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First Christian Church, North Fifth Street. (Photo by Max Wolf)

## County Commission Receives Christian Church Renovation Plans

Manhattan Architect Brent Bowman told the Riley County Commission that from them to renovate the First Christian Church into office space it would take between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million. This is after the cost of purchasing the building.

Bowman told the Commissioners: "This estimate makes assumptions on the reconfiguration of space, the required demolition, the construction of new walls, and new finishes on walls, floors, ceilings and new doors. The County Commissioner's Room will also include a new audio system and finishes. A lump sum cost for the

elevator and stairs are used for this estimate. A cost per square foot was included on the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical and the installation of fire protection systems."

The Commissioners talked about how they had considered selling the HTX building, if they were to purchase the church.

Commissioner Al Johnson said: "Buying this building (HTX) was not a very good decision by the Commission."

Commissioner Mike Kearns said that he could not see selling the HTX building because then buying the church would be a "wash" on total space."

Bowman gave the Commissioners

a concept set of demolition and space planning documents to be used as pricing plans.

Bowman said the many floor levels in the building, created a need for an elevator and new stairway to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bowman said they had performed a building code review and the recommend a fire sprinkler system be installed throughout the building. This would eliminate the need for fire rated corridors, and increase the allowable building square footage."

## County Fair Board Names Master Planning Committee

The Riley County Commission received the names of a Riley County Fair Board Master Planning Committee. The committee was appointed by Bob Camerlinck, Fair Board President.

The committee will look into developing the 80 acres of land west of the new Riley County Shops on North U.S. 24 Highway, into new

### Committee To Develop New Fair Grounds

Committee members are: Bob Camerlinck; Dan Rogers; Cindy Casper; Stan Bartel; Rusty Berry; Adram Mertz; Ray Burns and Larry Algott.

Developing the new fair grounds has been on the County Commission agenda for many years.

fair grounds. Their first meeting will be the third week of February.

## County Opens Buildings Bid

The Riley County Commission open bids Thursday morning for three new buildings for the Riley County Shops on North U.S. 24 Highway.

The County is building a new \$7 million plus shops complex. The bids were for three buildings to be used for the Public Works Department. The crew buildings will be for the Roads and Bridge crew, a sign shop

**Bids Range  
From \$789,889  
To \$930,350**

construction, Inc. of Bern, Ks; Riley Construction Company, Manhattan and Cheney Construction, Inc of Manhattan.

The base bids were A.H.R.S. \$824,000; Riley Construction \$930,350 and Chaney Construction \$789,889.

The bids also had two alternate bids that will push the total of each base bid to above \$1 million.

and Parks and EMS storage. Bids were received from A.H.R.S.

## David Smit To Direct PROFF At MAC

A superb drama by David Auburn, directed by David Smit. February 23-25, March 1-4

PROOF is a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning play that takes the mystery of higher mathematics to a whole new level. A daughter wonders if she has not only inherited her father's genius, but his madness as well. A student is out to make a name for himself, whether by stealing his mentor's notebooks, or

romancing the daughter. This play proves that with math, or with family, the whole is more than just the sum of its parts.

STARRING Michael Donnelly, Allison Karnowski, Andrea Huckaba, and Brant Sizemore, "PROOF" combines elements of mystery and surprise with old fashioned storytelling to provide a compelling evening of theatre."

David Kaufman - Daily News

Thursday performance at 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for students and \$6 for children. Military discount available with ID. Student walk ins Thursdays and Sundays \$5. Order your tickets and choose your seats online! Visit us on the web at [www.manhattanarts.org](http://www.manhattanarts.org), e-mail [box-office@manhattanarts.org](mailto:box-office@manhattanarts.org), or call 537-4420 for more information.

## Area Agency On Aging To Hold Arthritis Self-Help Course Here

The North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and the Arthritis Foundation are offering a six-week course to give people with arthritis the knowledge and skills needed to take a more active part in their arthritis care.

The six-week Arthritis Self-Help Course will be offered every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning March 12 through April 16 at locations in Salina and Manhattan.

Salina Senior Center  
245 N. 9th St., Salina, KS 67401  
To Register Call 785-823-1277

Flint Hills Center  
401 Houston St., Manhattan, KS  
To Register Call: 785-776-9294  
or 1-800-432-2703

"This course is taught by trained leaders, many of whom have arthritis themselves and want to help others to gain control of their disease," Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director of

the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, said. "Those who have participated in this course have told us how much it has helped them—and we are very pleased to be working with the Arthritis Foundation to offer this again."

Walter said that enrollment is limited and that those wishing to enroll must do so before Monday, March 5.

There is no registration fee, but cost of the required textbook is \$20.00 payable on or before March 12. Class participants are encouraged to bring their spouse or a support person.

Studies conducted at the Stanford University Arthritis Center in California show that people with arthritis who have completed the course have less pain, tend to exercise and relax more, and have more overall knowledge about arthritis.

Attendees are encouraged to assume responsibility for the daily care of their arthritis, including any decisions or actions they must take to

keep arthritis under control and to stay as independent as possible.

Key subjects covered in the course are exercise; relations; ways to save energy and use joints wisely; the role of medication and nutrition; and coping with depression, pain, and other programs that result from arthritis. Participants use a textbook titled The Arthritis Helpbook, which is written in easy-to-understand language.

Arthritis is a chronic condition that can be painful and crippling. Physical limitations caused by arthritis can often be accompanied by social isolation, depression, and pain. The Arthritis Self-Help Course was designed to reduce the impact arthritis can have on people's lives and encourage a positive approach to the problem. The course has proven to be an effective way for people with arthritis to educate and encourage each other. It is designed to complement, not replace, professional health care services.

## Frontier Farm Credit Now Offers New Services

Frontier Farm Credit now offers tax preparation and planning, record keeping and business and estate planning. These new services are available to Frontier Farm Credit borrowers and non-borrowers.

"We saw a need among our customers and neighbors for these services," said Alan Hess, Frontier Farm Credit Board Chairman and rancher from Alma, Kan. "This is just another way we are serving rural America."

Frontier Farm Credit's financial and tax experts specialize in agricultural tax and business law to help customers manage complex requirements, create accurate records and improve their businesses.

"What sets Frontier Farm Credit apart from other service providers is our agricultural expertise. This provides us with a deeper understanding of our customers' financial situations and their unique needs," said Dennis Roddy, Sr. VP of Financial Services.

Frontier Farm Credit will complete and process tax returns for cus-

tomers, their businesses, employees and shareholders. Frontier can also provide tax projections and estimates, review yearly expenses and find ways to minimize tax liability. Tax experts will also work with customers throughout the year on tax planning.

Farm and agricultural businesses can save time and maintain accurate records with Frontier Farm Credit record-keeping. Frontier can help customers understand and use financial reports as well as reconcile their records to their monthly bank statements.

"Customers will have the choice of mail-in accounting, manual accounting books or using their own current record keeping system," said Roddy. "Whichever system customers choose, Frontier specialists will be working to ensure accuracy and efficiency."

