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President Bush Speaks To America

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening. Tonight in Iraq, the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged in a struggle that will determine the direction of the global war on terror — and our safety here at home. The new strategy I outline tonight will change America's course in Iraq, and help us succeed in the fight against terror.

When I addressed you just over a year ago, nearly 12 million Iraqis had cast their ballots for a unified and democratic nation. The elections of 2005 were a stunning achievement. We thought that these elections would bring the Iraqis together, and that as we trained Iraqi security forces we could accomplish our mission with fewer American troops.

But in 2006, the opposite happened. The violence in Iraq — particularly in Baghdad — overwhelmed the political gains the Iraqis had made. Al Qaeda terrorists and Sunni insurgents recognized the mortal danger that Iraq's elections posed for their cause, and they responded with outrageous acts of murder aimed at innocent Iraqis. They blew up one of the holiest shrines in Shia Islam — the Golden Mosque of Samarra — in a calculated effort to provoke Iraq's Shia population to retaliate. Their strategy worked. Radical Shia elements, some supported by Iran, formed death squads. And the result was a vicious cycle of sectarian violence that continues today.

The situation in Iraq is unacceptable to the American people — and it is unacceptable to me. Our troops in Iraq have fought bravely. They have done everything we have asked them to do. Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me.

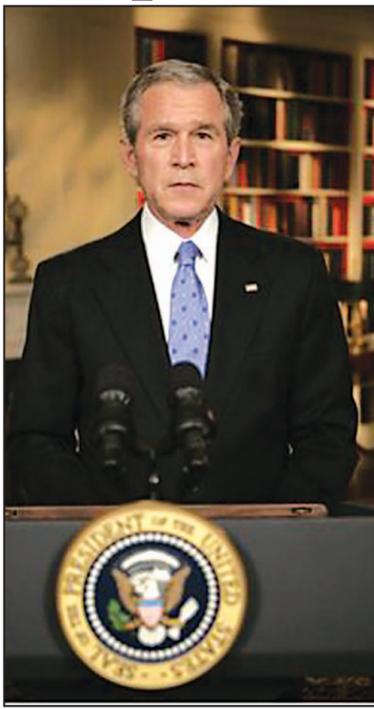
It is clear that we need to change our strategy in Iraq. So my national security team, military commanders, and diplomats conducted a comprehensive review. We consulted members of Congress from both parties, our allies abroad, and distinguished outside experts. We benefited from the thoughtful recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel led by former Secretary of State James Baker and former Congressman Lee Hamilton. In our discussions, we all agreed that there is no magic formula for success in Iraq. And one message came through loud and clear: Failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States.

The consequences of failure are clear: Radical Islamic extremists would grow in strength and gain new recruits. They would be in a better position to topple moderate governments, create chaos in the region, and use oil revenues to fund their ambitions. Iran would be emboldened in its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Our enemies would have a safe haven from which to plan and launch attacks on the American people. On September the 11th, 2001, we saw what a refuge for extremists on the other side of the world could bring to the streets of our own cities. For the safety of our people, America must succeed in Iraq.

The most urgent priority for success in Iraq is security, especially in Baghdad. Eighty percent of Iraq's sectarian violence occurs within 30 miles of the capital. This violence is splitting Baghdad into sectarian enclaves, and shaking the confidence of all Iraqis. Only Iraqis can end the sectarian violence and secure their people. And their government has put forward an aggressive plan to do it.

Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents. And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have. Our military commanders reviewed the new Iraqi plan to ensure that it addressed these mistakes. They report that it does. They also report that this plan can work.

Now let me explain the main elements of this effort: The Iraqi government will appoint a military commander and two deputy commanders for their capital. The Iraqi government will



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deploy Iraqi Army and National Police brigades across Baghdad's nine districts. When these forces are fully deployed, there will be 18 Iraqi Army and National Police brigades committed to this effort, along with local police. These Iraqi forces will operate from local police stations — conducting patrols and setting up checkpoints, and going door-to-door to gain the trust of Baghdad residents.

This is a strong commitment. But for it to succeed, our commanders say the Iraqis will need our help. So America will change our strategy to help the Iraqis carry out their campaign to put down sectarian violence and bring security to the people of Baghdad. This will require increasing American force levels. So I've committed more than 20,000 additional American troops to Iraq. The vast majority of them — five brigades — will be deployed to Baghdad. These troops will work alongside Iraqi units and be embedded in their formations. Our troops will have a well-defined mission: to help Iraqis clear and secure neighborhoods, to help them protect the local population, and to help ensure that the Iraqi forces left behind are capable of providing the security that Baghdad needs.

Many listening tonight will ask why this effort will succeed when previous operations to secure Baghdad did not. Well, here are the differences: In earlier operations, Iraqi and American forces cleared many neighborhoods of terrorists and insurgents, but when our forces moved on to other targets, the killers returned. This time, we'll have the force levels we need to hold the areas that have been cleared. In earlier operations, political and sectarian interference prevented Iraqi and American forces from going into neighborhoods that are home to those fueling the sectarian violence. This time, Iraqi and American forces will have a green light to enter those neighborhoods — and Prime Minister Maliki has pledged that political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated.

I've made it clear to the Prime Minister and Iraq's other leaders that America's commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people — and it will lose the support of the Iraqi people. Now is the time to act. The Prime Minister understands this. Here is what he told his people just last week: "The Baghdad security plan will not pro-

vide a safe haven for any outlaws, regardless of [their] sectarian or political affiliation."

This new strategy will not yield an immediate end to suicide bombings, assassinations, or IED attacks. Our enemies in Iraq will make every effort to ensure that our television screens are filled with images of death and suffering. Yet over time, we can expect to see Iraqi troops chasing down murderers, fewer brazen acts of terror, and growing trust and cooperation from Baghdad's residents. When this happens, daily life will improve, Iraqis will gain confidence in their leaders, and the government will have the breathing space it needs to make progress in other critical areas. Most of Iraq's Sunni and Shia want to live together in peace — and reducing the violence in Baghdad will help make reconciliation possible.

A successful strategy for Iraq goes beyond military operations. Ordinary Iraqi citizens must see that military operations are accompanied by visible improvements in their neighborhoods and communities. So America will hold the Iraqi government to the benchmarks it has announced.

To establish its authority, the Iraqi government plans to take responsibility for security in all of Iraq's provinces by November. To give every Iraqi citizen a stake in the country's economy, Iraq will pass legislation to share oil revenues among all Iraqis. To show that it is committed to delivering a better life, the Iraqi government will spend \$10 billion of its own money on reconstruction and infrastructure projects that will create new jobs. To empower local leaders, Iraqis plan to hold provincial elections later this year. And to allow more Iraqis to re-enter their nation's political life, the government will reform de-Baathification laws, and establish a fair process for considering amendments to Iraq's constitution.

America will change our approach to help the Iraqi government as it works to meet these benchmarks. In keeping with the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, we will increase the embedding of American advisers in Iraqi Army units, and partner a coalition brigade with every Iraqi Army division. We will help the Iraqis build a larger and better-equipped army, and we will accelerate the training of Iraqi forces, which remains the essential U.S. security mission in Iraq. We will give our commanders and civilians greater flexibility to spend funds for economic assistance. We will double the number of provincial reconstruction teams. These teams bring together military and civilian experts to help local Iraqi communities pursue reconciliation, strengthen the moderates, and speed the transition to Iraqi self-reliance. And Secretary Rice will soon appoint a reconstruction coordinator in Baghdad to ensure better results for economic assistance being spent in Iraq.

As we make these changes, we will continue to pursue al Qaeda and foreign fighters. Al Qaeda is still active in Iraq. Its home base is Anbar Province. Al Qaeda has helped make Anbar the most violent area of Iraq outside the capital. A captured al Qaeda document describes the terrorists' plan to infiltrate and seize control of the province. This would bring al Qaeda closer to its goals of taking down Iraq's democracy, building a radical Islamic empire, and launching new attacks on the United States at home and abroad.

