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Rep. Nancy Boyda: It Was The Republicans Fault

U.S. Representative Nancy Boyda from the Kansas 2nd District testified before the House Budget Committee. The following is the prepared text of Congresswoman Boyda's testimony.

"Mr. Chairman,
"Thank you for inviting me to testify about the 2008 federal budget, a subject that is truly on the hearts and minds of Kansans.

"The House Committee on the Budget has the power and responsibility to set America's financial priorities. You direct the disbursement of nearly \$3 trillion - that's three million million dollars - every year. Armed with this enormous wealth, you can secure our nation and build a more just, free, and sustainable society. Yet this tremendous opportunity is balanced by an equal duty to act wisely, to work not for political benefit but for the common good.

"As you prepare the 2008 budget, you must consider innumerable priorities. All are important; many are critical. The budget must expand access to affordable health care. It must relieve taxes on the independent businesses that are struggling to survive as America's wealth floods overseas. It must revitalize the rural economy through targeted development and farm assistance. It must fund alternative fuel research to free us from the chains of oil dependence. And your budget absolutely must fulfill America's promises to our veterans and military personnel, who have risked their lives to secure our peace.

"All of these goals are vital, but I have not yet mentioned our nation's highest priority. Today America faces threats from a nuclear-armed North Korea, from a belligerent Iran, and from the al Qaeda terrorists who have already struck such a devastating blow against us. In this age of unprecedented dangers, we must devote our great nation's resources to improving our military readiness.

"I am deeply concerned that our strategic readiness was placed at risk by the 109th Congress. Congress had a legal obligation to fund our military by passing a 2007 budget before October 1st, 2006. Not only did they fail to meet this deadline, but they left office without ever passing a budget.

"The implications of their failure were far-reaching and devastating, especially to my Congressional district's three military bases. Consider the example of Fort Riley, a dominant force in the American military that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the war on terror. Recently, through the Base Realignment and Closure process, Fort Riley won the return of the First Infantry Division of the United States Army - the legendary 'Big Red One.'

"Fort Riley and all Kansans were heartened by this news, and we quickly developed plans for a barracks to house the Big Red One. Funding for this barracks should have been included in the 2007 budget... but of course, Congress never passed a 2007 budget. As I testify before you today, the Big Red One's barracks is five months behind schedule,



Rep. Nancy Boyda

Failures?

"The new Democratic majority has already begun to recover from the last Congress's failures"
Rep. Nancy Boyda

"The House had passed all 11 appropriations bills by last July and sent them to the Senate, which then passed its own versions, on which House leaders say senators were unwilling to compromise."
The San Francisco Chronicle

and it is unlikely to be completed before their return from Iraq. Other construction projects at Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and America's many other military bases have been similarly delayed. Responsibility for this sorry state of affairs rests squarely on the shoulders of the 109th Congress.

"The new Democratic majority has already begun to recover from the last Congress's failures. We passed a continuing resolution that increased BRAC funding by \$1 billion over the levels approved by the previous Congress, and we are working on a supplemental bill to further support BRAC through 2007. Now your committee must continue our critical work. You must prepare a budget that fully funds the Base Realignment and Closure process for 2008. Please know that I consider this the single most important issue of our day, both for my constituents in Kansas and for America's security.

"Once your committee has ensured America's safety, I hope you will consider your many further opportunities to brighten our country's future. Your ambitions for 2008 should begin with helping the millions of Americans who now struggle at the bottom of our economic ladder. I am heartbroken that in today's America, the richest nation in the history of mankind, nearly 47 million of our fellow citizens lack health insurance. These hardworking families face an uncertain future; an accident or severe illness could spell financial ruin. The United States Congress as a whole, and this committee in particular, must seek fiscally responsible, market-driven solutions that strengthen America's system of employer-provided coverage.

"Of course, the employer care system will collapse if our employers themselves falter, and so I believe the fiscal year 2008 budget must strongly support America's businesses - especially our independent employers. When small businesses flourish, our communities and our national economy will flourish. Congress is currently considering legislation that would ease the burden of taxation on small businesses by over a billion dollars, and I consider these cuts to be a wise and prudent investment in our future.

"In order to further strengthen our economy, we must end the drain of wealth from our rural communities. This means supporting our farmers and ranchers, whose hard work provides America with the safest, most plentiful food supply in the world. Congress has long boosted the agricultural industry through rural development funds, and the 2008 federal budget must continue this commitment. By investing in American agriculture, this committee can energize the rural economy and open new opportunities to hardworking farmers and ranchers.

"As you support the industries that have guided America through its past, you must also consider our future. One day soon, oil and gas and coal will end their centuries-long reign as this planet's primary sources of energy, replaced by fuels now under development in laboratories across the world. Our nation must prepare for this historic transition. I urge you to pass a 2008 budget that invests in new energy sources, such as cellululosic ethanol, and I especially encourage Congress to invest in wind energy. With your support, my state of Kansas, which is the third-windiest in America, can and will lead the world in developing clean, efficient, wind-based power.

