fee of \$5 per team member is charged in most counties. Registration information can be found by contacting your local county or district extension office. The registration deadline for most counties is prior to March 11.

"Our goal for 2007 is to register 20,000 walkers of all age groups - students, adults and seniors," Bradshaw

said.

This is the 6th year for the Walk Kansas program. Bradshaw says the event continues to grow in participation each year as Kansans see the benefit of regular physical activity and eating healthy.

The HealthyKansas initiative was started in 2004 to encourage children in schools, adults in the workplace and seniors to take more responsibility for improving their health by increasing their level of physical activity, eating a better diet and avoiding tobacco. Walk Kansas teams will receive a HealthyKansas pledge card and other activity and nutrition support materials in their registration kits.

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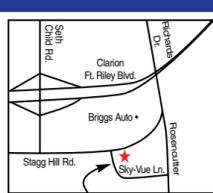
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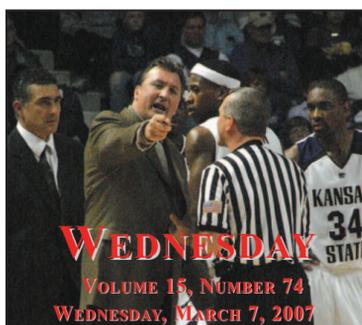
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Wildcats Make Point(s) Against Oklahoma

By **STEVE BRISENDINE**
AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — No offense to the home fans, but Cartier Martin really doesn't want to play in Bramlage Coliseum again.

That would mean a home date in the National Invitation Tournament — and while Kansas State hasn't been to the postseason since 1998, the Wildcats' senior forward said the Wildcats won't be satisfied with anything less than their first NCAA tournament berth since 1996.

"We're not shooting for the NIT, man," Martin said after scoring a career-high 30 points in Saturday's 72-61 victory over Oklahoma. "I'm certain that I'm not going to play another game here."

If Martin's right, he saved his best for last.

In his first start since Feb. 13 — he's Kansas State's leading scorer but is used by first-year coach Bob Huggins as a super sub — Martin hit five 3-pointers and made one key basket after another.

He also had six rebounds and a team-high three steals, which impressed Huggins as much as Martin's offensive output did.

"If this was November, and you told me that in March I'd be sitting here saying Cartier did a heck of a job defensively, I'd look at you like you had three heads," said Huggins, who suspended Martin in the spring for poor classroom performance and didn't lift the suspension until the start of fall workouts. "But I thought he was really good tonight. That's the best I've ever seen him."

First-year Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel was impressed, too.

"He played like a guy who wasn't going to allow his team to lose," Capel said. "He challenged his guys defensively, was all over the place, rebounding, making shots."

David Hoskins added 14 points

and Lance Harris had 10 — all in the first half — for the Wildcats, who locked up a first-round bye in the Big 12 Conference tournament. The Wildcats (21-10, 10-6 Big 12) finished fourth in the conference, their best placing since the Big 12 began play in the 1996-97 season.

The Sooners (15-14, 6-10) lost their sixth straight. Barring an improbable run to the conference tournament title, which carries an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, Oklahoma will need an NIT bid to extend its run of 25 straight postseason appearances — the longest active streak in Division I.

"At some point, it's got to sink in that we're at a point in our season right now where if we lose, it's over. That's it," Capel said. "We have about five days to start thinking about those things, start preparing for those things."

The Sooners had only three field goals in the final 12 minutes of the first half and trailed by 19 points at the break before mounting two comeback bids in the second period.

"At the beginning, everybody just wasn't on the same page," guard David Godbold said. "We had two or three that knew what we were doing, and the other two were kind of out there. For us to get out of this losing streak, we're going to have to have all five on the same page."

Tony Crocker scored four points in 2 seconds — drawing a foul on a made layup and then putting back his missed free throw — to cap a 9-0 run that got the Sooners within 48-35 with just over 15 minutes to go.

Martin hit two 3-pointers, converted a three-point play and scored points over the next 5 1/2 minutes, but Kansas State's poor free throw shooting down the stretch helped Oklahoma get back in the game.

The Sooners got within nine points three times, the last time on Nate

Carter's basket with 41.2 seconds to go that made it 70-61, but could get no closer.