Our military forces in Anbar are killing and capturing al Qaeda leaders, and they are protecting the local population. Recently, local tribal leaders have begun to show their willingness to take on al Qaeda. And as a result, our commanders believe we have an opportunity to deal a serious blow to the terrorists. So I have given orders to increase American forces in Anbar Province by 4,000 troops. These troops will work with Iraqi and tribal forces to keep up the pressure on the terrorists. America's men

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Winners Named In King Contest

Two best of show winners, eight first place winners and six honorable mentions have been awarded for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Art and Writing Contest. The contest is a part of the Manhattan community's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

A total of 333 pieces were entered in this year's contest, 178 art and 155 writing.

Winners were selected in both the art and writing categories in four age groups (5-8, 9-12, 13-17, 18 and up). Additionally, a Best of Show winner and three Honorable Mention winners were selected in both art and writing from among all age categories.

Art Winners

Best of Show: Lisa Zhu, age 9-12 category, Marlatt Elementary School
First Place, ages 5-8: Ella Bahr, Manhattan Catholic School

First Place, ages 9-12: Pilar Dritz
First Place, ages 13-17: Brooke Grieger, Manhattan High School

First Place, ages 18 and up: Kira Pearce, Manhattan High School

Honorable Mention:

Northview First Grade, ages 5-8 category, teacher — Mary Hemphill
Sammi Grieger, ages 9-12 category, Northview Elementary School

Amber Fraser, ages 18 and up category, Manhattan High School

Writing Winners

Best of Show: Cody Meyer, age 9-12 category, Luckey Junior High

First Place, ages 5-8: Alina Zheng, Amanada Arnhold Elementary School

First Place, ages 9-12: Garrison Olds, Home school

First Place, ages 13-17: Stephanie Vanderlinde, Luckey Junior High

First Place, ages 18 and up: Ruby D. Mann

Honorable Mention:

Rachel Messer, ages 13-17 category, Home school

Anna Weddle, ages 13-17 category, Home school

Phillip F. Schlee, adult category

Four volunteer judges in each category selected the winning entries. Judges in the art category included: Ronna Tyson, Katherine Schalgeck, Diane Dollar and Rachel Melis. Writing Judges were: Charlee Smith, Marcia Allen, Bunny McBride and Jennifer Adams.

Entries addressed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life themes of non-violence, social justice, and building bridges between racial and ethnic divides and could incorporate the theme "Diversity on Your Street" or focus on Manhattan's newly named Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Drive or the Martin Luther King, Jr. bust that will be erected near Ahearn Field House.

Best of Show entries receive a \$50 savings bond, a book, and a certificate. First place entries receive a book and a certificate. Honorable Mention entries receive a certificate.

Winners will be officially announced during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Awards Ceremony at Manhattan Town Center on Monday, January 15. These entries will then be displayed at Manhattan Town Center.

Several other non-winning entries will be displayed in places throughout the community including Manhattan Public Library, Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan Arts Center and the Flint Hills Job Corps Center. Selected works will also be published in local newspapers and read on the radio. Additionally, a few pieces will be kept for display at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka in January 2008.

Senate Passes School Funding

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — With the Legislature only in its second day, the Senate passed a bill Tuesday to ensure there will be enough money to finance last year's court-mandated school funding plan.

The measure earmarks \$122.7 million for the funding plan's third year — in the budget year beginning July 1, 2008. Last year, legislators approved a three-year, \$541 million increase for schools, which satisfied the Kansas Supreme Court's decree to spend more money on education. At the time, it wasn't clear if the state would have enough money to fund the third year, but state revenues are above expectations.

The 37-1 vote sends the bill to the House, where leaders announced Monday they had their own version of legislation to do essentially the same thing.

The bill creates the "Keeping the Education Promise Trust Fund," where the money would be placed from the surplus revenues on July and administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

"The thought of this trust fund is to live up to the promises and commitments we have made," said Senate Ways and Means Chairman Dwayne Umbarger.

The only negative vote was cast by Sen. Laura Kelly, D-Topeka, who objected to the bill being considered by the entire Senate rather than the Ways and Means Committee, of which she's a member.

"It totally bypassed the committee process," she said. "It's a bit of political grandstanding."

Umbarger, R-Thayer, said there's a good reason to create the trust fund.

"If it remained in the expenditure column, it could end up being spent for something else, so we've taken it off the table," he said.

It took the chamber about 20 minutes to bring up the bill and pass it. Ordinarily, legislation isn't considered during the opening days of a session and when a bill does come up, it receives a first-round approval one day and a final vote on another day.

The bill was at the top of Senate Republicans' "Priorities for Progress" list of what they want to do this session. The list includes many similar proposals offered Monday by House Republicans.

Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt said legislators have been dealing since 1999 with the school finance lawsuit that led to the court's mandate for additional funding.

"The Cat In The Hat Is More Than Just A Book, It's An Icon

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Dr. Phillip Nel said taking Dr. Seuss seriously is fun. That is why he wrote a book about "The Cat in the Hat" and it's sequel.

"I've annotated it and its sequel to be published on the occasion of the 50th birthday of The Cat in the Hat," said Nel. He said it answers every question about "The Cat in the Hat" and questions that you didn't know you had.

The hardest thing during the project is finding time to do it with a full time job said Nel. He said he has

also been working on several other projects at the same time, which cuts down time on every project. The only thing he has left on "The Cat in the Hat" project is to promote the book, "The Annotated Cat", that is coming out early next year he said.

Nel said he worked on the book everyday while in the writing process. He said he was writing "between one and four annotations" everyday. He said for other parts of the project he spread his time between other projects and "The Annotated Cat."

"The Cat in the Hat is more than just a character in a children's book.

He's an American icon. He appears in stamps and in political cartoons. There's a statue of him in Springfield, Mass.," he said. The other reason, he said, was that this book was the one that put Dr. Seuss on the map.

Research was a lot of reading said Nel. "The Cat in the Hat Dictionary, I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!, The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat and the script for a cartoon version of The Cat in the Hat — these materials are with Seuss's papers at the University of California at San Diego," he said. These are the main materials that he used he said.

Nel said he likes doing Seuss books because Seuss had a lot of messages in his books even though they were for children.

"The Annotated Cat provides a variety of contexts in which we might interpret these two books — biographical, historical, political, cultural, formal, aesthetic and others. Reading The Cat in the Hat and The Cat in the Hat Comes Back with all of this additional information, we can gain a deeper, more complex appreciation of the books themselves and of the man who wrote them. This, at least, is my goal," he said.

Nel explained that the success of

"The Cat in the Hat" helped Seuss get his voice out there and focus on his writing only.

Anne Phillips, a professor in the English department, said Nel "is a busy prolific researcher." Nel said he has been busy promoting his book through Random House publishing. He also said that he been to several prestigious universities around the world giving talks about "The Cat in the Hat" including the University of Florida, a conference in Toronto, and University of Westminster (in London).

Nel said he happy being done with the process and is most fulfilled by

seeing it getting published. Nel's beliefs about Seuss changed like how to he used his vocabulary and why he wrote the things that he did.

Nel said he learn a lot of things. He said dogs were Seuss' favorite type of pet and that Seuss didn't own a cat while writing "The Cat in the Hat."

"The Annotated Cat" comes out in January 2007, said Nel, with Random house as the publishing company.

New AG Concerned About Records

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas' new attorney general said Monday he's concerned that patient records his predecessor gathered in a failed attempt to prosecute a nationally known abortion doctor may have been copied and are not secure.

Former Attorney General Phill Kline, who lost the November election, had appointed a special prosecutor to handle the case against Dr. George Tiller, one of the few doctors in the nation who perform late-term abortions.

Kline's successor, Paul Morrison, said he plans to fire the special prosecutor, a Democrat who has protested outside Tiller's clinic in the past. But he said Kline had already given the man partial records on 60 abortion clinic patients, edited to avoid identifying them.

"I do have concerns about how many copies have been made of that material and who's got possession of them," Morrison said moments after his swearing in.

He said of the special prosecutor,

Wichita lawyer Don McKinney: "I do not view him as being even remotely independent or remotely objective."

McKinney predicted that Morrison will never prosecute Tiller, who helped finance hundreds of thousands of dollars of advertising aimed at defeating Kline last year. "He's going to dance with the gal that brought him to the ball," McKinney said.