"Finally, this committee must fulfill America's promises to our veterans. The men and women who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq never hesitated when their nation called them to duty, and America owes our veterans the same unflinching support. Yet federal lawmakers have consistently cut corners on veterans' programs, ignoring the promises made when our soldiers were in the line of fire. I am the daughter of one veteran and the wife of another, so I speak from deep in my heart when I say that these failures are unacceptable. Your committee must fully fund the VA. We owe our veterans nothing less.

"I have mentioned many goals in my testimony today, and I could have mentioned a hundred more without scratching the surface of the 2008 budget. I realize that, faced with so many complex and sometimes conflicting priorities, this committee will have to make compromises. You cannot fund every worthy project. Yet by investing our limited resources very wisely, by setting aside partisan politics for the public good, I am confident that you will strengthen and secure our great nation.

"Thank you for your time."

Resolutions Cuts Troop Finding

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Sam Brownback Tuesday commented on Senate passage of the continuing resolution, H.J.Res.20, a stopgap measure to fund this year's government operations at last year's levels.

"The continuing resolution passed today by the Democrat-controlled Senate deprives crucial military bases of much needed federal funding," said Brownback. "Our men and women in uniform perform invaluable services to our nation, and now is certainly not the time to strip money away from our armed

forces."

The continuing resolution passed the Senate today by a vote of 81-15. The bill cuts a total of \$4.3 billion from Base Realignment and Closure funding and traditional military construction funding. As a result, Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth and McConnell Air Force Base, all in Kansas, may lose as much as \$450 million total.

Brownback continued, "Our nation is at a crucial point in the Global War on Terror. The Department of Defense must have

the necessary resources to protect America and keep our citizens safe from terrorists."

Brownback was also disappointed that the continuing resolution does not include funding for Marriage Development Accounts, a program started by Brownback used in the District of Columbia to offset financial disincentives to marriage in the welfare system.

Brownback is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

Riley County Commission Votes To Reject Cheney Bid

The Riley County Commission voted Thursday 3-0 to not accept the low bid from Cheney Construction, Inc. for three new buildings for the Riley County Shops on North U.S. Highway 24.

The Commission then voted 3-0 to award the bid to A.H.R.S. Construction, Inc. of Bern, Ks for a total bid of \$967,300. Cheney Construction had a total bid of \$890,789.

Public Works Director Leon Hobson and Assistant Director Rod Meredith told the Commissioners in a memo: "Cheney Construction is the low bidder by \$76,511. Considering issues that surfaced with the construction of the county's LEC

project (jail), the public has developed a negative perception of the quality of work performed by Cheney Construction."

Hobson read from a Building Design - Construction Investigation report by Pikul Engineering on the Law Enforcement Center.

Some of the items read by Hobson were: "Missing Reinforcing & Grout; Mortar Joints; Missing Wall in room D-111; Inadequate Wall Attachment of Jail Furniture; Cracked mortar joints in the Exterior Masonry; Wall Flashing & Weepholes; Jail Pod Air Tempering; Interior Office Wall Separations; Tile Floor Cracking; Ground Water in Storage Rm 125.

Many more were listed and each problem had a description of the problem.

All three Commissions said that they could not vote for Cheney Construction because of the problems they had with the Law Enforcement Center.

Hobson and Meredith said: "A.H.R.S. Construction is the second low bidder and is currently the prime contractor on the other buildings at the new shop site. The quality of work performed by A.H.R.S. on these facilities is very good. We consider having the same brand and style of metal buildings to be highly desirable."

Police Union Rejects New Contract

The Riley County Police Department's Sworn Police Officer Employees vote not to approve a proposed 2007 Memorandum of Understanding (Labor Contract) between the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency, The Riley County Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police.

The F.O.P. Riley County Lodge #17 Inc has been negotiating a labor contract since January 2005 with the Riley County Police Department. The F.O.P. Riley County Lodge #17

has a current Prohibited Practice Charge filed against the department with the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) in regards to the 2006 proposed labor contract negotiations.

Currently the Police Officer Employees are working without a labor contract and have been since Jan. 2006. On Feb 09, 2007 the negotiation teams reached a tentative agreement and it was presented to the police officer employees for a contract vote on that day.

Contract review and voting took place at the department between Feb 09, 2007 and Feb. 15, 2007. Ballots were counted this morning and the majority of the Sworn Police Officer employees voted against the proposed contract.

The F.O.P. Riley County Lodge #17 is determined to continue good faith negotiations and the F.O.P. Sworn Negotiation Team will continue to meet and confer with the Riley County Police Department in an attempt to reach an agreement.

Flu Diagnosed At K-State

By Carol Kennedy
KSU News Service

Dr. Robert Tackett, medical director of Lafene Health Center at Kansas State University, has confirmed two types of influenza at K-State.

"The flu season has finally arrived," Tackett said, but added there is still time to get the flu vaccine.

"Tamiflu is available at Lafene for the prevention and treatment of both A and B types of the flu," he said. "Obtaining medication as soon as symptoms develop is important in treating the flu."

The vaccine is available to K-State students, faculty and staff, as well as their spouses and their children age 18 or older.