"Business and estate planning are also part of the new services we'll provide," added Roddy. "Our goal is to help make a smooth transition

from one generation to the next by developing long-term tax planning strategies to help balance business and family goals and plan for a successful business transition. We will also work with businesses to benchmark and understand trends."

Customers select and pay for only the services they want. There are no membership fees or stock requirements to work with Frontier Farm Credit tax and business specialists. These services are available to current borrowers and non-borrowers.

Frontier Farm Credit, ACA, is a member-owned institution chartered by the Farm Credit Administration to finance agriculture and rural families throughout Kansas. The Association is headquartered in Manhattan with lending offices in Baldwin, Chanute, Emporia, Eureka, Hiawatha, Manhattan and Marysville. More than 5,000 stockholders are served by the \$990 million institution. For more information, visit

## Valentine's Week To Focus On Child Safety

Children are the sweetest cargo in your vehicle this Valentine's Day – show them how much you love them by ensuring their safety. Sadly, motor vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of children ages 4 to 14 in the United States. The reason? Too often, it is the improper use or non-use of child safety seats and booster seats. To help educate parents, grandparents, and caregivers about properly securing kids in their cars, truck, and SUVs, the Patrol is participating in Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (CPSAW) February 11-17.

"The Highway Patrol is committed to saving lives through the enforcement of traffic safety laws," said Patrol Superintendent Colonel William Seck. "Last year, the Kansas Legislature took a monumental step forward in occupant protection when they voted in favor of the booster bill. The Highway Patrol is

very appreciative of the support of the Legislature and the Governor, and we hope to see their continued support in our occupant protection endeavors this year."

The Kansas Motor Carriers' Association is showing its commitment to the safety of children by graciously donating 105 child passenger safety seats. The seats will be distributed among the Patrol's seven fitting stations. Troopers will give these seats to adults needing a safety seat for their child.

Last year, the Kansas Child Passenger Safety Act was amended to require children ages 4 through 7 who are under 4 feet, 9 inches, or less than 80 pounds to be properly secured in a booster seat. Children in this age group are often too small for seat belts. Seat belts are designed for adults and lay incorrectly across children's necks and stomachs. These children need a "boost" to ensure

the seat belt will fit securely across their chests and low and snug across their hips to help prevent internal injuries or neck, head, and spinal injuries in the event of a crash.

To ensure a child's safety, caregivers can follow the 4 Steps for Kids:

- Use rear-facing safety seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and 20 pounds.
- Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds.
- Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight - unless the child is taller than 4'9", weighs more than 80 pounds, or when only a lap belt is available - then only a seat belt is required.
- Use seat belts in the back seat at age eight and older.

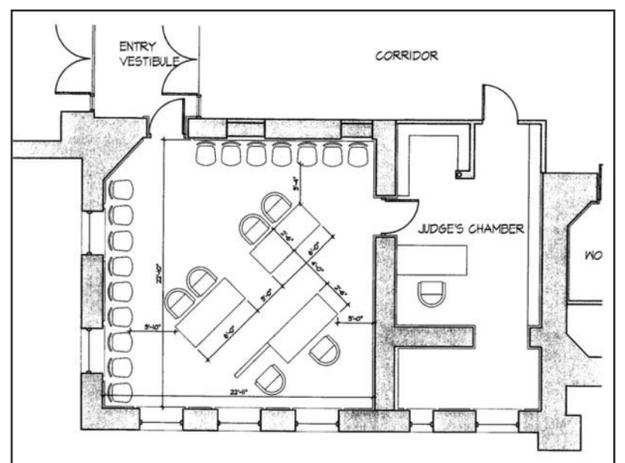
The Riley County Commission voted Thursday to make the Law Library in the Courthouse into a Court Room.

The State of Kansas has approved Riley County for a new full time Magistrate Judge and four staff members. If the State Legislature approve funding the County will be responsible for building space.

The Commission told Riley County Public Work Director Leon Hobson to get with Manhattan Architect Brent Bowman and develop the a cost estimate from the plans.

The Commissions voted to approve floor plan study #2 that Bowman had developed.

Hobson told the Commission that he had take the two drawing to the three District Court Judges and they liked plan number two the best.



Court plans number two.

# Audit To Discover Effectiveness of Virtual Schools Throughout Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — As a revolution in public education quietly spreads throughout Kansas, lawmakers in Topeka have a few questions: Just how many "virtual schools" does the state have? Who attends them? And what does it mean to "attend" an online school, anyway?

Those and other questions are expected to be answered in an audit report scheduled for delivery to the Legislature in April.

"This is a performance audit, which gets into a lot of details and will compare how the virtual schools are performing compared to their brick-and-mortar counterparts," said Barbara Hinton, legislative post auditor.

The public school system in

Lawrence opened the Lawrence Virtual School in 2004, with 165 students who had traded a traditional school setting for an electronic classroom capable of operating on the Internet 24 hours a day.

It was just the fourth such program in Kansas at the time, and the demand has exploded. The state now has 18 virtual school programs.

Lawrence Virtual School principal Gary Lewis said the school now has about 600 students from across the state and is expected to grow to 1,000 to 1,200 students next year.

The audit topic was requested by the Legislature's 2010 Commission, which is charged with monitoring school finance and school performance.

"It was an idea to keep the

Legislature up to date with all the things that are happening in the schools," said Rep. Pat Colloton, R-Leawood, who suggested the topic to the commission.

Colloton, a member of the House Education Committee, said virtual schools have helped the state serve certain populations who weren't being served by existing public schools.

"We're finding in some areas, they are bringing students back into the school system," Colloton said. "Some home schools have really gotten into using it."

One significant difference between traditional and virtual schools in Kansas is their geographic draw. Traditional schools enroll students from fixed boundaries, while the

Lawrence Virtual School draws from the statewide pool of students.

Schools such as the Lawrence Virtual School compete for students, with districts getting \$4,316 in state aid for each full-time student enrolled, just as they would with students attending regular brick-and-mortar schools.

The concept still is new to many people, according to Randy Weseman, Lawrence superintendent of schools.

"I think people have a lot of questions," Weseman said. "It's a huge jump moving from a bricks-and-mortar school to a school that exists only on the Internet. ... It isn't what some people think it is — you're not just turning your kids loose on a computer."

Lewis said students at the school use computers but also get a package of educational materials when they enroll. For students in grades K-8, one laptop computer and a printer is assigned to every three students in a household, and each full-time high school student gets his or her own laptop.

The package of materials also includes all curriculum resources, which would include textbooks and even a microscope or chemicals for science classes, he said.

The computers are on loan to the students and must be returned if they drop out of the program, he said. The school provides service to make sure the computers are up and running each day, he said.

Teachers might "meet" with stu-

dents in a chat room. Or some teachers have weekly conversations with students on the phone and make contact through e-mail.

"We have office hours, but the

## State And Federal Affairs Committee Studying Sexual Orientation Discrimination

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Jeff Potter says he was on the fast track to owning the business where he worked, but when the owner learned he was gay, he found himself on the outside, looking in.

Potter's testimony Tuesday to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee came as it considered a bill to make it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation. The committee took no action.