After a two-year legal battle Kline obtained patient records from Tiller and other abortion providers, but his attempt to charge Tiller in Sedwick County late last month failed because of a jurisdiction issue.

Kline alleges that Tiller performed 15 illegal late-term abortions in 2003 on patients ages 10 to 22 and failed to properly report the details of the procedures to state health officials.

Tiller's attorneys say the allegations are groundless. Don Monnat, a Wichita attorney representing Tiller, said patient privacy remains a big concern because McKinney has

protested against the doctor.

"Are we now going to see the contents of our medical records show up on anti-abortion Web sites and in anti-abortion literature?" Monnat said.

But Mary Kay Culp, executive director of Kansans for Life, said she fears privacy is an excuse to keep evidence against Tiller from ever reaching court. "His claim that there is some security issue with the evidence is ridiculous," she said.

Morrison, an abortion-rights supporter, said he will not withdraw a request McKinney filed Friday with the Kansas Supreme Court to have Kline's charges against Tiller reinstated, but he said he plans to review the evidence against the doctor before deciding whether to prosecute.

"We will give those allegations a really good review, and I'm going to use my independent judgment on it," Morrison said.

KSU To Hold Farmers Market Conference

The appeal of farmers' markets, where shoppers can meet those who produce locally-grown food, has prompted researchers to study such markets' effect on local economies.

Research conducted in 2004 by Iowa State University found that consumers reported spending as much as \$20 million a year at farmers' markets in Iowa.

The research and several other projects that illustrate the benefits of local, sustainably raised food will be discussed at the "Well Being of Rural Kansas: Healthy People, Healthy Environment, and Healthy Economies" conference Feb. 16-17 at the K-State Alumni Center on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

The ISU data showed that farmers' markets represent an estimated 325 jobs in Iowa, plus an additional 146 full-time jobs created by the secondary impacts of farmers' mar-

kets, said Rich Pirog, marketing and food system program leader at ISU's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. The Center's Regional Food Systems Working Group sponsored the project.

The research should help vendors and others involved in farmers' markets determine what direction their marketing strategies should take, Pirog said.

The conference at K-State, sponsored by the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC) at K-State and by the Kansas Rural Center, is designed to address agricultural topics that impact both Kansas agricultural producers and rural communities.

Other topics to be addressed include U.S. farm policy to promote rural well being, social justice issues, alternative energy sources, local food systems, grass-fed beef

production, recent immigrants in rural Kansas, environmental issues, and the spiritual and ethical dimensions of food production and consumption.

Details and registration information for the conference are available on the Web at <http://www.dce.ksu.edu/sustainableag/> or by calling K-State's Division of Continuing Education at 785-532-5575.

For those who plan to attend only one day of the two-day conference, the early registration fee is \$40, due by Feb. 9. The fee after that date and at the door is \$50. For those planning to attend both days, the fee is \$80 by Feb. 9 and \$100 after that date. The fee covers conference materials, refreshments, and a lunch that features locally grown foods.

KSU Students Participate In Water Project

A community service learning project has helped public relations students at Kansas State University gain some real-life experience in their field and provide useful materials to educate the public on water-related issues across Kansas.

Students in Nancy Muturi's Public Relations Campaigns course spent the fall 2006 semester developing and implementing a communications campaign about storm-water drainage in Manhattan for the city's Public Works Department, and a communications campaign for the Kansas PRIDE program on ecosystems health and clean water management that is being used in Greeley, Melvern and Rossville. Kansas PRIDE is a K-State Research and Extension program that serves rural communities.

The students' work was made possible through a \$10,000 grant from WaterLINK, a Kansas Campus Compact project, to Muturi, an assistant professor in K-State's A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass communications.

"Staff from WaterLINK, Kansas PRIDE and the Department of Public Works made presentations to the class to provide context, then the students designed and implemented the communication campaigns," Muturi said. "The process included research and the development of communication material, including posters, pamphlets, logos used in the materials produced, public service announcements now

airing on several radio stations, newsletters and more."

Students evaluated their work during the last week of the course, including going back to the communities involved to measure the effectiveness of their campaigns.

Muturi said students have produced enough materials for the projects to use for several years. They also came up with templates for newsletters, as well as a logo that the Manhattan Department of Public Works has adopted for its project.

"This was the first time students were able to design a real campaign and work with a real budget. They were evaluated on how well they spent the grant, as well as the whole process," Muturi said. "In the last week of the course, representatives of all the stakeholders were invited to a presentation and to hear the students' recommendations on how the projects should proceed."

Along with Muturi, others assisting with the project included Chris Lavergne, WaterLINK project coordinator; Sherry Davis, Kansas PRIDE; and Steve Hampton, storm-water management project. Julie Lea, vice president for communications and development services, Kansas State University Foundation also provided students with a presentation on how to work with non-profit organizations.

Students, all public relations majors, who participated and their project include:

Rebecca Rogers, December

2006 bachelor's graduate, Arkansas City, Kansas PRIDE; Sarah Pritchard, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Augusta, Kansas PRIDE; Megan Halderson, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Delphos, library; Tara Nelson, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Derby, storm-water management; Stacia Williams, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Florence, Kansas PRIDE.

From Manhattan: Melissa Gore, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Kansas PRIDE; Lisa Hummel, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Kansas PRIDE; and Michael Sukup, senior, storm-water management.

Ashley Martin, senior, Salina, library; Heather Kautz, senior, Shawnee, library; Lesli Clark, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Silver Lake, library; Sarah Erskine, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Topeka, storm-water management; Krista Biddle, senior, Kansas PRIDE, and Erin Learned, senior, library, both of Wichita; and Julie Roller, December 2006 graduate, Woodbine, library.

From out-of-state: Lauren Bishop, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Littleton, Colo., Kansas PRIDE; Maureen Thomsen, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Omaha, Neb., storm-water management; Jennifer Orta, senior, Sturgis, S.D., storm-water management; and Megan Green, December 2006 bachelor's graduate, Richardson, Texas, storm-water management.

Students Garner Award At Houston Conference

For the third year in a row, a student from Kansas State University's department of hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics has received a Best Paper Award at the Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism.

Amelia Estepa Asperin, a doctoral candidate in human ecology-institution management, won one of two best paper distinctions at the 12th annual conference, Jan. 4-6, at the University of Houston.

The schools represented at the conference are "major players in hospitality and tourism education and research," said Deb Canter, head of K-State's department of hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics.

"For K-State to come away three years in a row with a Best Paper Award is an incredible honor. The review process is very rigorous — in

fact, of 207 papers under consideration this year, only five were nominated for a Best Paper Award. It is a blind review, two-step process so even making it to the final group is demanding," she said.

Asperin's paper, "Exploring the Measurement of Brand Personality Congruence in the Casual Dining Industry," was co-authored by Carol Shanklin, associate dean of the Graduate School, and Ki-Joon Back, a former K-State faculty member now at the University of Houston.

Shanklin also was a co-author on K-State's two previous winning papers. Shanklin is a "stellar researcher and mentor to graduate students," Canter said.

The Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism is unique, Canter said, in that it draws graduate students and faculty from all of the major hospi-

tality and tourism schools in the United States, as well as from Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The conference focuses on the graduate students, giving them the opportunity to present either orally or in poster sessions on their on-going or completed research.

Eleven K-State graduate students had papers or poster sessions accepted for presentation at the conference. In addition, four K-State graduate faculty members in the department of hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics attended the event.

"The students are able to gain valuable experience in presenting research in front of knowledgeable and supportive people who critique them and give advice," Canter said. "It's also a great networking opportunity for employment, further graduate study, etc."

Canter said the wins have been a

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Sunday, May 1, 1870
Read & rested. Wrote to G. Davison, important letter. A.M. Sermon by Rev. Anderson. Singing by Sabbath School Scholars.

Monday, May 2
Worked hard on Land business & went home at 3 P.m. Went into garden, &c.

Tuesday, May 3
Miscellaneous business in town & went to Topeka. Saw Thomas & Graham & Baker & McDonald. Took tea with [Magntdow?] & visited with H.H. Wilcox in the Evening. Put up at Gordon House.