The Wildcats shot just 58 percent (15-for-26) from the line.

Carter and Crocker shared Oklahoma's scoring lead with 14 points each and David Godbold added 12.

Center Longar Longar, Oklahoma's second-leading scorer at 11 points per game, was held to two points on 1-for-5 shooting. Michael Neal, who came in averaging 10.2 points for the Sooners, was held to four — although Austin Johnson did make two free throws for Neal after he fell hard in a collision with Hoskins and had to come out of the game for several minutes.

Oklahoma took its last lead, 14-13, on Johnson's basket just over eight minutes into the game. But the Sooners didn't score again from the field until Carter connected off the glass with 4:13 left in the half, and then went scoreless until Neal's basket in the final seconds before intermission.

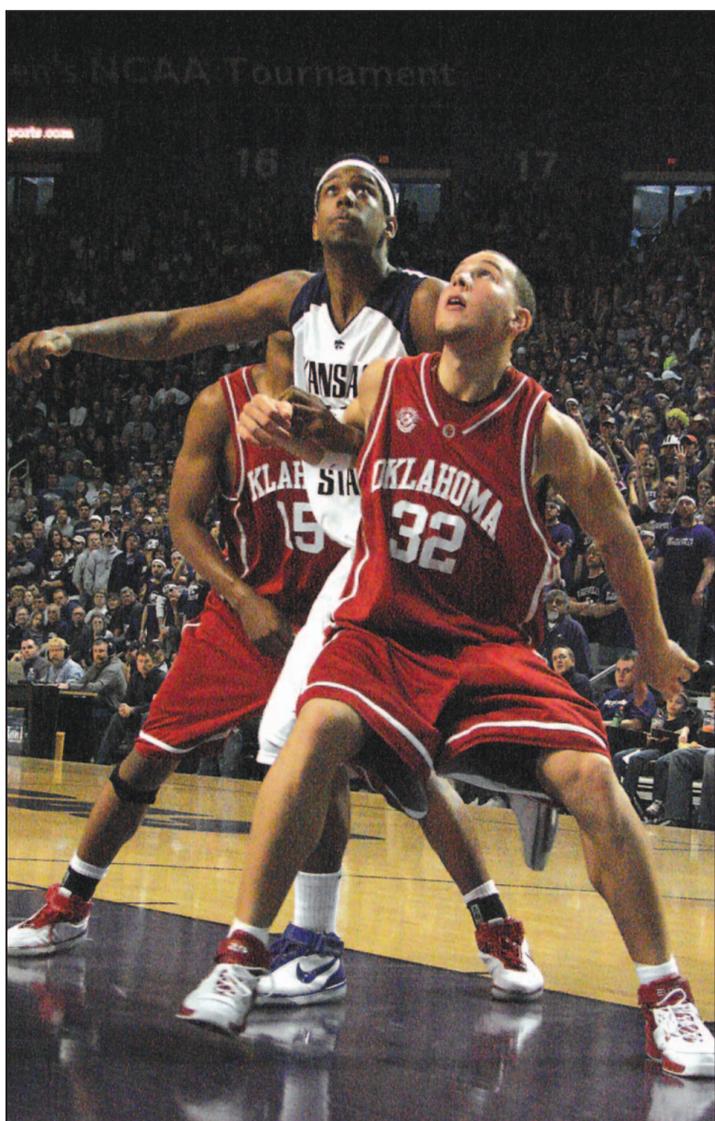
Kansas State took advantage of Oklahoma's slump with a 28-6 run for a 41-20 lead, and was up 41-22 at the break.

Martin hit two 3-pointers and scored eight points and Harris had six points in the run.

"We stepped up and played better defense in the first half, and that carried us," Hoskins said. "When the other team isn't scoring, it is a little easier to run plays and get the momentum on your side."



Kansas State's David Hoskins looks to work the ball into Cartier Martin.



Akeem Wright (white) goes for the rebound.