Potter told the committee he worked at the company, which he didn't name, for about two years and was being groomed to buy the business when the owner asked last year whether he was gay.

"My answer was 'yes.' He then terminated my employment and took away any hope of purchasing his business. His reason for termination was simple: He did not condone my lifestyle," said Potter, 40, of Horton,

who now works at a Kansas City, Mo., country club.

Chairman Pete Brungardt said he wants to see whether there is enough committee support to send the measure to the Senate before calling for a vote.

It already is illegal to discriminate in Kansas based on race, gender and disability, and 27 states have some protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation, according to the Human Rights Campaign in Washington.

The measure would apply to public accommodations, housing, employment, real-estate transactions and contracts with state and local governments but not to private or religious groups. Complaints would go to the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

"We clearly see more and more states, cities and municipalities rec-

ognizing that the burden of unfair treatment has been met and that it is the right thing to do to protect people from discrimination based on sexual orientation," said Thomas Witt, of Wichita, chairman of the Kansas Equality Coalition.

Witt said the bill wouldn't grant any special privileges or rights to any group but would provide legal protection for those discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

Speaking against the bill was Rep. Jan Pauls, D-Hutchinson, who questioned the need for it and said some of the definitions are confusing.

"There are no clear-line definitions. Once you have a foggy definition, you open the door to litigation," said Pauls, an attorney. "The majority of individuals in the state do not want to give more rights to a certain class that does not need to be

protected by the state."

Sen. Roger Reitz, R-Manhattan, disagreed. "It gets back to justice and fairness," he said.

Pauls also said employers could find themselves in trouble for refusing to hire someone whose sexual orientation they didn't know but who claimed not to have been hired because of sexual orientation.

"Most of the discrimination is when a person is fired after they find out they are gay. Employment isn't the problem, and she knows it," Witt said of Pauls' comments.

Sexual orientation has been a key issue in recent years.

State lawmakers again are looking for a way to ban picketing at funerals of U.S. troops killed in combat, in response to nationwide protests by the Rev. Fred Phelps and his followers, who say the deaths are God's punishment for the U.S. tolerating

homosexuals. A similar bill failed last year because the House and Senate couldn't agree on a final version.

Also, Rep. Lance Kinzer, R-Olathe, is pushing a bill to ban cities and counties from enacting local legislation to create a domestic partner registry or to recognize any domestic partnership not recognized by the state.

In 2005, voters rewrote the Kansas Constitution to say marriage shall be between one man and one woman and all other marriages are void.

## Vet Med Researchers Discover Vaccine Is Effective For Disease

Researchers from Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine have completed a study showing that a newly-developed vaccine is effective against a deadly viral disease that is affecting swine herds in Kansas.

The disease, most widely known as porcine circovirus associated disease, was first recognized in Kansas swine herds in November 2005. The disease complex is an immunosuppressive condition associated with porcine circovirus type 2 or PCV2.

Clinical signs of the disease in pigs include extreme and sudden weight loss, immune suppression, labored breathing, jaundice and diarrhea. More severe cases of the syndrome are characterized by skin lesions, neurological deterioration, kidney failure and eventually death. Swine producers with infected herds have experienced a death loss of 20 percent to 40 percent in finisher pigs, which are pigs between 10 weeks to 20 weeks of age. This has resulted in a devastating economic loss.

The researchers began a field trial in summer 2006, testing a vaccine in commercial development. The

researchers, all from the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, were Bob Rowland, Dick Hesse, Steve Dritz, Jerome Nietfeld and Kyle Horlen. The field trial, directed by Dritz and Horlen, was conducted on a family-owned swine farm in northeast Kansas and concluded in January with promising results.

The study showed a 50 percent reduction in mortality of vaccinated pigs compared to non-vaccinated pigs. Mortality was 7 percent for vaccinated pigs compared to 17 percent for non-vaccinated pigs. Vaccinated pigs also experienced an increase in growth. On average, they were 20 pounds heavier than non-vaccinated pigs of the same age.

"Results from this study suggest that the tested vaccine is effective in controlling the PCV2 associated disease in pigs," said Rowland, a virologist and associate professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

The researchers recommend producers who suspect their pigs are experiencing a porcine circovirus type 2 associated disease outbreak contact their veterinarian to confirm

the diagnosis and then acquire the vaccine, which is now available commercially.

"We want to make it clear to swine producers that this vaccine licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Veterinary Biologics is safe and effective," Rowland said.

Disease associated with porcine circovirus type 2 was first identified in Canada a decade ago and later appeared in Europe. It has become widespread and is in most pork producing areas of the United States. Reports from other countries confirm that it is also becoming prevalent throughout the world.

Steve Henry, a swine veterinarian from Abilene and an adjunct professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State, is working closely with the research team. Henry said that it remains a mystery how the circovirus spreads. He said outbreaks have occurred rapidly, yet randomly in swine operations with the highest levels of biosecurity protocol.

"It makes control strategies like quarantine practically irrelevant if

the virus can bypass the barriers," Henry said. "This is not a classic outbreak, in which the initial occurrence is followed by the ripple effect, spreading out from a source point."

While the results of this clinically significant project are encouraging, there are many questions about this emerging disease still facing K-State scientists. A special fund has been established for donations to further immediate research on porcine circovirus associated disease.

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# Jardine Dedication Set For Tuesday

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first newly constructed building at the Jardine Apartment Complex, the on-campus apartments at Kansas State University, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The ceremony will be at Building 9, the first building to be occupied as a part of the \$104 million Jardine redevelopment project. Tours of the new building will be available to the public by appointment beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 13. To schedule an appointment, call 785-532-3790. Building 9 is just west of the Frith Community Center at the end of Harry Road.

The project, which started in summer 2005, is changing the face of on-campus university housing in the state of Kansas, said Chuck Werring, assistant vice president of housing and dining services at K-State. The 10-year project will offer a mix of student housing options, all in a community-like setting. Plans also include a town center with retail opportunities, an academic resource center and community services offices.

"The entire project is focused around four community corner-

stones: global, education, imagination, and tradition, which have set the tone and the dynamic for life in the complex," Werring said. "These cornerstones were chosen by residents of the Jardine complex, and have been incorporated into every phase of the redevelopment project, as well as plans for future community development."

New residents of Building 9 are a mix of students from K-State residence halls and current Jardine students who completed an extensive application process to be part of this special opportunity, Werring said. They also will participate in focus groups and will serve as the voice for the future residents of Jardine, he said.

"I look forward to the next semester, and hope that I will be privileged enough to continue my experiences with tradition, education, imagination and global ideas as I continue my education here at Kansas State University. This is vital for me and will give me a chance to see what it is like to live outside of the residence halls," said Ronnie Hernandez, freshman in sociology, Great Bend, and a resident of Building 9.

"I hope living at Jardine will

enrich and diversify my life and leave me with experiences I can take beyond college and into my career," said Zachariah Marteny, sophomore in biology, Derby, another resident of Building 9.

Another 14 buildings in the project are nearing completion and are scheduled to open in August, Werring said. Apartment styles to be offered in the new construction include two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments, as well as loft and studio spaces.