Wednesday, May 4, 1870
Went to Lawrence. Kallack, Thatcher, Riggs & Sinclair, Eggart. Haun Purchased suit of clothes at Suthiff's. Retd to Manhattan & voted on Bridge Bonds. U.S. Deputy Marshall Hooke! Wrote letters. Prospect of rain, garden.

Thursday, May 5
Hoed out drains. Went to Junction. Cool! Found Goss sick! Telegraph Dispatch, [but?] L. [Offin?] goes to Neosho Falls. Wrote letters. Windy & very Dusty & cool. Col. Goss quite sick—

Friday, May 6
H.S. Clark from Chicago & Sherwood from near Attica. Sent J. Denison \$200. Cool & windy still.

Saturday, May 7, 1870
Unpleasant weather. Saw Mr. Houston. Talk with Col. Stevens. Goss quite sick, Stevens also. Went home in the evening with Henry. At home late.

Sunday, May 8
A.M. Sermon by J.N. Sullivan. Walked home. Solomon called. Bath— A little rain in the night.

Monday, May 9
Helped Ellen & George on Yard improvements. Finished planting orchard. Planted squash, muskmelons, cantaloupe, &c. Saw J. Denison. Retd to Junction City. Major Gunn.

Tuesday, May 10, 1870
Sold 2 1/4 S. Land. Call from Wiley, &c. Wrote letters &c. letter to Parsons, &c. Talk with Stevens, Carpenter &c. Even Sections, &c. Have felt rather dull. Coolish at night.

Wednesday, May 11
Correspondence pertaining to Land business. Gov. Crawford & R.S. Stevens along. Went down to Burlington Emporia. Madison House. Kellum.

Thursday, May 12
Went with Capt. Slicer to Neosho Rapids! examined Lands. T.M. Gruwel, F.R. Page. Retd to Emporia 4 1/4 P.M. Saw Gov. Crawford & Prof. Kellogg. Retd to Junction at 12 1/2 in the night.

Friday, May 13, 1870
Writing, correspondence. Sent 5 young men to Neosho Falls, on land business, &c. J.W. Brown. Land mistake. Warm day. Geo. Mertser, &c., Ger. W. Allen.

Saturday, May 14
Map of Osage [coded?] Lands going on. Col. W. & Henry S.D. Went home evening 4 3/4 P.M.

Sunday, May 15
Home all day rest— Call from Rev. Sullivan & J. Den— read some.

Monday, May 16, 1870
Load of Mulch! Gov. Green, Wms trees! Fight with lice! Victorious. Mr. Reynolds. To town Ellen & Hattie. Retd to Junction. Daniel Negley, C.O. Howe.

Tuesday, May 17
Wilson, Creightonio, Solomon gone to Humboldt. Wrote letters. Mirick returned from Chicago, Fares! Col. O.E. Moore Warm.

Regulated our Land Office. Wheat, Denison, & Goss. W.J. Houghanant, Whitney & Eastman.

Wednesday, June 1
Arrival of 3 Delegates for [—?] organization of 60 families. Capt. H. went out with them. Much pleased with country. Land business opening. Good templar festival!

Thursday, June 2
D.S. Gibbs looking at lands. [Heaney?] &c.

Friday, June 3, 1870
Henry & Gibbs &c. Rainy at night, fine rain. Every heart gladdened. D.S. Gibbs left on night train.

Saturday, June 4
Heavy rain this morning. Telegram from E. Parsons to get Gov. & go to State line left & went to Junction City & stopped over night. Lovely after the rain. Put up at Hale House.

Sunday, June 5
Sermon, "Jesus but [—?]". Rev. Raylin. Dedication of Babstist Church. With Capt. Pierce, called on Gov. Wet! Took tea with Capt. Pierce, &c.— Arrangements all made to leave in the morning with Gov. Harvey.

Monday, June 6, 1870
News from Stevens. Gov. visit to state line deferred till tomorrow. Wrote letters &c. Put up again at Hale House. 60 1/4 Sections of Land. Tan- Colony!

Tuesday, June 7
Left in Express train with Gov. Harvey, A.W. Spaulding, G. Bates, S.C. Pierce, Supt White & 2 Davidsons for State Line. Mrs. Gunn & children, Mrs. Sinclair & Mrs. Downs along. Left the train at Neosho Falls; Sore throat took medicine & went to bed early.

Wednesday, June 8
Gov. returned reported favorably on R.Road. Sold lands. Sent to Col. D.M. Adams 761.40. Wrote numerous letters.

Thursday, June 9, 1870
Went to Burlington & saw Anderson & [Reut?] on Map & survey of Lots in said town. Kent agrees to buy half the expense of a lithograph Map — editing 500 copies — each to own one half. Retd to Felts Cold better—

Friday, June 10
Working on Sale of lands, &c. Henry works on my College Land Book.

Saturday, June 11
Parsons &c returned from Indian Country. Called & went on to Junction. Skiddy Johnson, Gen. Hazen. Wrote several letters & looked over College books. Fine rain. Wheat went home

Sunday, June 12, 1870
A.M. Sermon by Rev. —y. Congregationalist preacher at school house. A.M. Shower. Pleasant P.M. Wrote & read a good deal.

Monday, June 13
Wrote letters & sold 1/4 sec. Talk with Goss, &c. Henry, Col. Anderson arrived. Surveyor of Land Department. Col. Wheat returned from Topeka, late. Pleasant day, a little cool.

Tuesday, June 14
Col. Lynde Babian, & a Col. Anderson at work on map of Burlington. Cast mended. Call from Steven of S.H. & Anderson. Agreement &c. Shower.

Wednesday, June 15, 1870
Went to Humboldt with Col. Goss. Met Earnest & Redfield on Townsite business. They agree to bear 1/2 expense of Survey & Map Lithograph. Stopped at Hotel. Muddy—

Thursday, June 16
Rainy! Returned to Neosho Falls with Els Tessenzen. W.I.H. went out to show Lands. O.P.H. returned.

Friday, June 17
Up at 1 1/2 A.M.; left for Junction.

Called at Americus, Randall & Hill. Look at Lands & lot business; Put up at Pacific House.

Saturday, June 18, 1870
Went to Manhattan, Miscellaneous business in the town & at home.

Sunday, June 19
Started for church. Broke the iron to thills & returned home, & read & rested.

Monday, June 20
Worked , cultivating corn with George. Very warm. Mr. Reynolds laying wall. Mr. Boylan called.

Tuesday, June 21, 1870
Call from Mc Vicar. Meeting of Regents. Col. Moonlight at dinner. Reported to Board of Regents on Lands &c. Examination of College Classes. Earhart & Moonlight at tea.

Wednesday, June 22
Went to Manhattan & got wagon mended, & made several purchases. Left P.M. for Neosho Falls arriving at 12 P.M. Saw Supt. White at Junction.

Thursday, June 23
Land Sales getting more lively.

Friday, June 24, 1870
Went with Capt. H— to look at Section 3 & 11. S.W. Got a wetting John Smith, Berns Picknic dinner! Attended to Correspondence

Saturday, June 25
Wheat to Junction. Sold over \$12,000 worth of lands. Corey FitzSimmons. &c. Warm.

Sunday, June 26
A.M. Sermon by Congl. Minister, "Serving 2 Masters". Read & wrote Several letters. Warm.

Monday, June 27, 1870
Sold some \$4000 worth of lands. Set up till 2.25 Tuesday morn. & took the cars for Wyandott. Short call at Junction. Met Br. Denison & Ellen at Manhattan. Hours at L.P. Conners', Wyandott S.T. Associates. Pleasant family & town.

Tuesday, June 28
Convention interesting. Took tea at Mrs. Downs with Gen. Frederick McVickan, Snow, with Ellen. Evening speeches & Prof. Tethers. Association interesting. Very warm.

Wednesday, June 29
Mrs. Sinclair. Dined at Mr. Denison's with J.D. & Ellen. Took tea at Mrs. Armstrong's. Since Monday this diary is, by mistake, 1 day ahead.

Thursday, June 30, 1870
After recommending H.D. Mc Cary for State supt. & a very pleasant session, day & evening, the Association adjourned.