Although parents may like to have younger children vaccinated, the vaccine currently available at Lafene is for adults only and cannot be administered to those under 18, according to its manufacturer.

The vaccine is available through Lafene's immunization clinic, which is open 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. weekdays. No appointments are needed.

Depending on demand, individuals should plan on the vaccine process

taking 60 minutes, including the post-vaccine wait time.

Cost for the vaccine is \$14 for students and \$19 for faculty, staff and spouses.

"K-State students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get the flu vaccine. The vaccine works to prevent the flu about one week following the vaccination," Tackett said.

"The flu activity update from the Centers for Disease Control indicates regional activity in Kansas. It is no longer sporadic, but at least it is not widespread," he said.

Eleven Distinguished K-State Alumni To Be Recognized

Eleven distinguished Kansas State University alumni will return to campus Feb. 21 to Feb. 23, to meet with students and faculty.

Since 1983, the Alumni Fellows Program has brought 191 successful alumni back to campus.

"We are thrilled these Alumni Fellows will return to present guest lectures, discuss current trends and meet informally with students and faculty," said Jodi Weiberg, director of alumni programs for the K-State Alumni Association. "The Fellows were chosen based on their high levels of professional accomplishment and distinguished service in their respective careers."

The Alumni Fellows Program is sponsored by the Dean's Council, the University President's Office and the K-State Alumni Association. Each of the alumni will receive an award at the Alumni Fellows banquet on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The 2007 K-State Alumni Fellows are:

• Dr. Jane E. Brunt, a 1977 and 1980 graduate representing the College of Veterinary Medicine, who is a feline practitioner and owner of two cat hospitals in Baltimore, Md., and Easton, Md.

• Rose Marie Duhon-Sells, a 1980 graduate representing the College of Education, who is vice chancellor for academic affairs at Southern University, New Orleans, La.

• Myron K. Jacobson, 1970 graduate, and Elaine L. Jacobson, a 1967 and 1971 graduate, both representing the College of Arts and Sciences, who are professors of medicinal chemistry at the University of Arizona School of Pharmacy and co-founders of Niadyne Inc., Tucson, Ariz.

• Jennifer A. Johnson, a 1983 gradu-

ate representing the College of Technology and Aviation, who is executive vice president and chief information officer of Sunflower Bank, Salina, Kan.

• Larry Kendall, a 1969 and 1973 graduate representing the College of Business Administration, who is founding partner of The Group Inc. Real Estate in Fort Collins, Colo.

• Lynn A. Moore, a 1979 graduate representing the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, who is principal of Davis Partnership Architects in Denver, Colo.

• Jerry L. Reppert, a 1969 graduate representing the College of Arts and Sciences, who is publisher of Reppert

Publications, Anna, Ill.

• Sandra M. Stith, a 1982 and 1986 graduate representing the College of Human Ecology, who is professor and director of marriage and family therapy at Virginia Tech, Falls Church, Va.

• Greg A. Tucker, a 1978 graduate representing the College of Engineering, who is vice president of business transformation for the California State Automobile Assn., San Francisco, Calif.

• Wendy Wintersteen, a 1978 graduate representing the College of Agriculture, who is dean of Iowa State University's College of Agriculture in Ames, Iowa.

Democrats Give Four Awards

After enjoying a successful fall campaign effort, Riley County Democrats presented service awards to four Manhattan residents and party activists at an awards ceremony Monday night.

Jan Garton was presented with the "Chair's Award," which is presented to a party member whose long standing service has been instrumental in developing the local party organization at the grassroots level.

According to Riley County Democratic Chairperson Kathryn Focke, Garton played a key role in building the party, and has also been active in local and statewide campaigns. Most recently, Garton was a member of the campaign staff of Congresswoman Nancy Boyda, and is now a member of Boyda's office staff in Topeka.

Aggieville businessman Rusty Wilson was honored by the county

party with a new award established in his name, the "Rusty Award." Wilson was recognized for his financial contributions to local, state and national Democratic Party organizations.

Focke cited Wilson's financial contributions as being instrumental in helping elect Democrats.

Christopher and Anne Smith were recipients of the party's annual "Distinguished Service Award." The Smiths are active precinct workers, and they worked in the re-election campaigns of State Representatives Sydney Carlin and Tom Hawk.

Focke said this is the third year that Riley County Democrats have honored party workers at the annual "Love Your Party" banquet, which is held in conjunction with Valentine's Day. Nearly 75 part members attended Monday's event, which was held at the Union Station Depot.

DAVID GROVER

David Eli Grover, age 90, a long-time Manhattan resident, died February 13, 2007, at the Holmesdale Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was born February 20, 1916, in Sharon Springs, Kansas, the son of Eli David and Edith (Scott) Grover.

Mr. Grover served in the United States Army for 25 years as an E-5, retiring in 1965. He then worked Federal Civil Service as a meat cutter at Fort Riley.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1786 and the American Federation of Government Employees.

David loved football, baseball, dancing, and listening to music.

Joanne I. Johnson

Joanne I. Johnson, 68, of Wamego, passed away February 12, 2007 at Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center in Wamego.