Most of Jardine's 19 remaining apartment buildings and six laundry facilities were built between 1957 and 1963, with a community center added in 1990. The complex currently offers on-campus apartment living for married students, students with families, and single undergraduate and graduate students. A significant number of Jardine's residents are international students.

"The master plan for the redevelopment is in continuous progress," Werring said. "Schematics are being finalized, floor plans are being chosen and materials for the new apartments are being selected. The architecture and landscape design will create imaginative open spaces

where students, faculty and staff can interact."

The design of the redevelopment project involved feedback from across campus and will allow for new programming connections, he said.

"This redevelopment project is all about serving our students. Jardine is a unique student community where we have established a foundation of excellence with the development of community cornerstones which will guide every aspect of the project," Werring said. "These cornerstones focus on a sense of tradition, K-State's mission as an educational institution, our global approach to housing and our desire to provide a living experience enhanced by imagination."

No tax dollars are being used for the redevelopment project. Primary funding for the project will come from bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority and private contributions. K-State housing and dining services receives no funding from state, city, local or university sources.

# KSU Debaters Shine During Tournament Time

Kansas State University's forensics team, K-State Speech Unlimited, has started off the new year with several successful tournaments.

On Jan. 14 the team won the Northwest Missouri State University/Doane College Swing in Maryville, Mo. The same weekend, Speech Unlimited sent four students to the largest tournament in the country, at the University of Texas at Austin. The team took fourth place out of more than 40 teams at the tournament, the Hell Froze Over Swing, University of Texas at Austin and Bradley University.

The team earned first place overall Jan. 21 at the Concordia College/Wheaton College Swing in Seward, Neb., which was the 10th tournament the team has won this season.

Currently, 13 students are qualified in 40 events for the American

Forensics Association national tournament in April. For more information, visit the team's Web site at <http://www.k-state.edu/forensics>

Students involved in Speech Unlimited include:

Kevin Keatley, senior in political science, Bazine; Ashley Bechard, sophomore in speech, Beloit; Zac Ralston, junior in speech, Great Bend; Julia Debes, senior in agricultural communications and journalism, and Wayne Stoskopf, freshman in agribusiness, both of Hoisington; Clare Feeley, sophomore in speech, Leawood, first place informative speaking and first place poetry interpretation, Northwest Missouri State University, and first place poetry interpretation, second place informative speaking, third place persuasive speaking and third place individual speaker, Doane College; Sam Neal, junior in education-social studies,

Linwood, third place extemporaneous speaking, Northwest Missouri State University, and third place extemporaneous speaking, Doane College.

Rebecca Sullivan, freshman in agricultural communications and journalism, Paola; Victoria O'Brien, freshman in theater, St. George, first place communication analysis and first place dramatic interpretation, Northwest Missouri State University; Kevin Phillips, junior in speech, Spring Hill.

From Topeka: Amanda Hoffman, senior in speech; and James Stanfill, sophomore in pre-professional secondary education, first place impromptu speaking and second place prose interpretation, Doane College.

Alex Dryden, sophomore in theater, Wichita.

From out-of-state:

Jessy Ohl, junior in political science, Denison, Iowa, first place after dinner speaking, second place communication analysis and third place individual speaker, University of Texas at Austin; and first place communication analysis, third place impromptu speaking and third place individual speaker, Bradley University.

Alexandria Serra, senior in kinesiology, Joshua, Texas.

# Kansas State Announces Three Truman Finalists

Kansas State University is nominating three students to compete for \$30,000 Harry S. Truman scholarships.

James Hohenbary, assistant dean for scholarship development, said the nominees are Greg Corbin, Jenna Kennedy and Molly Kuhlman. Students selected as Truman finalists will interview in Kansas City in mid-March. Winners will be announced by early April.

Kennedy, Hoxie, is a senior in microbiology, natural resources and environmental science and premedicine. She is the advisory board co-chair to K-State PROUD: Students Changing Lives; president of Chimes junior honorary; and recruitment information manager for Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she also has served as finance vice president. Kennedy is a member of the University Committee on Religion and Rotaract. She has been a member of Quest, and has served as vice president of Silver Key sophomore honorary and as a Student Governing Association intern. Kennedy volunteers with Up 'til Dawn and the Flint Hills Community Clinic. She is a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center. She also is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research scholar, a Kansas State University Foundation Scholar and a Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholar. Kennedy is the daughter of Keith and Patricia Kennedy, Hoxie, and a 2004 gradu-

ate of Wheatland High School, Grainfield.

Kuhlman, Ness City, is a junior in bakery science and management-cereal chemistry. Kuhlman is a member of the Kansas State University Student Foundation, where she has served as secretary/treasurer and on the alumni committee; Silver Key honorary; College of Agriculture Council, where she has served on the Ag Fest committee; Phi Eta Sigma honorary; and Alpha Mu Grain Science honorary, where she has served as the College of Agriculture Council representative. She has participated in the Peer Mentor Program, Adopt-A-School, Spring Break Alternative Trip, and worked as a youth Bible camp director. She is a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center. She has received the C.S. Broeman Scholarship, the W.E. Long Scholarship, and was a Wendy's High School Heisman Finalist, a Kansas Governor's Scholar and valedictorian of her high school class. She is the daughter of Gerry and Ann Kuhlman and a 2004 graduate of Ness City High School.

Corbin, Shawnee, is a senior in philosophy and political science. He is a member of Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi and Order of Omega honoraries, and served as vice president of public relations for Golden Key. Corbin has served as recruitment chairman for Lambda Chi Alpha, as well as on various committees for the fraternity; as treasurer, vice president

of publicity and as president of Toastmasters International; and as a member of the Arts and Sciences Teaching Awards Selection Committee, the Pre-Law Club, Navigators, and as part of the Developing Scholars Program. He worked as a research assistant with Marcelo Sabates, professor and head of the department of philosophy, on the project "Moral Relativism and Human Rights." Corbin has received the Kansas State University Memorial Scholarship, the Philosophy Department Scholarship, the Kansas State University Presidential Scholarship and is a 2007 Air Force Academy Assembly delegate. He has volunteered with Flint Hills Breadbasket, Up 'til Dawn, Relay for Life and Operation Clean Sweep. He is the son of Pat and Lou Corbin and a 2003 graduate of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School.

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# Budget Allows For Refurbishing Of Older Aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's latest budget plan includes money for maintenance and upgrades on the Air Force's fleet of so-called "doomsday planes" at Boeing Co.'s Integrated Defense System plant in Wichita, Kan.

The Bush administration had sought to retire the four E-4B aircraft a year ago, but Kansas lawmakers pressed officials to keep the fleet for national security reasons. Work on the aircraft supports hundreds of jobs in the Wichita area.

"I am elated by the news," Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., said Tuesday. "I am pleased the Pentagon listened to our arguments for the continuation of the program."

Tiahrt, along with Kansas Republican Sens. Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback, urged Pentagon officials not to retire the planes,

arguing that millions of dollars to modernize two of the aircraft had already been spent.