Friday, July 1
Left for Neosho Falls. Parted with Ellen at Manhattan & arrived at Falls 12 Midnight. Mrs. Mc Makin bound for Parker along ?. Miss Copley &c. H.L.D. left in week & train for home. Col. Anderson

Saturday, July 2
A very busy day! Examined lands with W.I. Howitt & settled corn mission business. Howitt 2 pr cent for general slavery & colonies 1 pr cent..

Sunday, July 3, 1870
A.M. Sermon by Rev. Graham, Methodist. Attended class meeting. Gave G— \$5.00. Warm— Wrote letters & read newspapers. To bed late slept about 1/2 hour.

Monday, July 4
Gave Pass to Jacob Baer & P.A. Jackson. Left for Junction 2 1/4 A.M.; Called on Pierce, White. Frank paid over to F. Smith \$4,045.08 &c. P.M. went to Manhattan. Stopped at home & took tea at Br. Denison's.

Tuesday, July 5
Went to Topeka. Deposited with D.M. Adams 2708 ? greenbacks 250. J. Denison met me here.

Wednesday, July 6, 1870
Early train to Lawrence. Reynolds, [Ehachio?]. Met R.S. Stevens. Proceeded to R— city &

took train for Chicago,— Sleeping Rm Aikinson, Rode all night.

Thursday, July 7
Arrived in Chicago 4 P.M. Col. Moore, Mr. Kellogg. Took tea 6.5, Moore's. Put up at Richmond House. To bed at 10 P.M. & slept well.

Friday, July 8
Set job of Lithographing maps of Burlington & Skiddy. Talk about agency. R.R. Sands, Brooks, & Hoard. Went to [Eianstan?] & called on Raymon & [—?] publicly. Put up with Prof. McGee. Mrs. [A—?]]

Saturday, July 9
Took \$1500. on lands. Saw A.J. Denison. Left at 10.45 A.M. for Galesburg & Knoxville. Put up with C. Cabbage to spend the Sabbath.

Sunday, July 10
A.M. Sermon by Jennings, our Father &c. Pleasant visit. Rested & read & chatted.

Monday, July 11
P.M. went to Galesburg & took the cars for home. Rode all night over the Hannibal & St. Jo R. &c.

Tuesday, July 12, 1870
Arrived in Kansas city at 9 A.M. Took the cars for Neosho Falls, after talking with Mr. Stevens at K. City. Arrived at office 12 at night.

Wednesday, July 13
Selling Lands!! &c.

Thursday, July 14
Selling Lands, &c.

Friday, July 15, 1870
Arrival of Joseph & son George. Heavy business.

Saturday, July 16
Left at 12 1/2 A.M. for Manhattan, stopping at Junction to do business. Saw White, Capt. Pierce, A. Callen, &c. Business in Manhattan. Saw Lofink &c.

Sunday, July 17
At home, read & rested &c.

Monday, July 18, 1870
Re/d to Neosho Falls at 12. Miscellaneous items of business on the rout. Left with W. P. Higinbotham to collect Decals for Lots \$100, & 125; &c. Gave Joseph Denison cash \$200. &c Lots!

Tuesday, July 19
Sales of Lands, Satisfactory. Busy in office duties.

Wednesday, July 20
Arrival of Prof. Hoss &c., & Hurd, in the night. Went with O.P. Howitt & looked at his land, &c. 4.50 ?

Thursday, July 21, 1870
Went with Prof. G.W. Hoss to Council Grove. Took Judge Sharp & went out to look at Sec. 10 & 11, T 17, R.7 sold 11. went to Parkers, & returned to N.Y. & Ladore, meeting Eastman & Redfield. Went with

Friday, July 22
Arrived at Ladore 6 1/2 A.M. Miscellaneous talk with W. & Eastman, &c. Capt. Neeley, Gabriel! through the day. Retd to N. Falls at 12 P.M. T.W. came up as far as Chicago.

Saturday, July 23
Busy as a Bee in Land business. Col. Cowe &c. Colony 200 families!

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Land Sales Satisfactory. Warm & dry.

Sunday, July 24, 1870
A.M. Sermon by Rev. Creath. Read papers & wrote some letters. Warm!

Monday, July 25
K.V. N. Bank 200.+218.20+ 136. =554.20. Mail. Looked over Bank, or cash matters with Wheat. Examined book (cash) Must See! Visit with Maj. G.W. Reynolds, on Co. matters! Lands, &c. Walk with Ben & Gratin Ferraden.

Tuesday, July 26
Left at 8 A.M. for Sedalia. Called at Junction. Prof. Mudge took the freight train. At home at 11 P.M. Russell Armstrong + Agencies. Warm day. Clinton Leach. Recd from Wheat \$5,150.85.

Wednesday, July 27, 1870
Left with C. Leach for Sedalia. Mrs.— Called at Kansas City 1/2 hour. P.M. W.R. Woodward. Arrived at Sedalia at 9 1/2 P.M. Put up at Ived House.

Thursday, July 28
Business with Mr. Stevens, most of the A.M., also satisfactory. Cloudy & warm. Sedalia 8000.. Sedalia & Ft. Scott R.R. At 6 1/2 P.M., left for Leavenworth, arriving at 1 1/2 A.M.

Friday, July 29
Called on Mitchell, Anthony, McCarty & Mrs. H.P. Johnson. Went to Topeka. Miscellaneous business, Bank & State. Met Goss & Torbett, H.H. Wilcox, Mrs. Left for Manhattan at 9 1/2 P.M., Goss along.

Saturday, July 30, 1870
Arrived at Manhattan at 1 1/2 A.M. Walked home. Rested.P.M. Mr. Winne plastered Cistern. Reynolds & Henry Hougham at work, &c. P.M. With Ellen & Hattie. Called on Sarah & Mrs. Denison & Mrs. Dearbon. Pd Winne \$10.

Sunday, July 31
A.M. Sermon by Rev. Sullivan. P.M. at home as usual. Warm. Read & rested. I owe Finns 12 2/5 days Bonus 9.06

Monday, August 1
Rode with Ellen to Deep Creek to John McCormick's & dined with them & Mrs. Hull. —looked at Sec. 32. T. 10 R.9, W 1/2 . Harry, Reynolds, Smith. Pd Harry \$25. Went to Junction. Change of time table! Stopped over night at Mirick.

Tuesday, August 2, 1870
Talk with Frank! Miscellaneous business, &c. 1.45 P.M. left for Falls. Maj. Reynolds & Gen. [Mc Mithen?], Maj. Stoner. Home at 9 P.M. Olney & Col. Anderson. Town site. R.W. Randall, &c.

Wednesday, August 3
Interview with Gen. M. Mislen, Maj. Gunn & Col G.— in R.R. exploring tour to Iola & Ft. Scott.

Thursday, August 4
Went with Henry to see Land near Iola, Ganten farm. Dr. Scott along. Retd in the evening. Met Col. Goss at Iola. Illustrated edition of Sid— Clark & Pomeroy.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Kansas Political Tidbits

Today's column takes a detour from the Traditionalist versus Secularist discussion to see what's happening in Topeka. The Kansas House and Senate are now doing what we sent them to Topeka to do: Figure out the best way to spend our money, I hope. And we have given them plenty to work with. The first half of the fiscal year yielded an increase of tax only dollars of more than nine percent over last year, or something over \$220 million extra.

Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingals, is now Speaker of the House. He is a traditional Republican and I believe has a great understanding of what is best for Kansas. Under his leadership, the House-identified priorities are the same as he shared during the campaign. One of the first items of business in the House is to establish a "K-12 lockbox" to ensure that \$249 million in Fiscal Year 2008 and \$122 million for Fiscal Year 2009 are protected to pay for the education bill passed last year. The House also wants a plan developed for identifying and controlling spending for the Regent deferred maintenance requirements. This will be a tough one because deferred maintenance is typically the lowest priority for funding for most organizations. However,



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if we don't take care of what we have, pretty soon what we have will not be worth having! So we must let our priorities be known to our representatives.