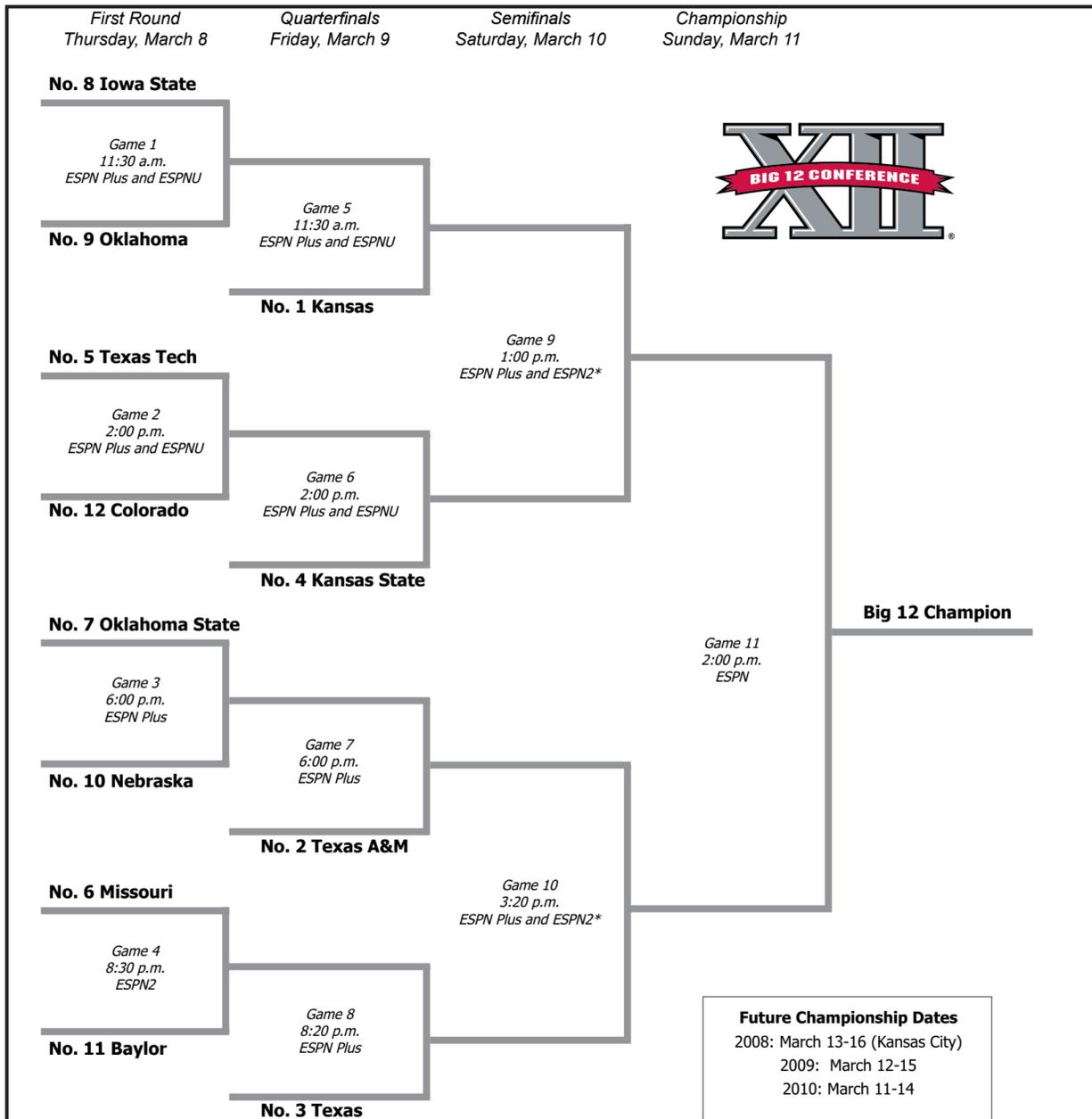
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Lance Harris (3) works on defense.

Big 12 Men

Kansas	14-2	27-4
Texas A&M	13-3	25-5
Texas	12-4	22-8
Kansas State	10-6	21-10
Texas Tech	9-7	20-11
Missouri	7-9	18-11
Okla State	6-9	20-10
Oklahoma	6-10	15-14
Iowa State	6-10	15-15
Nebraska	5-10	16-13
Baylor	4-12	14-15
Colorado	3-13	7-19



Kansas Wins Regular Big 12 Men's Title

Irving, Texas - The University of Kansas has won the 2006-07 Big 12 men's basketball regular season title. It marks the seventh overall crown for the Jayhawks, and third in a row after sharing the last two titles.