The four planes can serve as a command center for the president and other U.S. leaders in the event of a nuclear war or other national emergency that destroys control centers on the ground.

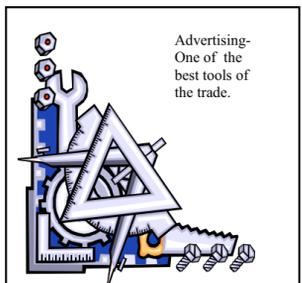
Boeing Wichita workers have already completed modifications for two of the aircraft. Work for a third is included under the budget proposal Bush released Monday, which requires congressional approval.

Tiahrt said he hopes the request will be included in the defense funding bill that Congress will take up later this year.

Chicago-based Boeing, the nation's second-largest military contractor, would benefit from heavy military spending by the Bush

administration in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The \$2.9 trillion budget calls for the Defense Department to receive \$624.6 billion, up 4.1 percent.

Boeing Co. Chief Executive Officer Jim McNerney said Tuesday that proposed defense spending is at least as good as, and maybe better, than the company expected.



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# Thoughts From The Prairie

## Religious Practices and Their Consequences

This past week has seen a kaleidoscope of unique events, such as: The keynote speaker at the 55th Annual National Prayer Breakfast was Dr. Francis Collins, an event at which Senators McCain and Clinton were observed laughing and joking together; both Super Bowl head coaches are African-Americans, both are Christians.

These events are pieces of the ongoing dialogue of Traditionalists versus Secularists, the connection in due time. This dialogue has been going on for all of recorded history. However, the debate has intensified into a Cultural War. I could not figure out why some Americans seem to hate America so I began to look for an answer. I found one that satisfies me at the moment: "There are no atheists in the foxhole."

Two soldiers under my command in Vietnam were on a mission in a Jeep and were hit on the passenger side by an enemy personnel mine. They were rushed to the hospital and released. I went to their unit and was greeted by their section chief, "Major, are you a believer?" Before I could answer he added, "Well, yesterday I was not, today I am! Come look at this Jeep!" The vehicle was riddled with thousands of holes except on the dash was the silhouette



Dick Miller

of the soldier in the right seat with no holes in that silhouette. The soldier should have been ripped to shreds but not a hole in his body. That event transformed the entire section.

The argument is that humans are innately religious and at some point realize they are NOT self-contained and will seek help externally, be it Science, an idol, or God and that every religion has an object of worship or core concept that serves the same purpose.

The Babylonians believed the material universe brought their 15 gods into existence, the Greeks had mythical gods, and Egyptians had 2,000 gods. The descendents of Abraham worship only one God, most of the time. Christians have Christ, a descendent of Abraham, as their Messiah. I submit that the god of Secular Humanism is Science and the key precept is Evolution.

Now I understand why evolution is

defended so passionately. Evolution is to the Secularist what Christ is to Christians. Take away Christ, Christianity vaporizes; disprove evolution, Secular Humanism reverts to a philosophy with no explanation of the universe. Therefore, I again posit that Humanism is a religion practiced by Secularists. Realizing this, I have a different view of Secularists that includes respect for their belief system that is rooted in the Humanist Manifesto. However, there are now secular zealots who are practicing their religion under the guise of civil liberties that is taking away the religious freedom of Traditionalists who trace their roots to the Founding Fathers.

These secular zealots are offended by the presence of Christian symbols and their religion demands they eradicate them. Likewise they detest capitalism and must condemn it. This shows up as "hate America" speech and the more successful our nation becomes, the more ferocious the attacks. The danger is the deceit with which this religion is practiced. The Judicial System is used in the name of civil liberties to remove such practices as prayer from public schools, the Ten Commandments and Christmas displays from public property. Students in the public schools are forbidden to write papers that include the name of Christ. And therein is found the root of a brilliant strategy formulated by Secularists years ago that is being implemented just as planned.

So what's the relation of Dr. Collins and Pro Bowl Coaches to this dialogue? Stay tuned there is more to come!

everyone believes Saddam was seeking yellowcake from Niger — the CIA, the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee, Lord Butler's report in Britain, even the French believe it.

But at MSNBC, it's not even an open question: That network alone has determined that Saddam Hussein was (BEGIN ITALS)not(END ITALS) trying to acquire enriched uranium from Niger. Actually one other person may still agree with MSNBC: a discredited, washed-up State Department hack who used his CIA flunky wife's petty influence to scrape up pity assignments. But even he won't say it on TV anymore.

Shuster excitedly reported: "We've already gotten testimony that, in fact, that Joe Wilson's trip to Niger was based on forgeries that were so obvious that they were forgeries that officials said it would have only taken a few days for anybody to realize they were forgeries."

This is so wrong it's not even wrong. It's not 180 degrees off the truth — it's more like 3 times 8, carry the 2, 540 degrees from the truth. Shuster has twisted Wilson's original lie into some Frankenstein monster lie you'd need Ross Perot with a handful of flow charts to map out in full.

During Wilson's massive media tour, he began telling reporters that he knew Saddam was not seeking yellowcake from Niger because the documents allegedly proving a deal were obvious forgeries.

Again, thanks to endless investigations, we now know that Wilson was lying: He never saw the forged documents. (Not only that, but Bush's statement was not based on the forged documents because no one ever believed them.)

The bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee report notes that Wilson was asked how he "could have come to the conclusion that the 'dates were wrong and the names were wrong' when he had never seen the CIA reports and had no knowledge of what names and dates were in the reports." Indeed, the United States didn't even receive the "obviously forged" documents until eight months after Wilson's trip to Niger!

Wilson admitted to the committee that he had "misspoken" to reporters about having seen the forged documents. Similarly, Cain "misspoke" when God inquired as to the whereabouts of his dead brother, Abel.

But on "Hardball," the forged documents that no one in the U.S. government saw until eight months after Wilson's trip now form the very impetus for the trip. A perfectly plausible theory, provided you have a working time machine at your disposal.

If you wonder how it came to be generally acknowledged "fact," accepted by all men of good will, that Joe McCarthy was a monster, that Alger Hiss was innocent, that mankind is causing global warming and that we're losing the war in Iraq, try watching the rewriting of history nightly on MSNBC. Don't forget to bring your time machine.



# Ann Coulter

## Yellowcake And Yellow Journalism

To see how liberal history is created, you need to tune into the nut-cable stations and watch their coverage of the Scooter Libby trial. On MSNBC they're covering the trial like it's the Normandy Invasion, starring Elvis Presley, as told by Joseph Goebbels.

MSNBC's "reportage" consists of endless repetition of arbitrary assertions, half-truths and thoroughly debunked canards. No one else cares about the trial — except presumably Scooter Libby — so the passionate left is allowed to invent a liberal fable without correction.

Night after night, it is blithely asserted on "Hardball" that Wilson's trip to Niger debunked the claim that Saddam Hussein had been seeking enriched uranium from Niger.

As David Shuster reported last week: "Wilson goes and finds out that the claim that Iraq was seeking uranium from Niger is not accurate."