Other House priorities include repeal of the franchise tax immediately, reduce corporate taxes, cut unemployment insurance taxes by 40% across the board, and a constitutional amendment to protect senior citizens from escalating property taxes. In the immigration arena, the initiatives include establishing English as the official state language, requiring proof of citizenship for state services, and punishing employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.

These initiatives all sound good and amazingly familiar. I suggest we let our House Representatives know we expect them to support these ini-



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Stripper Lied... White Boys Fried

About a month after members of the Duke lacrosse team were falsely accused of raping a stripper last year, 88 members of the Duke faculty fanned the flames of hysteria by signing a letter announcing that they were "listening" to students "who know themselves to be objects of racism and sexism."

Maybe they should have been listening to the accused, several of whom had iron-clad alibis. Now the professors are going to need a new example of "racism and sexism" at Duke since their case in chief has turned out to be a fraud.

In lieu of a gang rape perpetrated by high-stepping white male athletes against a poor black woman, the Duke lacrosse case has turned out to be another in a long string of hoax hate crimes in which whites are falsely accused.

The lacrosse players denied that any rape had occurred and immediately submitted their DNA to the state, confident that the DNA would prove them innocent.

Just Being Smart Is Not Enough In These Classrooms

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In Connie Isbell's classroom at Red Bridge Elementary School, classical music provides a backdrop. One third-grader thumbs through Inkheart, the 534-page fantasy novel he's reading for fun.

The six boys who are the sum total of this classroom aren't simply gifted. They're way-over-the-top when it comes to smarts. This room and the one next to it house what's known as the Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students, or PEGS.

There are five such programs in Missouri. They're in St. Louis County, Springfield, St. Joseph, St. Charles and Kansas City. The local program, based at the Center School District, also serves students from the Hickman Mills and Grandview districts.

The consortium that runs the program has been encouraging other nearby districts to join, although none has yet.

Most districts have programs for children who score especially high on intelligence tests, but this is something else, again. For one thing, those programs typically expose students to a few hours, perhaps as much as a full day, of special activities each week. Center's program and the others like it put those children in their own room with their own teacher most of the day, every day. They merge with other pupils for art, music and physical education.

It's a tiny minority that qualifies. Center's program had six second- and third-graders during the fall. The room next door had seven fourth- and fifth-graders. Each room will add one child in January. Of course, both genders are eligible, but the program currently is overwhelmingly male. During the fall there were two girls in the fourth- and fifth-

tiatives. Incidentally, many of the House committee assignments have been made. Representative Tom Hawk, District 67, has been assigned to three committees: Social Services Budget; Energy and Utilities; and Federal and State Affairs. Representative Sydney Carlin, District 66, has been assigned to two committees: Appropriations and Ag/Natural Resources Budget.

The Kansas Senators also have some solid proposals according to Hawver's Capitol Flashes. These include the lockbox for school finance funding (this actually passed in the Senate January 9), eliminating state income taxes on Social Security payments, and an effort to specifically move Kansas into the role as the nation's leading agriculture bio-science headquarters. The Senate also plans to put together a BRAC-style procedure for making Kansas' government more efficient. Shades of the Bob Strawn campaign! Somebody must have been listening, Bob!

Kansas Republicans will elect a State Chairman to succeed retiring Chairman Tim Shallenburger, Baxter Springs. The election will be in Topeka January 27 as part of Republican Kansas Days. So far there are three candidates: Senator Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler; Kris Kobach, Professor of Law at KC School of Law; and Mike Pompeo, a Wichita businessman. I am a delegate for the 2nd Congressional District and am carefully evaluating the candidates past record and their proposals for energizing the Kansas Republican Party.

This is the second time this woman has accused a group of men of gang-raping her. One more time and it's officially considered a hobby.

And yet despite the vast privilege, untold wealth and bright shiny whiteness of the defendants, they are still under criminal indictment in this case. Three of the players face up to 30 years in prison for a crime every sane person knows they did not commit. Ah, the life of the privileged!

Duke English professor Cathy N. Davidson recently wrote an opinion piece defending her signing of the "listening" letter, noting that it was "not addressed to the police investigation," but rather "focused on racial and gender attitudes all too evident" after the alleged rape. She explained that the letter had merely "decried prejudice and inequality in the society at large."

This would be like defending a letter written during the Dreyfus affair on the grounds that the letter did explicitly accuse Alfred Dreyfus of treason against France, but simply took the occasion of his arrest to decry the treasonable attitudes of the Jews in society at large.

If poor black women are constantly being raped by rich white men, then how about they produce one case?

Professor Davidson's column — written when it was clear to everyone except Nancy Grace that three innocent men were facing 30 years in prison for a rape they did not commit — notes that she remains "dismayed by the glaring social disparities implicit in what we know happened on March 13" and says the incident "underscores the appalling power dynamics of the situation."

OK, this one they made up, but the case still illustrates a larger truth!

If anything, our awareness of the "power dynamics of the situation" is too high. What we need is a little of that skepticism liberals bring to every single criminal case that is not a white-on-black crime or a rape case involving Bill Clinton.

The truth, as opposed to the larger truth, is that the allegedly powerful white males are at risk of losing their freedom at the hands of a lunatic accuser and a power-mad prosecutor. Meanwhile the allegedly powerless poor black woman has destroyed people's lives with her false accusations, for which she will walk away scot-free.

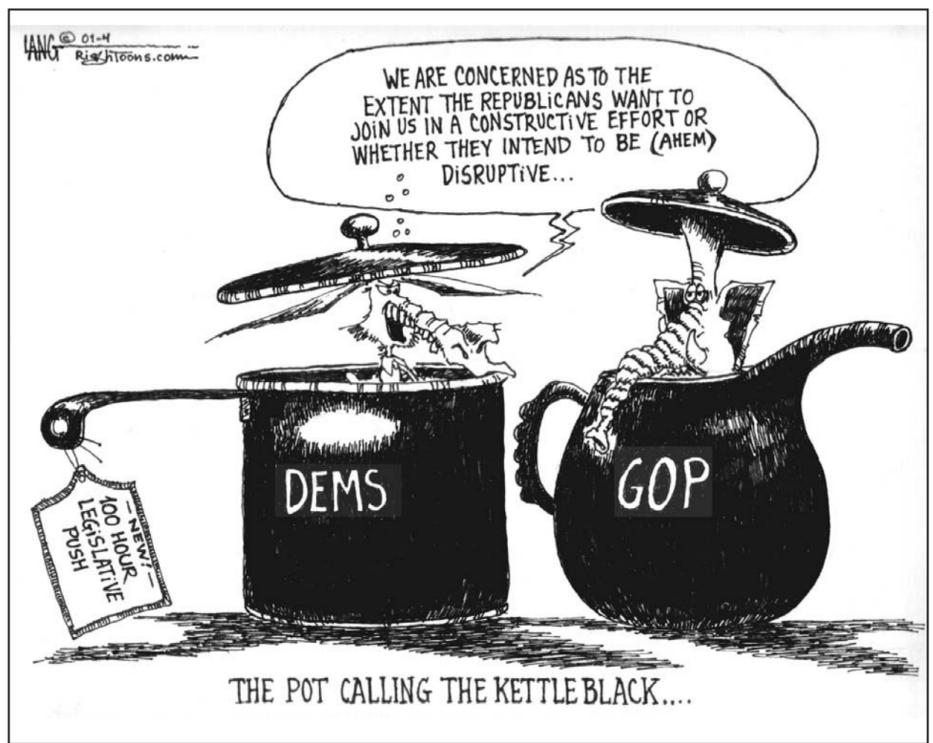
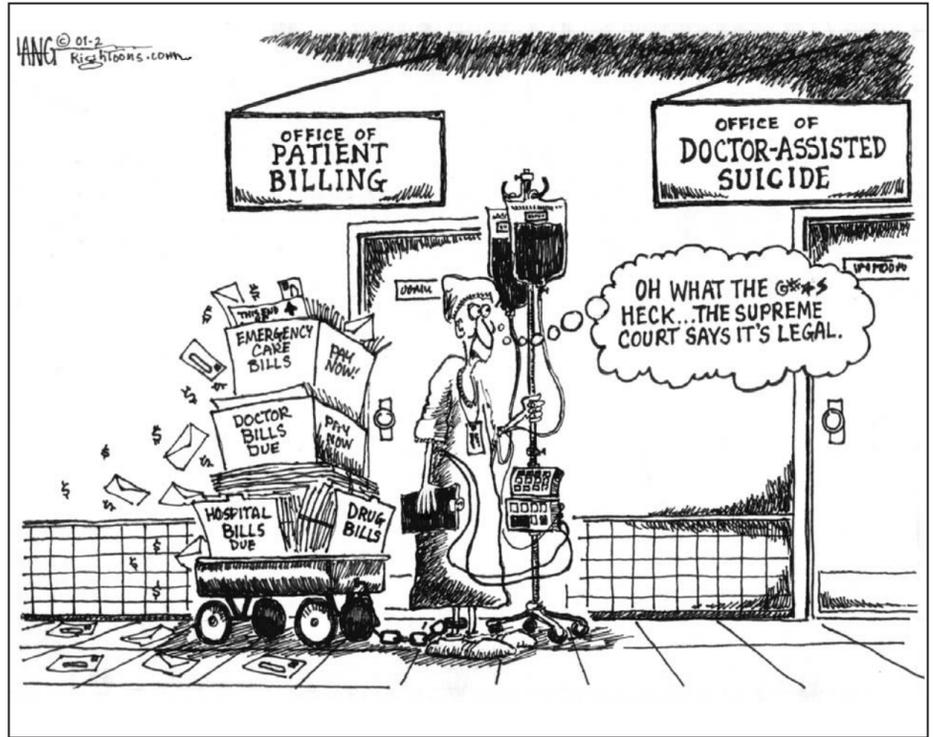
Don't liberals ever have to pony up at least one example of a powerful privileged white male trampling on the rights of a powerless black woman in order to keep droning on about powerful privileged white males? Every real-life example invariably turns out to be a hoax, among the most spectacular the Tawana Brawley case and now the Duke lacrosse case.