KU finished 14-2 in league play. The Jayhawks will be the No. 1 seed in the Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship, the fourth time it has been the top seed. The Championship is scheduled to be played on March 8-11 at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City.

Texas A&M (13-3), Texas (12-4) and Kansas State (10-6) earned the other three first-round byes in the championship. The Aggies and Longhorns earn byes for the second consecutive year, while K-State recorded its first bye and highest finish in Big 12 history.

Oklahoma State and Nebraska will face off in a make-up game on Monday, March 5, but the result will not cause any change in the seedings. All seeds were determined using league tie-breaking procedures.

The entire Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship will be televised either regionally or nationally by ESPN Plus, ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN3.

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Have You Read What The Free Press Said



Sports Potpourri

By Mac Stevenson

KU's basketball team should have clinched a number-one seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament with their win against Texas last Saturday, which gave the Jayhawks an undisputed Big 12 championship.

Gaining a number-one seed is important for several reasons:

Kansas would play a team they should beat easily in the first round. This is important because KU stumbled in the first round the last two years and the Jayhawks will be tight as a bow fiddle in that first game. Another plus is that, usually, the second round game isn't too tough either.

Being a number-one seed garners great national publicity that is invaluable to any program's recruiting process.

Kansas, if selected for a one seed, wouldn't have to play any of the other three top-rated teams before the Final Four.

The Jayhawks are seeded number-one in the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City, which begins on Friday for the teams with first-round byes (Kansas, Texas A&M, Texas, and Kansas State). KU plays the winner of the Iowa State-Oklahoma game at 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

The Big 12 Tournament isn't that important for KU, now that they've won an undisputed conference championship. It's vital, however, that the Jayhawks avoid serious injuries before the Big Dance.

Kansas is playing their best basketball of the season; Coach Bill Self has them peaking at just the right time.

In the junior class, starting center Sasha Kaun has come on strong in the last few games. Kaun has gained confidence on offense and is stellar on defense. Russell Robinson was solid against Texas. And Darnell Jackson has given the Jayhawks needed depth in the pivot.

Sophomores Mario Chalmers, Brandon Rush, and Julian Wright have been either good or sensational. Wright needs to quit dribbling the ball downcourt after getting a steal or rebound. Other than that, he's been exceptional. Chalmers has played four straight outstanding games. And Rush, although inconsistent, has not suffered any really poor games like he did last season. Rush played well against Texas.

The two freshmen—Darrell Arthur and Sherron Collins—have had their moments, good and bad. Collins suffered freshman inconsistency the last two games, after a number of superior outings. The Big 12 tourney will be a good chance for Collins and Arthur to gain confidence and tournament experience before the Big Dance.

Against Oklahoma and Texas, KU's free throwing was atrocious. Free throws are like putting in golf; some days it seems easy and the next time out the ball won't go in. Kansas should be a good free throwing team and it's vital they improve in this area.

In the last three seasons, Bill Self has coached Kansas to two co-championships and this year's outright Big 12 championship. And KU will be favored again next season if most of the players return. Winning or sharing the league championship for three consecutive seasons is an improbable and impressive feat. Self is getting it done at Kansas.

According to the ESPN announcers and other members of the eastern media, the Big 12 isn't much this year. Here's some news for all those experts: The Big 12 has three teams that could make it to the Final Four—Kansas, Texas A&M, and Texas. If they are placed in separate regionals, all three might make it. Wouldn't that cause some red faces along the eastern seaboard? Admittedly, that's the longest of long shots, but it could happen.

Kansas State's basketball team finished fourth in the Big 12 after winning a vital game against Oklahoma last Saturday. That should have solidified an NCAA bid.

Coach Bob Huggins proved, once again, that the top coaches are winners wherever they go. Great days are ahead for Big 12 basketball, and Huggins will be right in the middle of it.

With the bye they earned, K-State will play the winner of the Texas Tech-Colorado game at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Just to be on the safe side—concerning NCAA Tournament bids—it would be prudent for the Wildcats to win at least one game in Oklahoma City. Tournament invites are finalized this Sunday and all the speculation will cease.