There have been massive investigations into this particular claim of "Ambassador" Joe Wilson, both here and in Britain. Nearly three years ago, a bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee concluded that this was not merely untrue, it was the opposite of the truth: Wilson's report actually bolstered the belief that Saddam was seeking uranium from Niger.

"The panel found," as The Washington Post reported on July 10, "that Wilson's report, rather than debunking intelligence about purported uranium sales to Iraq, as he has said, bolstered the case for most intelligence analysts." So you can see how a seasoned newsman like David Shuster might come to the exact opposite conclusion and then repeat this false conclusion on TV every night.

Wilson's unwritten "report" to a few CIA agents supported the suspicion that Saddam was seeking enriched uranium from Niger because, according to Wilson, the former prime minister of Niger told him that in 1999 Saddam had sent a delegation to discuss "expanding commercial relations" with Niger. The only thing Niger has to trade is yellowcake. If Saddam was seeking



Ann Coulter

to expand commercial relations with Niger, we can be fairly certain he wasn't trying to buy designer jeans, ready-to-assemble furniture or commemorative plates. He was seeking enriched uranium.

But Wilson simply accepted the assurances of the former prime minister of Niger that selling yellowcake to Saddam was the farthest thing from his mind. (BEGIN ITALS)I give you my word as an African head of state.(END ITALS)

Chris Matthews also repeatedly says that Bush's famous "16 words" in his 2003 State of the Union address — which liberals say was a LIE! a LIE! a despicable LIE! — consisted of the claim that British intelligence said there was a "deal" for Saddam Hussein to buy enriched uranium from Niger.

Matthews huffily wonders aloud why Wilson's incorrect report didn't get into Bush's State of the Union address "rather than the president's claim of British intelligence that said there was a deal to buy uranium, which of course became one of the underpinnings of this administration's argument that we had to go to war with Iraq."

Considering how hysterical liberals were about Bush's "16 words," you'd think they'd have a vague recollection of what those words were and that they did not include the word "deal." What Bush said was: "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa."

Even if the British had been wrong, what Bush said was factually correct: In 2003, the British government believed that Saddam sought yellowcake from Niger. (Not "MSNBC factual," mind you. I mean "real factual.")

But in fact, the British were right and Wilson was wrong. By now,

# E-Mail Describes Shortages

(AP) — A day before four of the company's security guards died in Iraq, a Blackwater USA employee wrote company officials that it was time to stop the "smoke and mirror show" and provide crucial equipment for the private army in the field.

"I need Comms (communications equipment). ... I need ammo. ... I need Glocks and M4s. ... Guys are in the field with borrowed stuff and in harm's way," said the e-mail, released at a House hearing Wednesday.

Blackwater employee Tom Powell wrote the memo to other company officials on March 30, 2004.

The next day, a mob in Fallujah ambushed a supply convoy guarded by Blackwater, killing the four employees who all were former members of the military.

The incident brought to U.S. television some of its most gruesome images of the Iraq war. The guards; bodies were dragged through the streets and mutilated and two of the corpses were strung from a bridge.

In a related development, an Army procurement official, Tina Ballard, told the House Oversight and Government

Reform Committee the service has withheld \$19.6 million from Halliburton subsidiary KBR. The penalty resulted from the Army's discovery, after months of denials to committee members, that Blackwater was hired as a subcontractor under KBR's support operations for the U.S. military in Iraq.

The contract prohibited hiring private guards, leaving that job to the U.S. military.

The Powell memo was released after four family members of the men killed in Fallujah testified at the hearing that their loved ones were not given the armored vehicles, heavy weapons and other protections they were promised.

"I have requested Hard cars from the beginning and from my understanding an order is still pending. Why I ask," the Powell memo said.

Andrew Howell, general counsel of Blackwater, told the hearing the vehicles had some steel plates and were "believed appropriate by everyone involved."

"Did Blackwater meet its responsibilities?" asked committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

"Yes we did," Howell replied.

"Have you skimmed on equipment?" asked Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah.

"We have not skimmed on equipment, no sir," Howell said.

The hearing became emotional when Kathryn Helvenston-Wettengel, mother of slain Blackwater guard Stephen Helvenston, read a statement on behalf of the families. She stopped several times to collect herself.

The three men killed in addition to Helvenston — a former Navy SEAL — were Wesley Batalona, a former Army Ranger represented by his daughter Kristal; Michael Teague, formerly in an Army helicopter unit, represented by his widow Rhonda; and Jerry Zovko, a former Army Ranger represented by his mother Donna.

The families have sued Blackwater, contending that was the only way they could learn the circumstances of the killings.

Howell said the U.S. military had classified the incident and he could not discuss the details. The Blackwater attorney and several Republican lawmakers said the families were improperly trying to argue their case in a congressional hearing rather than a courtroom.

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## Wildcat Women Succumb To Nebraska

(AP) - Kansas State put three players into double figures, but it was not enough as No. 21 Nebraska held off the Wildcats for a 62-55 victory on Wednesday night for the Cornhuskers' fourth straight win and seventh in eight games.

The Huskers were led by Kiera Hardy with 13, while Ashley Ford added 11 points and Chelsea Aubry had 12 rebounds for Nebraska (19-4, 8-2 Big 12), which won the rebounding battle, 46-33. Kelsey Griffin, who entered the game fifth in the Big 12 Conference at 16.4 points per game, was held to seven points and 10 rebounds in action limited by foul trouble.

Shalee Lehning scored 15 points for Kansas State (15-8, 3-6), which has lost six of seven since starting

forward Marlies Gipson went down with a knee injury. Kimberly Dietz added 14 and Claire Coggins 13.

Nebraska survived a 5-minute scoreless streak in the second half to break a six-game losing streak at Bramlage Coliseum. With the victory, the Huskers tied a record for the best conference start in school history. The 1987-88 team began 20-4 overall and 8-2 in the Big Eight Conference.

It is the best conference start for the Huskers since the Big 12 was formed in 1996.

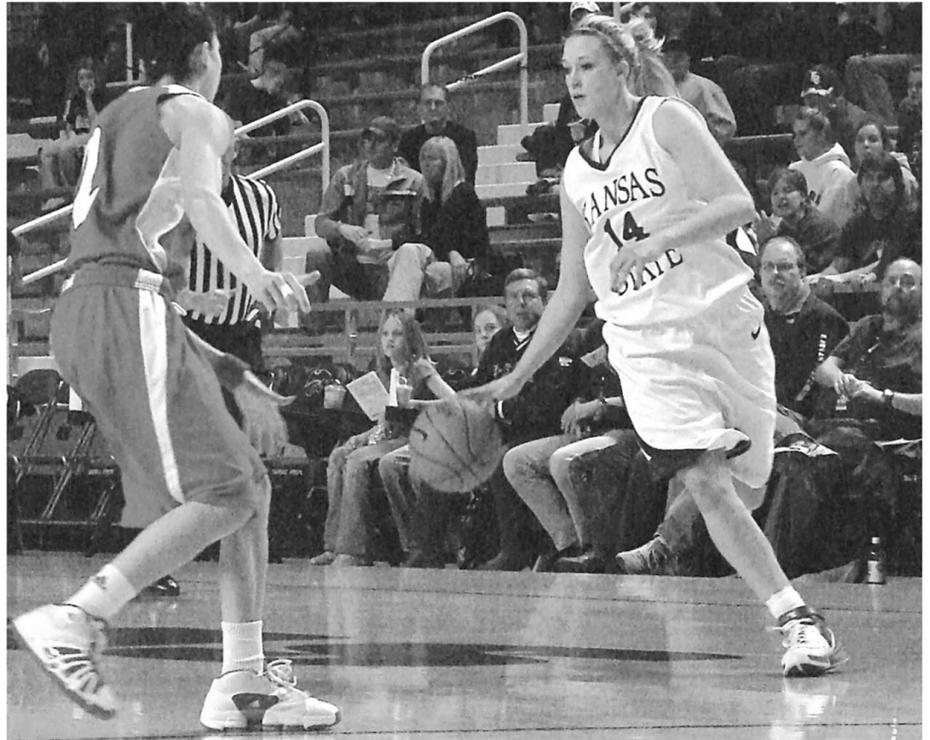
The Wildcats trailed 32-25 at half-time after shooting 32 percent in the opening period. Their struggles continued early in the second, when they missed nine of their first 11 from the field and trailed 42-29.