She was born February 21, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Joseph and Iva (Mitcham) Napoletano. Joanne attended school in Detroit, Michigan and married Robert H. Johnson Sr. on March 12, 1960. He later preceded her in death on October 6, 2000.

Joanne is survived by: her three sons, Thomas Johnson and wife Rita of Wamego, Martin Johnson of Iowa, and Robert Johnson Jr. of Texas; her daughter Cindy Dudin and husband Hisham of Houston, TX; her fourteen grandchildren, Angela, Micki, Marty Jr., Joseph, Stephanie, Matthew, Alissa, Jonathon, Hannah,

Survivors include his daughter R. Rachel Grover of Kansas City, Missouri.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday at the Fort Riley Cemetery with Chaplain (MAJ) David K. Shurtleff officiating. Family and friends are invited to meet at 1:20 P.M. Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home to form a procession to the cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneral-home.com.

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, is handling arrangements.

Nancy, Summer, Hannan, Yasmine, and Heather; and her seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Joanne was preceded in death by her brother Richard Napoletano, and her sister Doris (Rosteck) Smith.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, February 19th at 10:30 a.m., at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A rosary will be said Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Funeral Home with family greeting friends until 8:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been set up in Joanne's name for the Heart of America Hospice and contributions may be made through Stewart Funeral Home P.O. Box 48, 66547.

**Now That's Rural
A Look At Flint Hills Mill Creek Ranch**

By Ron Wilson

Black...White. It's that simple. Well, most things aren't that simple these days, but it is true that in the cattle breeding business, there are traits associated with the colors of cattle breeds. Black Angus, for example, are known for good meat quality, and white-faced Herefords are known for being hardy and efficient. Today we'll meet a cattleman and his family who are looking to combine the best of both breeds in producing high quality, high performance seedstock for beef producers.

Dave and Diane Breiner own Mill Creek Ranch near Alma, Kansas. Dave grew up on an Angus farm near Norton in northwest Kansas. After graduating from K-State, he became manager of the Mill Creek Ranch in Wabaunsee County. In time, he bought into the ranch ownership.

The Breiners raise white-faced Herefords at Mill Creek Ranch. In the early 1990s they brought the Angus herd from Dave's parents place at Norton. But even before that, they had been working on creating an excellent crossbreeding program. In 1985, they added some selected Gelbvieh cows. They continue to maintain herds of Herefords, Angus, and Gelbvieh.

Dave says, "It's our main goal to provide our customers with cattle that excel in many areas, including performance, eye appeal, maternal ability, udder quality, and carcass merit."

The fundamental building block which Mill Creek Ranch has used is the cross between their black Angus and white-faced Herefords. The result of that cross is a black, white-faced cow.

Dave says, "The black white-faced female is the best crossbred cow in the country. It's been proven through the years." This is an example of hybrid vigor, or heterosis as it is called.

The Breiners tell customers, "We believe that the Angus and Hereford breeds are the answer to your crossbreeding needs. By combining the two largest English breeds in the world, you will be able to use their large genetic databases to make the most informed decisions possible."

Raising the best beef cattle is a

high-tech business these days. The Breiners maintain meticulous herd records with EPDs, which is short for expected progeny differences. EPDs are a scientific way of predicting the desired traits which are likely to be passed down from a given bull or cow.

In addition to breeding stock, Mill Creek Ranch also offers bull semen and fertilized embryos for embryo transfer programs. In late February they have a production sale of their top bulls and heifers. Dave says, "Our program is designed to supply the industry with progressive genetics that meet the needs of both the purebred and commercial cattleman."

Mill Creek Ranch is truly a family operation in a rural setting. Son Chad lives at the ranch, where he is the Mill Creek cow herd manager and his wife works with an orthopedics company. Son Clay is a veterinarian and embryo transfer technician in Wamego, where he is married to an equine veterinarian. Son Ryan is the manager of the Purebred Beef Barn at K-State and married to a graduate student. Daughter Ashley is a loan officer in Ellsworth and is married to a young rancher there.

Mill Creek Ranch is located in southern Wabaunsee County. In fact, Mill Creek township has a population of 296 people. Now, that's rural.

This rural Flint Hills setting is a wonderful place for producing topflight cattle, noted for producing increased efficiency in the cowherd and feedlot as well as value in the meat case and champions in the show ring. Mill Creek Ranch has sold cattle into most states in the Union, from Washington to West Virginia. For more information, go to www.millcreekranch.com.

Black...White. It's that simple. This phrase is one of the slogans of Mill Creek Ranch, reflecting the plain truth that a black Angus - white-faced Hereford cross is one of the best crossbreeding patterns for beef producers. We commend Dave and Diane Breiner and all their family for making a difference with their hard work and commitment to quality. Their goal is to offer the best cattle for their customers. That goal is as simple as black and white.

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Fossil Fuel Dilemma

HOUSTON (AP) — With dwindling oil supplies, pollution concerns and the ever-present threat of gas prices soaring again, talk of new and better ways to fuel our cars, heat and cool our homes, and power our factories has never been greater.