Huggins has his team playing winning basketball; the Cats could cause problems for some of the big names in the Big

Dance. Cartier Martin, Dave Hoskins, and Clint Stewart have been effective and consistent. And Akeem Wright and Lance Harris aren't far behind. Jermaine Maybank has added spark off the bench. K-State's problem is a lack of progress from freshmen centers Luis Colon and Jason Bennett; neither has made any significant improvement late in the season. K-State didn't handle OU's full-court press very well. Coach Huggins will have that corrected before his players go out for the first tune in the Big Dance.

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2007 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship Bracket



Wildcats Fall In First Round

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shana Wheeler collected her first career double-double with 17 points and a game-high 10 rebounds but the Wildcats could get little else going on offense as Kansas State fell to Iowa State 57-45 in its opening round game at the Big 12 Women's Basketball Championships Tuesday at the Cox Convention Center.

Kimberly Dietz added 10 points and was the only other player to finish in double figures for Kansas State (16-14), which was held to its second fewest points of the season and was knocked in the tournament's first round for the first time since 2001.

Iowa State (23-7) got 18 points from Nicky Wieben and 12 from Lyndsey Medders to notch its third straight win of the season over the Wildcats.

But it didn't come easy. Both teams struggle from the field during the first half and Iowa State lead by just four at the break.

K-State quickly made up the deficit during the opening five minutes of the second half and tied the game a 26-26 after a 3-pointer and a free throw by Dietz.

Three more ties followed over the next five minutes before Iowa State

began to pull away at the eight minute mark. The Cyclones strung together a 17-8 run down the stretch that was keyed by a barrage of 3-pointers and an old fashioned 3-point play by Wieben to go on top 54-43 with 2:26 remaining.

K-State, which was held to its second fewest points of the season on just 27 percent shooting, got as close as nine twice in the final two minutes but could never put together a significant run to get back in the game.

Turnovers and cold shooting had the Wildcats in an 8-1 hole early. K-State didn't connect on its first field goal until over eight minutes in when Lehning finally broke the drought with

a slicing layup that ignited a 6-0 mini run by K-State to make it 8-7.

Iowa State scored the next six points and pushed its lead by to seven at 14-7 when the Wildcats ramped up their defense. K-State held the Cyclones to just two free throws over the next six minutes pulled within a point on a layup by Wheeler that cut the deficit to 16-15.

Iowa State again answered and pushed its lead back to seven following two free throws by Amanda Nisleit with 10.6 second left in the half. But the Wildcats again responded as Dietz canned K-State's only trey of the period with four seconds to go to make it 24-20 Cyclones at intermission.

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Oklahoma and Texas A&M Win Big 12 Women's Title

IRVING, Texas — Oklahoma and Texas A&M captured the 2007 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship. The title was the Sooners' sixth all-time and fifth in the Big 12 while the Aggies claimed their first-ever conference crown in women's basketball.

A&M had the tiebreaker over OU for the top seed in the Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship. No. 2 seed Oklahoma, No. 3 seed Baylor and No. 4 seed Nebraska join the Aggies with first round byes.

2007 marked the third time in conference history that more than one champion was crowned. Iowa State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech took home trophies in 2000 while Kansas State and Texas claimed a share of the title in 2004.

A&M and OU both finished 13-3 in conference play this season. The Aggies are 9-1 in their last 10 games and have won four straight. TAMU is currently 5-1 vs. Top 25 teams in 2006-07. The Sooners have won five straight and seven of their last 10. OU has also posted five victories against Top 25 competition this year in eight tries.

All 12 league teams will travel to Oklahoma City for the Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship March 6-10. Oklahoma City is hosting the conference basketball championships for the first time in league history. Limited general admission tickets remain for the women's championship through Ticketmaster.

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Game 3: No. 7 Texas vs. No. 10 Missouri [Cox Cable], 6:00 p.m.

Game 4: No. 6 Oklahoma State vs. No. 11 Kansas [Cox Cable], 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Game 5: No. 1 Texas A&M vs. Game 1 winner [FSN], 12:00 p.m.

Game 6: No. 4 Nebraska vs. Game 2 winner [FSN], 2:30 p.m.

Game 7: No. 2 Oklahoma vs. Game 3 winner [FSN], 6:00 p.m.