The Wildcats, however, went on a 10-0 run, capped by an alley-oop layup from Dietz to Shana Wheeler, to cut the gap to 42-39 with 11:32 remaining.

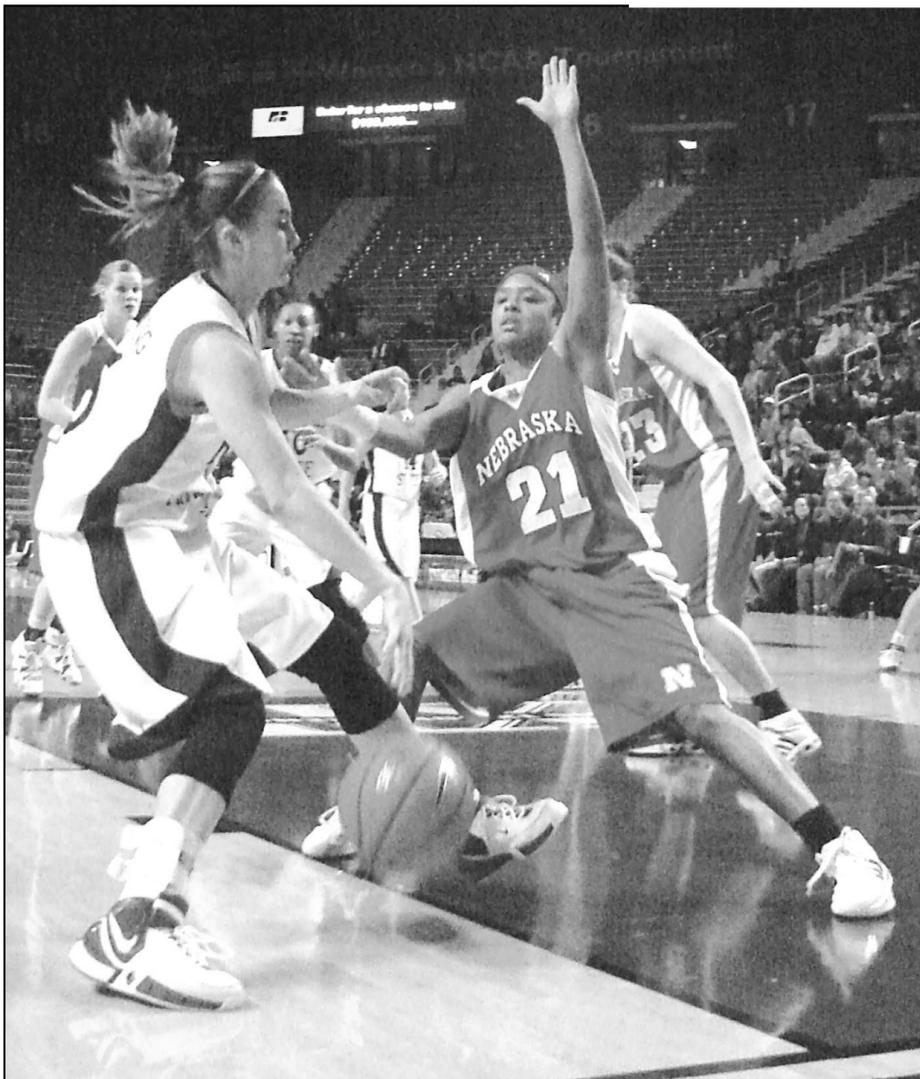
But that was as close as Kansas State would get, as a last-minute comeback effort fell short when the Wildcats could not connect from long range. Kansas State finished 4-for-23 from 3-point range, compared to the Huskers' 7-of-17 shooting.

Although Nebraska turned the ball over 21 times, the Wildcats could only convert the giveaways into 17 points.

Following a 70-63 victory in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 17, the Huskers' win Wednesday completed their first season sweep of the Wildcats since the 2000-01 season.



Claire Coggins(14)fakes right, drives left



Shalee Lehning(5) spins away from the defense

## Wildcats Get WR Coach

Dave Brock, a 17-year veteran of the coaching profession, has been named wide receiver coach at Kansas State, head football coach Ron Prince announced Thursday.

Brock comes to Kansas State from North Carolina and will replace Pat Washington, who accepted a position on the coaching staff at Mississippi State in January.

"Dave Brock brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our staff and we are thrilled that he has agreed to join our organization," Prince said. "Coach Brock is well respected in college football coaching circles as not only an offensive innovator and a relentless recruiter, but as a teacher who has a proven track record of getting the absolute best from the young men he coaches."

A native of Moorestown, N.J., Brock's 17-year coaching career includes stops at North Carolina, Temple, Hofstra, Salisbury State and Western Connecticut State.

Brock most recently completed his second season at North Carolina, where he served as the Tar Heels' assistant head coach/recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach. While at UNC, he tutored two of the top wide receivers in Carolina history in Jarwarski Pollock and Jesse Holley. In 2005, Pollock became the all-time leading receiver at Carolina with 177 career catches and Holley led the team with 47 receptions.

In 2006, Brock coached wide receiver Hakeem Nicks to honorable mention freshman All-America honors by The Sporting News as Nicks set UNC freshmen records with 39 receptions for 660 yards and four touchdowns.

Prior to North Carolina, Brock was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for three seasons at Temple, where he directed a spread offense attack that made the Owls' offense one of the most exciting in the Big East.

In 2004, Temple ranked third in the Big East in rushing, generating 173.0 yards on the ground per game. The Owls also passed for 2,428 yards - the fourth-most in program history - and averaged 393.7 total yards per game with quarterback Walter Washington ending the year ranked 11th nationally in total offense, 21st in scoring and led the nation in rushing touchdowns by a quarterback.

## Men Fall To The Jayhawks At Allen Field House

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Brandon Rush scored 18 points and No. 9 Kansas ran past Kansas State 97-70 Wednesday in a rough and spirited renewal of a long rivalry that's been re-energized with the arrival of Bob Huggins.