What's more, the conversation is emanating increasingly from a source that's been surprisingly quiet until recently — the oil companies themselves.

And, as the year progresses, expect to see industry leaders — including the chiefs of ConocoPhillips and Royal Dutch Shell PLC's U.S. division — speaking in cities across America in an unprecedented campaign to educate consumers on energy related issues and discuss topics such as ethanol and renewable fuels. It's also an opportunity for the companies to polish their images.

Why now? The reasons are varied, but increased public and congressional scrutiny of oil companies because of up-and-down gasoline prices and record profits certainly is a factor. The companies' own bottom lines also play a key role: The cost of finding and tapping new oil and gas reserves is on the rise while the worldwide appetite for energy is only getting bigger.

"There's never been as much effort going into technological innovation across the whole energy industry as we're seeing today," said Daniel Yergin, chairman of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a consultancy, and author of "The Prize," the Pulitzer Prize-winning history of the oil industry.

At CERA's annual weeklong conference that began Monday, dozens of the industry's heaviest hitters — the chairmen of Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. and a top OPEC official, among them — were expected to discuss topics such as the tricky balance of supply and demand and initiatives to develop new sources of energy.

Already, the discourse is in full swing across the U.S., led by some unlikely figures.

John Hofmeister, head of Royal Dutch Shell's U.S. arm, and James

Mulva, ConocoPhillips' chairman and chief executive, are taking part in separate national speaking tours with other representatives of their companies, talking and listening at town hall meetings in places like Edwardsville, Illinois, and Little Rock, Arkansas.

Outlining his company's 35-city tour in Houston recently, Mulva acknowledged that he and others have traditionally done a poor job of conveying to the public how their businesses operate, the challenges they face, the advances they're making.

Often, consumers' main connection with oil companies comes from filling up their vehicles or, recently, reading headlines of record profits. For example, Exxon Mobil this month shattered its own record for the largest annual profit by any U.S. company, bringing in \$39.5 billion (euro30.37 billion). And ConocoPhillips reported its best-ever full-year earnings, \$15.5 billion (euro11.92 billion) for 2006.

But what folks probably don't know, Mulva said, is U.S. oil companies have invested \$11 billion (euro8.46 billion) in North America on renewable and other forms of energy in the past five years.

Still, the task of weaning Americans and the rest of the world off fossil fuels will be monumental and lengthy. At present, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar supply only about 6 percent of America's energy needs, according to the federal government's Energy Information Administration.

Army Captain Killed In Iraq

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — An Army captain from Fort Riley was killed by enemy fire over the weekend in Iraq.

Capt. Donnie R. Belsler Jr., 28, of Anniston, Ala., died from gunshot wounds Saturday in Baqubah, north of Baghdad, after enemy forces

attacked his unit with small-arms fire during combat operations, the Defense Department said Monday.

He was a member of the 524th Transition Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley. A brief statement from the base had no additional information.

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Friday, February 24, 1871
Sent R.S. Miller, Drafts, 389.01. Wrote R.S. Stevens for Passes. Call from Beard & R.S. Stevens, D.S. Phillips. Miscellaneous office labors! Coat of plastering going on & painting.

Saturday, February 25
Left at 7 O'clock for Manhattan. Went by way of Humboldt to Lawrence. Sent Draft of \$100. from National Bank, Lawrence McMillan to W. J. McKenzie, 323 Larraby St. Saw J.P. Devreux who sanctions my selling land on the high [—?—] between Junction & Parker! Tea with R.L. Harford! Put up N. Topeka till 2 A.M. 7 then went home, arriving M. 5 A.M. & home 6.

Sunday, February 26, 1871
Home all day. All well. P.M. Service by Rev. Ried, Presbyterian. Eve—washed —.

Monday, February 27
A day of packing books &c. Very busy in miscellaneous business. Social Call. Eve—took tea at Prof. Hougham's. set up till 12 O'clock.

Tuesday, February 28, 1871
Up by [times?]. Moved 4 loads of [Goods into the cars. Solomon & Mr. Boylan helped. Sarah Called. Went to Junction with Ellen & Hattie & put up at Pacific House. Visited with Mrs. Gemeny & Florence! Dr. Horn Sick!

Wednesday, March 1
Went to Manhattan & to my old home, &c. Saw Woodman, Taylor, & Elliot. Zeandale Township annexed to Riley co. &c. Retd to Junction. Saw Mr. White, & Mr. Houston.

Thursday, March 2, 1871
Left Junction at 6 A.M. for Neosho Falls. Col. C.W. Lionhart! Mr. Case, Mr. Dunlap, Kan Squatters! Arrived at N. Falls 3 1/2 P.M. O K— Large no. of letters on hand. Eve—tired. Letter from Anne. Mother dangerously hurt, poor woman. Wrote Anne.

Friday, March 3
Worked on letters & papers. House carpenters at work. Ellen & Hattie at Hotel—

Saturday, March 4, 1871
Ellen & Hattie &c at Land Office

& new house. Miscellaneous business. Solomon went down the road.