According to the Los Angeles Times — in an article about another hoax "hate crime" on a college campus — false reports of racist hate crimes on college campuses have averaged about one a year for 20 years.

Liberal professors believe that crying wolf is valuable for calling attention to the societal problem of wolves, even though there's never a wolf in any particular case. Evidently, awareness of an alleged societal ill — of which we have no actual examples — is worth ruining the lives of three innocent people. After all, they're just powerful white men.

At the next White Males of Privilege meeting, someone ought to bring up how they can use their vast power to win the right not to be put on trial for crimes they didn't commit.

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Boyda Apologizes For Iraq Remarks

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Rep. Nancy Boyda has apologized for comments she made last week about President Bush's plan to send more U.S. troops to Iraq.

In a nationally televised interview on ABC news, Boyda, a Democrat, said she would support funding to send another 20,000 to 40,000 more troops to Iraq because Bush is the commander in chief and "Congress doesn't make that decision."

When ABC news anchor Charlie Gibson asked her if recent election results showed that voters wanted troops to return home from the war, Boyda said, "They should have thought about that before they voted for President Bush not once, but twice."

During a conference call with reporters Tuesday, Boyda said her comments did not come out right.

"I want to apologize for an unclear and poorly stated response," Boyda said. "Just the whole interaction there could have been done better."

The Topeka Capital-Journal said she blamed the gaffe on "first-week

jitters."

But Boyda stuck to her position that she would vote for funding to support more troops in Iraq, even if she remains skeptical about the plan.

"I have always said I would support our men and women (in the military) and certainly their families as well," Boyda said. "I think that's going to leave me with a very troubling vote, and that is to fund military operations that I consider to be misguided."

Bush was expected to tell the

nation Wednesday night that he plans to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to help stabilize Iraq and halt the sectarian violence and insurgent attacks there.

Boyda said she is concerned that "any surge in troops is going to place an enormous burden on our soldiers and their families, especially since the Bush administration has so far failed to explain how this surge would help us accomplish our mission."

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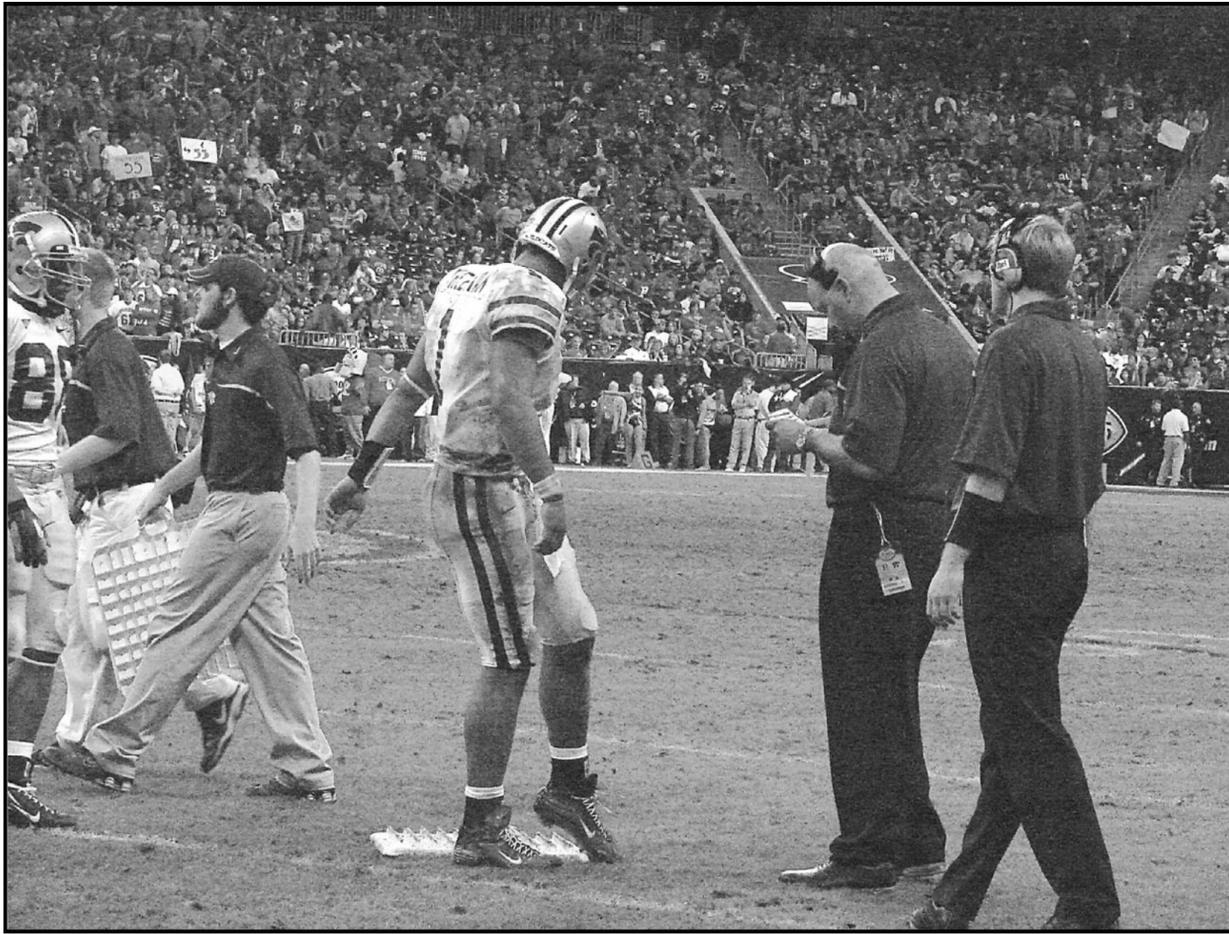
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Coach Prince Talks About Staffing Changes

Kansas State named Wesley McGriff defensive backs coach and promoted Tim Tibesar to defensive coordinator Wednesday, head football coach Ron Prince announced.

McGriff and Tibesar will assume duties previously held by Raheem Morris, who recently accepted an offer to return to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the organization's defensive backs coach. Morris held several coaching positions with the Bucs from 2002-05 and served as an assistant defensive backs coach at Tampa Bay just prior to accepting the position of defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach at K-State. "We are pleased to announce the addition of Wesley McGriff and the promotion of Tim Tibesar," Prince said. "Coach McGriff brings tremendous experience and personal energy to our football organization. His knowledge of the game and specifically the Big 12 conference will be a real asset. He is a teacher, a terrific evaluator of talent and a man of integrity."