Kansas (20-4 overall, 7-2 Big 12) began the game with a 15-2 run and closed out the first half on a 14-5 spree for a 47-35 lead over the Wildcats (17-7, 6-3), who came in with a seven-game winning streak, their longest in 19 years.

The Jayhawks, who have beaten their state rivals 33 times in their last 34 meetings, shot 56 percent and did not take all their starters off the floor until 3:28 remained and they led 89-

60. Huggins and the Wildcats will no doubt remember that when they host Kansas in a rematch on Feb. 19 at Bramlage Coliseum, where Kansas has never lost.

Kansas State did not get its first field goal of the second half until Jermaine Maybank hit with 14:03 left. By then, Kansas led 60-39 and the rout was on.

Maybank, averaging 2.6 points for the year, had career-high 26 points for Kansas State.

The Wildcats, who made a season-high 14 3-pointers while beating Texas on Saturday, missed 11 of their first 13 tries from behind the arc and wound up only 4-for-22.

Darnell Jackson had 13 points

and 10 rebounds for Kansas, which outrebounded Kansas State 28-9 in the second half. Darrell Arthur had 14 points for the Jayhawks and Sherron Collins and Mario Chalmers each had 11.

Davis Hoskins had 13 points for Kansas State. The Wildcats, who made a season-high 14 3-pointers while beating Texas on Saturday, missed 11 of their first 13 tries from behind the arc and wound up only 4-for-22.

Kansas State will be back in action on Saturday, Feb. 10, as they host the Colorado Buffaloes. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.

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## Now That's Rural Rural Engineer Leon Atwell

Electrical engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, and more. There are several types of engineering professions. Today we'll meet an engineer of a different sort: He is an entrepreneurial young man who could be described as an "organizational engineer." You probably won't find that in the engineering curriculum, but it is a good term to describe his work in helping communities and organizations build a better future for themselves.

Leon Atwell is a young man from rural Kansas who studied engineering and then found that his career took a different turn. Here is the story of this engineer who is using his skills in special ways. First of all, what exactly is an engineer? According to my dictionary, it is "One who operates an engine." Well, thanks a lot.

But another definition says, "One who manages an enterprise in a skillful way." And in verb form, it says, "To plan, manage and accomplish by skillful acts." Those definitions are very appropriate to describe this rural "engineer."

Leon grew up at the northwest Kansas town of Norton, population 2,943 people. That's rural - but stay tuned.

Leon went on to K-State where he studied engineering. He then immersed himself in the technical things that engineers do so well...designing, building things and managing projects. He also found time to marry a Kansas farm girl along the way. After college he went into the corporate world in Texas, but after several years in the engineering profession he came to a life-changing conclusion. Leon says, "The secret to business success isn't usually found on the technical side, it's through the people side."

So Leon took the well-honed technical skills that had been developed through his engineering work and sought to build on them to apply them to the people side of businesses and organizations. At Sam Houston State, he earned a master's degree with an emphasis on psychology, education, and organizational development.

Near Houston, Texas he helped grow and improve a number of organizations doing leadership and organizational development work. He then worked internally for a very large global engineering company, helping with large organizational

change projects, and then in 2000, went out on his own

Leon says, "After 9-11, the nation had a shift in priorities as did our family." For the Atwells, those priorities involved their roots back in Kansas. Leon says, "Our families and hearts were here in rural Kansas. Each year we would come home to Kansas for vacation and wheat harvest." He and his family truly care for rural Kansas and rural communities. In 2002, they made the move to north central Kansas. Leon continues to help organizations and his wife is a personal trainer with a wellness center.

But for years, Leon traveled to where the work was anyway. While in Houston he had commuted weekly to L.A. for many months to work on a project.

After coming back to Kansas, he facilitated a three-day session for executives of an international technical services company in New Jersey to align their global business priorities.

While continuing to help rural organizations in the Midwest grow and improve, he also works with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship as the Kansas lead for the HomeTown Competitiveness initiative.

HomeTown Competitiveness is an approach to rural community building that provides for long-term rural community sustainability. This program originated in Nebraska, where it has had excellent results. Leon is involved with assisting communities with HomeTown Competitiveness in Kansas. For more information, go to [www.htcnebraska.org](http://www.htcnebraska.org).

This rural Kansas advocate makes his office near the north central town of Beloit, population 3,925 people and actually lives in Glen Elder, population 428. Now, that's rural.

How exciting it is to find this young "organizational engineer" benefiting rural Kansas communities and organizations.

There are electrical engineers, chemical engineers, mechanical engineers, and several other types of engineers, but now we've met an "organizational engineer." He has merged his technical skills with people skills to help communities and organizations succeed. We salute Leon Atwell for making a difference with this unique mix of technical expertise and caring for rural communities. I believe he has the skills to engineer his way through anything.

## Patterson Shares Thoughts On Huskers

On her overall thoughts of the game...

"I think this was a game in which our basketball team took the floor and competed at a Big 12 caliber tonight. Obviously on the boards Nebraska really asserted themselves on the defensive boards and dominated there. I felt like we did have a more effective response on the offensive end. We've really struggle on making open shots in the last couple of games. We have to continue to

work very hard to establish an inside presence and a post game that can provide us with some production. I felt we competed very well against a very good and composed Nebraska basketball team. They don't get rattled. They understand any given possession on where their best opportunity is to get their next basket. That is just the sign of a great basketball team. From the outside looking in, I think it has led to a great deal of success.



Kimberley Dietz (13) weighs her passing options



Claire Coggins (14) seems to smile as she drives to the hoop

## Wildcat Senior Claire Coggins Assesses The Nebraska Game

Courtesy Kansas State University Senior Guard Claire Coggins

On the Wildcats' current skid and the team's confidence...

"I don't think our confidence is hurt at all. We're a team that likes to play basketball and we like to get better every day. We know that we're good and we have faith in each other, in our staff, in our coaches - everyone has faith in each other. We've got confidence. Teams go through times where they lose and we're not going

to be the kind of team that quits. We have six games left and we see that as a great opportunity. We're done with what's (behind us). I think its easy for teams to get down and lose their confidence, but thank the Lord that's not the type of team I'm on and that's not what we pride ourselves on being."

On the depth Nebraska displayed at the post position due to fouls...

"Nebraska is a very experienced team. They don't get rattled whether their best players are on the bench or

not. Our team needs to look at that and really take advantage of the situations that are given to us. That's one place where we may be lacking - whenever we get a great opportunity we have to take advantage of it. There were times where I think we could have got to the foul line a lot more with our post players being strong in there and taking advantage of their great, great post players being on the bench."

On challenges Nebraska guard Kiera Hardy presents...

"Kiera (Hardy) is very lethal - you really have to pay attention to her. She demands great respect with her drive, she's got great moves off her handle, she's got a great step-back three she can hit from deep range. It's great when we can limit a great player like that to 13 points - that's a relatively quiet game for her. She's definitely someone you have to focus on and bring a great deal of attention to. She's a spark for their team."

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