Sunday, March 5
A.M. Sermon on intemperance by Rev. Kreach. Eve— Missionary Concert. Read Some — & visit with Hattie & Ellen at Hotel. Wrote to G.W. Gue, L. Parsons.

Monday, March 6, 1871
Moved 5 loads goods from cars to House. Rev. Graham commenced work on putting up Stair railing. C.W. Lionhart arrived. Arranged for his lecture tomorrow evening-on tickers &c. Worked hard at fixing up house. Slept in new House for the 1st time with Ellen. Mr. White & wife in town. Windy!

Tuesday, March 7
Left at 8 A.M. for Parsons to meet Mr. Stevens. Dined at Parsons with Solomon. Wrote Randall Steele, Brainard. Went with Messrs. Stevens, Mirick, Gunn, White, Melville, Briggs, Solomon, Davis, Barrett, Eddy, Scullens. Held Director's meeting on Parsons. To bed at 11 1/2 P.M. with Scullens! Fair rest what there was of it. Rain towards morning. Left off Boarding at Hotel. Windy day, at noon.

Wednesday, March 8, 1871
Wet with some rain early. Met col. Baldwin & Miller, Old Students at E. Greenwich. Called on Doudua & Horner, Craig. Returned to Parsons. Closed up business on P— & returned to N. Falls. Wheat absent to Junction. Due for Board at Mr. Innis, \$53.60. Snow Storm 3 inches!

Thursday, March 9
Numerous letters to answer. Wheat returned at night. White & Co. here for a night. Land lookers around. Painting & Carpenter work going on. Solomon went to Junction.

Friday, March 10, 1871
Paid Lionhart \$50. for lecture of which Dow & myself gave \$26.00, Each \$13. He & Leech left this morning; one for Burlington the other for Manhattan.

Saturday, March 11
Busy writing letters & showing land. 100. check on 1st N. Bank, Chicago retd protested. Kratzer & Coburn at work carpentering & painting.

Sunday, March 12, 1871
Sermon at Presbyterian Church by Rev. Scottford-& communion. Read & visited — Wrote several letters

Monday, March 13
Sent 2 Drafts to R.S. Miller 140 + 192 = \$332.00, St. Louis & N.Y. — Eve—at work, Coburn not. Sent Wheat after R. Cane on \$100 Draft, protested.

Tuesday, March 14, 1871
Sent R.S. Miller Draft on St. Louis, \$378.00 + \$32.14 N.Y. = 410.14. Warm & spring like. Cleaned doors some &c. Beamman's call 4 1/2 hours. Rained in the night. Team from Wm T. Williams.

Wednesday, March 15
Painting & carpenter work still going on. Eve—1 1/2 hours work on False window!

Thursday, March 16, 1871
McCullough worked with his team 1 day. Eve—worked all day! Froze last night, cold this morning! Train attached Fort Council Grove for taxes! Letter from Anne, Pleasant day.

Friday, March 17
Went to New Chicago & out. Dr. Scott, relative to the 80 acres addition. Crowther, Jones, Foster, Gaston &c., Lee. Returned to Neosho Falls. Eve—bathed & read letters. To bed at 10 P.M.

Saturday, March 18, 1871
Went to Junction. Called at Br. Gemeny's & took tea. Saw F.C. White, who agreed to take \$100. for his lot! Gov. Sharp, Col. Davis. Pleasant day. R.W. Randall. Ogen Barrett, Americus. Tea at Pacific House. Went to Manhattan at 11. P.M. with S.D. Houston & Harry Hougham. Stopped with Wm E.G.

Sunday, March 19
Kept within doors pretty much all day. Eve—went to R. C. Denisons & spent the night. Pleasant day.

Monday, March 20, 1871
Went to prayers in the Chapel. Callisthenics, Worked on gullies with C.C. Leach. Counseled with Br. Denison on Land, &c. Talked with Wm E. &c. Dined at J.D.'s. Supped with C.C. Leech. Looked over accounts with Wm. Sold Pony to Ed Hunting for \$100.00. To bed at 11. P.M.

Tuesday, March 21
Up at 3 1/4 A.M. & Leech took me to town, & I took the cars for N.Falls; arrived at 3 1/2 P.M. Looked over letters & answered several. To be late again.

Wednesday, March 22, 1871
Send to Gov. Green, Pilsbury 17 address. Set near ME Church. Went to Parsons & met Barrett on Chetopa property. Lots & land. Met Whitney & Solomon. Went to Chetopa & ret'd to Parsons & spent the night with Solomon at Baker's.

Thursday, March 23
Wrote R.S. Stevens on Sale of Lots &c. Met Barret & Solomon & E.B.

Stevens. Retd to N. Falls. Miscellaneous conversation on going to New York. Decided to start tomorrow morning. House nearly done. Visit with Goss. Wrote to several. Sent Draft 39.75 to E. Nipple. C.C. Leech to day. Cold morning & day.

Friday, March 24, 1871
Left at 8-40 for N.Y. Went by way of Parsons, Sedalia. Arrived at last place 9 1/2 P.M. took Sleeping Car for St. Louis.