"We are thrilled with the job coach Tibesar has done as our special teams coach this past season," Prince continued. "He is a seasoned defensive coordinator who built some of the nation's top defenses during his time at the University of North Dakota and I can't think of anyone else I would entrust our defense more to than Tim. I am excited about working with him in this new role."

Considered one of the Big 12's top recruiters, McGriff comes to K-State from Baylor, where he served as the Bears' recruiting coordinator and cornerbacks coach under Guy Morriss for the past four seasons.

An extremely versatile coach, McGriff has mentored student-athletes on both sides of the ball during his 17-year career, including two stints as a defensive coordinator.

McGriff will have plenty to work with when he arrives at K-State as the Wildcat secondary is expected to return a number of players with starting experience, including second team All-Big 12 safety Marcus Watts, safety Andrew Erker and cornerbacks Justin McKinney, Bryan Baldwin, Joshua Moore and Byron Garvin. K-State also added one of the nation's top junior college defensive backs in NJCAA All-American Gary Chandler from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College during the early signing period in December.

Prior to beginning his stint at

Baylor in 2003, McGriff spent two seasons on Morriss' Kentucky staff, coaching the running backs during the 2001 season before returning to the defensive side of the ball as UK's cornerbacks coach for 2002.

McGriff spent the 2000 campaign just a few miles from Lexington as the secondary coach at Eastern Kentucky, where he mentored Jeremiah Bell, a first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference pick who went on to be drafted by the NFL's Miami Dolphins. The 2000 Colonels ranked fourth nationally in total defense, fifth in scoring defense and ninth in passing yardage allowed and posted four shutouts during the season.

From 1995 through 1999, McGriff served as assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kentucky State, where his defenses posted numerous top-10 statistical rankings, including leading the nation in total defense in 1995 and pass yardage defense in 1997. In 1998, he was named the American Football Coaches Association's NCAA Division II National Assistant Coach of the Year.

McGriff began his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Savannah [Ga.] State, where he coached the Tigers' running backs in 1990 before moving into a full-time role as secondary coach in 1991-92. He then served as Savannah State's defensive coordinator in 1993-94.

A native of Tifton, Ga., McGriff played on the college level at South Carolina State for one year before transferring to Savannah State, where he started at outside linebacker for three seasons and was named SSC's 1989 Male Academic Athlete of the Year. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Savannah State in 1990 and in 1993 earned a master's in public administration from Georgia Southern.

An exciting young coach who was one of the top defensive coordinators in Division II prior to joining Prince's Kansas State staff on Dec. 22, 2005, Tibesar built K-State's special teams units into some of the best in the country during his first season with the Wildcats in 2006.

Kansas State scored more special teams touchdowns - seven - than any team in the nation during 2006, leading the country with a school-record three TDs on kickoff returns, ranking second nationally with three TDs on punt returns and returning a

fumbled kickoff return for another score.

In the return rankings, Kansas State ranked No. 1 in kickoff returns and No. 16 in punt returns, while ranking no. 18 in kickoff-return defense. The Wildcats also blocked three punts during 2006.

Individually, senior Yamon Figurs ranked fifth nationally in average punt return yardage, while junior Tim Reyer finished the season with a 42.1 yard-per-punt average to rank 30th in the country in punting. K-State also had four different players average at least 24 yards per kickoff return - which would rank in the top 35 nationally - though none had enough returns to qualify under the NCAA's minimum-number-of-returns standard.

Prior to his arrival at Kansas State, Tibesar constructed one of the stingiest defenses in all of Division II as the defensive coordinator at North Dakota. He returned to his alma mater in 2001 as the program's inside linebackers coach and mentored a pair of North Central Conference Most Valuable Linebackers - Digger Anderson in 2005 and Travis O'Neal in 2001.

In 2003 he was promoted to defensive coordinator and proceeded to assemble a unit that ranked first in the North Central Conference in total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense, pass efficiency defense and quarterback sacks over the next two seasons.

North Dakota was also consistently ranked among the national leaders defensively during Tibesar's tenure and in 2004 led all of Division II in scoring defense, yielding just 10.8 points per game.

Tibesar joined the staff at North Dakota after spending one season as tight ends coach at Cornell in 2000. Prior to that, he served as a graduate assistant and assistant offensive line coach at the University of California in 1999, a linebacker coach at Grossmont (Calif.) College in 1998 and a student assistant at San Diego State from 1997-98.

A standout linebacker at UND from 1993 to 1996, Tibesar served as a team captain for the Fighting Sioux in 1995 and 1996. A three-time All-NCC performer and the NCC's Most Valuable Linebacker in 1996, Tibesar earned multiple first team All-America honors in 1996 and was named a Football Gazette third team All-American in 1995. He was also a three-time GTE/CoSIDA Academic

Mike Kent Joins Staff

Courtesy: Kansas State University
Veteran strength and conditioning coach Mike Kent has joined the Kansas State athletics department as the Wildcats' head strength and conditioning coach for football, Ron Prince announced Thursday.

"We are very pleased to announce the addition of Mike Kent to our staff as head strength coach," Prince said. "Mike is a veteran strength coach who is a hard-charger and positive. We believe that his appointment will further our mission of building a fast, strong, tough and disciplined football team."

Kent, who served the last three seasons in a similar capacity at the University of Pittsburgh, brings over 20 years of strength and conditioning experience with him to K-State, including a 10-year stint from 1990-99 at Appalachian State, where he trained Prince.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of this program," said Kent. "One of the things that is neat about the coaching profession is that I've been able to keep tabs on Ron (Prince) and keep in touch with him throughout his career. I share the vision he has for K-State football and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to help this program reach its goals."

A dedicated and highly respected professional in the field of strength and conditioning, Kent's influential training methods received national attention last summer, when The Sporting News featured him in a photo essay on the training regimen he developed for the Pitt football program.

Lauded by his former players for creating a contagious enthusiasm in the weight room, Kent was instrumental in helping develop three NFL Draft picks during his tenure with the Panthers, including tackles Rob Petitti (2005), and Charles Spencer (2006) and defensive back Josh Lay (2006).

Kent was named strength and conditioning coach at Pitt in 2004 following a successful stint at the University of Louisville, where he was a key contributor to the Cardinals' 36-11 four-year record and Conference USA championships in 2000 and 2001.

At Louisville, he oversaw the physical development of eight NFL

Draft selections. Among his Louisville protégés was receiver Deion Branch, who went on to become the MVP of the 2005 Super Bowl for the New England Patriots after training under Kent in 2000 and 2001.

From 1999-2000, Kent served as the strength and conditioning coordinator at Eastern Kentucky, where he oversaw performance programs for the Colonels' 16 intercollegiate sports, following his ultra successful stay at Appalachian State.

During his time with the Mountaineers, Kent helped the football program earn five NCAA I-AA playoff berths. He also trained linebacker Dexter Coakley, who went on to earn multiple All-Pro honors with the Dallas Cowboys, and in 1995, Kent was named the Southern Conference Strength Coach of the Year.

Kent's collegiate coaching career began in 1985 at North Carolina State, where he served two years as a graduate assistant working with the defensive line and assisting with the strength program. He went on to serve as the assistant defensive line coach and strength and conditioning for football at Shepherd [W.Va.] College in 1987 before moving on to East Carolina in 1988 as an assistant strength coach.

Kent earned his bachelor's degree from Fairmont [W.Va.] State in 1982 and his master's from NC State in 1987. He is married to the former Deena England.

The Mike Kent File
PERSONAL
Year at K-State: First
Date of Birth: July 8, 1960
Hometown: Parkersburg, W.Va.
Spouse: Deena
EDUCATION
Fairmont [W.Va.] State (1982), B.A.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
1985-87: North Carolina State
1987-88: Shepherd [W.Va.] College
1988-90: East Carolina
1990-99: Appalachian State
1999-00: Eastern Kentucky
2000-04: Louisville
2004-06: Pittsburgh
2007: Kansas State

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