Game 8: No. 3 Baylor vs. Game 4 winner [FSN], 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 8
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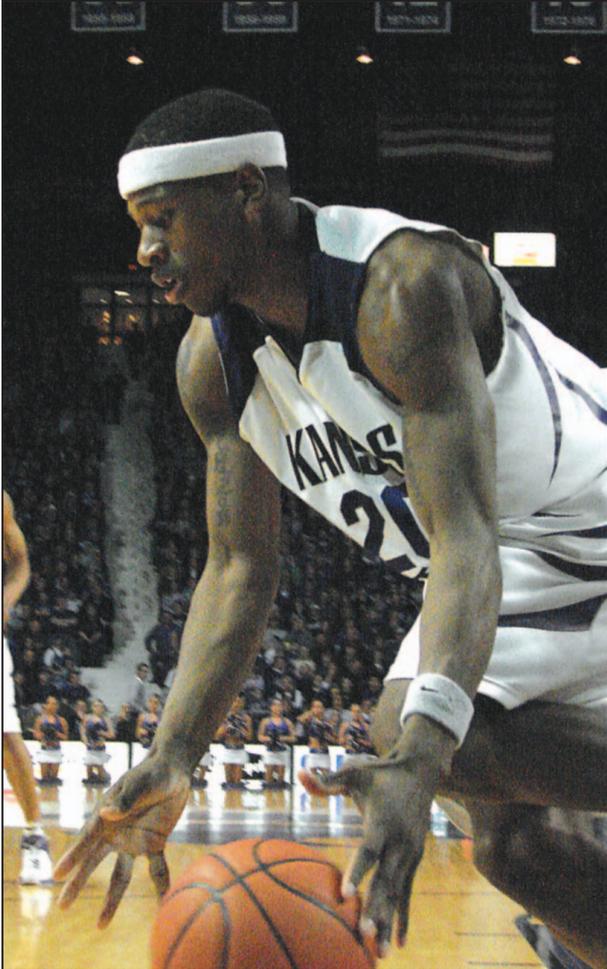
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Martin save the ball.



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K-State Tennis Club Schedules First Practice

By Emily Mihelcic
Kansas State University

K-State tennis players will soon have an easier time finding an opponent for afternoon matches. In the coming weeks, K-State tennis fanatics will be able to hit the courts in hopes of competing with fellow recreational and competitive players.

Founding members of the K-State Tennis Club met recently to finalize the club's constitution before submitting it to the Office of Student Activities and Services. At that meeting, the officers developed the club's constitution which states, "The purpose of this organization shall be to build a tennis fellowship in the K-State community and facilitate consistent recreational and competitive play." The officers stated the goal for the club is not only to make competitive and recreational play possible, but to eventually have a traveling team to duel other universities across the nation.

Alex Richardson, junior in computer science, president and founder of the K-State Tennis Club, stated he has been playing for almost 16 years and is excited for some tennis fun.

"I started the club because in the past when I've tried to get a tennis match it's been difficult, and I wanted to make that easier," said Richardson.

Katie Franke, junior in geography and treasurer of the K-State Tennis Club said, "I think it's a great way to meet new people. I'm surprised that since tennis is such a well known sport there hasn't been one [a tennis club] established

already."

According to Franke, club membership is currently free of charge and open to all students and faculty who show interest in the sport.

"Right now we don't have any dues, but I will be managing the money we get from SGA," she said. Franke stated that they have no current fundraising events planned, but that the club is eager to gain the support of the United States Tennis Association in the future.

In addition to facilitating consistent tennis matches, officers discussed potential events to be held which included tournament viewing parties for major tennis tournaments and a children's tennis day for Manhattan youth. They also discussed showing support for the K-State Women's Tennis team by attending their home matches.

Richardson said, "We hope to schedule playing time at Cottonwood Racquet Club for the winter months, but the weather is warming up so we should be fine in the coming months to play outside."

Richardson stated the club will be holding an informational meeting on Mar. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Union Room 207. He stated that the officers have set a goal of holding the first practice of the K-State Tennis Club on March 11 at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex tennis courts. Regular meetings will continue every Sunday from 1-5 p.m. during the school year. Recruitment is currently



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