Saturday, March 25
At St.Louis 6 1/2 A.M. Missed the Chicago train. Got pass [—?—]O.& M.R.- & T.W. & G.W. - Spent most of the day in St. Louis. 4-20 went to Lebanon to See Br. Allyn, cordial reception. Lillie, Hattie, Emma at St. Louis. Prof. Blair. Repairs on Coat!

Sunday, March 26, 1871
A.M. Sermon by Rev. Huey on the Education of Ministers. Good! A look at College &c. 5-10 P.M. Cars for Cincinnati, Miss Taylor - for companion.

Monday, March 27
Arrived at 6 A.M. Mr. Thomas, Sec. of W.B. Shattuck. Wm left for N.Y. by Atlantic's G.W.R.- [Erce?]. Dined West Salem. Plenty of Snow at Meadville & on. Formed the acquaintance of J. Landon Richwood. Took a Sleeping car together.

Tuesday, March 28, 1871
Great Erie road! Grand Scenery! J.G. Saxe, the Poet, — aboard, 25 miles per hour! Arrived in N.Y. at 4 1/4 P.M., 860 miles from Cincinnati. Saw S. Parsons who sent a carriage with me to Dennison's, where I met Henry Denison & here we spend the night.

Wednesday, March 29
Met the Directors, Parsons, Denison, & Crawford, & discussed the General interests of the Co., also my own Salary. Decision that we report to N.Y. office, alone! Have the assurance of Denison & Crawford this day; Salary should be \$4000. Went to Charles Allyn, 202 South 9th Street & spent the night. Fine visit.

Thursday, March 30, 1871
Left at 10 A.M Hudson R.R. We arrived at Syracuse 7 P.M., Vernon — private conveyance O.B. — at 10. P.M. All well! Have had a Cold Twice last night. Will rest a little & watch result.

Friday, March 31
Spent the day pleasantly. P.M. walked to Town with H—, &c. — Retd at Sundown & had a visit. To bed at 9 1/2 P.M.

Saturday, April 1, 1871
Wagon to Depot, cars to Oneida. Purchased Window Curtain & dress at sstores & fixings. Went to Niagra Falls & put up at Spencer House at 1st [night?].

Sunday, April 2
Looked at Falls & suspension Bridge. 1. P.M. took the cars for 2

strait. Sleeping Car for Chicago at 10. O clock.

Monday, April 3, 1871
Arrived in Chicago at 10. A.M. Called on Moore & Smith, &c. &c 5.— 30 took cars on for St. Louis. Woman & 4 Children. — Smart & waspish!

Tuesday, April 4
Arrived in St. Louis at 6 A.M. Omnibus to Depot to Pacific Depot. Met N. Holmes, &c. At Sedalia, met Mirick; Stevens at N.Y. Stopped at Clinton & spent the night with Engineer Sumner.

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Watch For: KSU Starting Pitching K-State's weekend starters of Hutt, Bayuk, Hornbeck and Murray combined to walk just 66 batters in 223.1 combined innings last season, a 2.6 walks-per-nine innings mark.

Kansas State will open its 107th season of baseball February 16 in Shreveport, La., as the Wildcats face Penn State and Centenary at Sheehee Stadium on the campus of Centenary College. The Wildcats will face Penn State Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. while squaring off with the home-standing Gents on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. K-State and Penn State will be opening their respective seasons in Shreveport, while Kansas State will be making its fourth trip in four seasons to the state of Louisiana. K-State played at Centenary in 2004, while making trips to Northwestern State in 2005 and Louisiana-Lafayette last season. The state has treated K-State very well as in those three previous trips, the Wildcats have accumulated a 7-1 overall record. The Wildcats hold a 2-0 advantage in the series with Centenary with both wins coming at Sheehee Stadium, a 6-2 win in 2001 and an 11-9 triumph in 2004. The Cats are 1-1 all-time against the Nittany Lions, as the two teams split a pair of games in College Station, Texas, in 1994. The Wildcats enter

the season with an all-time record of 1,449-1,509-10 and are 87-75-2 under fourth-year head coach Brad Hill. K-State returns 17 lettermen from last season's squad and seven total pitchers. Five position starters are back and two of the three weekend starting pitchers return for the 2007 campaign. Starters Brad Hutt and Chase Bayuk give the Wildcats Big 12 game experience, while the arms of Ben Hornbeck, Justin Murray, Daniel Edwards and Trevor Hurley should provide the Wildcats with both depth and experience on the mound early in the year.

Noteworthy

- Kansas State is 65-42 all-time in season-openers, including a 1-2 mark under Brad Hill.
- Kansas State is 7-1 over the last three seasons in games played in the state of Louisiana.
- Since 2004, Kansas State is 67-16 in non-conference games and 13-9 in the month of February.
- Under Brad Hill, Kansas State is 52-29 when its starting pitching goes six-plus innings.

- The Wildcats also are 68-8 under Hill when out-hitting their opponent.
- The Cats are also 61-19-1 under Hill when recording 10 or more hits.
- Over the last three seasons, K-State is 76-5 when leading after seven innings and 57-21-2 when scoring first.
- IF Drew Biery is riding a team-best five-game hitting streak and was 11-for-19 with 14 RBI over that stretch.
- Shortstop Eli Rumler heads into the season ranked second in K-State history in career hit-by-pitches with 22.
- Defensively, Rumler also ranks eighth in school history with 286 career assists.
- With his next start, Rumler will have made 100 career starts on the infield.
- K-State's projected weekend starting rotation was a combined 18-7 with a 3.46 ERA over 223.1 innings in '06.
- K-State pitchers collected a school-best 2.3 walks-per-nine-inning mark last season.
- Pitcher Chase Bayuk was 2-0 with a 3.04 ERA over his last five starts of the 2006 season.
- Five of Brad Hutt's seven wins on the mound last season came against NCAA Regional participants.
- In '06, Hutt and Bayuk became just the 16th and 17th players in KSU history to win seven games in a season.
- K-State's 2007 roster boasts just two seniors, eight juniors, 11 sophomores and 13 total freshmen (nine true).
- The Wildcats have 14 players from the state of Texas, the most of any state, followed by eight Kansans.

Scouting Penn State
Penn State, like K-State, will open its

2007 season this weekend in Shreveport. The Nittany Lions return six starters and 18 total lettermen from last season's 20-36 squad. Penn State is led by returning middle infielders Matt Cavagnaro and Scott Gafney and outfielder Brian Ernst. Ernst is one of the Nittany Lions' leading hitters from a year ago after hitting .305 as the squad's right fielder. On the mound, senior Craig Clark and Mark Wyner return after holding down two of the three weekend spots last season. The duo combined for 149 strikeouts last season in 170-plus innings.

Scouting Centenary
Centenary opened the season with three straight losses at home to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi but then rebounded last weekend with a sweep of Jackson State. The Gents then dropped a 5-4 decision at Northwestern State on Tuesday. All but one of the Gents games to date have been inside the friendly confines of Sheehee Stadium in Shreveport. The Gents have been lead offensively so far by Cameron Penny, who has notched 12 hits in 29 at-bats for a .414 average through seven games. Matt Webb is close behind at .400 and also has the team's lone homer in the early goings. As a team, Centenary is hitting .281 while the pitching staff has accumulated a 4.21 ERA with 37 strikeouts and 19 walks through 62.0 innings. Three pitchers have earned wins so far as Brandon Fulechek leads the group with a 2.77 ERA through two starts and 13.0 innings.

Youth Is Served
Kansas State will take the field in 2007 with one of the youngest teams in the Big 12 Conference. With 34 players on the roster, Kansas State has 13 freshmen and 11 sophomores to give them 24 total underclassmen. Nebraska and Baylor are the only two teams in the league that are comparable with 26 and 25, respectively. In terms of experience, the Wildcats boast two seniors, which are the fewest of any Big 12 team, and eight juniors to total 10 upperclassmen, which are the fewest in the Big 12 Conference.

Pitcher Perfect
Kansas State has made tremendous strides on the mound under Hill and pitching coach Sean McCann as the Wildcats have set new single-season K-State records in team ERA and fewest walks per nine innings in each of the last two seasons. The Cats return two weekend starters who each won seven games in juniors Brad Hutt and Chase Bayuk. Sophomore Ben Hornbeck, who was a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American in 2006 as a reliever, is most likely to take over as the third weekend starter for the Wildcats. Sophomore Justin Murray also returns in 2007 after a solid freshman season in which he was 1-0 with a 3.86 ERA and could potentially work into a starting role for the Cats as well as continue to be stellar in long relief. Junior Daniel Edwards is expected to take over the closing role in 2007 after a 1-1 record in 18 appearances in 2006. Others who will provide depth on the mound in 2007 will include sophomore Trevor Hurley, perhaps the Cats' hardest thrower, sophomore Todd Vogel, who could be a mid-week starter or middle reliever, redshirt freshman A.J. Morris and newcomers Scott Bachman, Austin Presley, Brock Floro, Tyler Ruch and Paul McCoy.

Dynamic Duo
With so many new and young faces mixed in at several positions, Kansas State will benefit from the return of its double-play combination of Eli Rumler/Drew Biery at shortstop and Brett Scott/Eddie Vasquez and second base. The four players combined for 114 starts and 41 double plays.

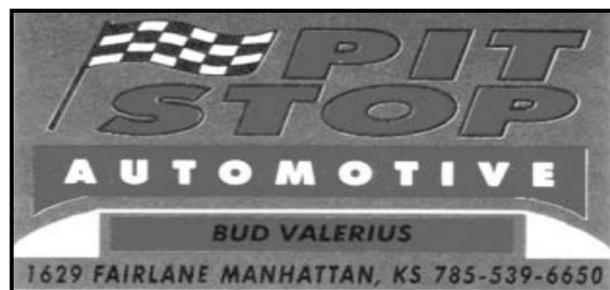
Super Sophs
The Wildcats head into the 2007 season with a roster that is heavy on sophomores as 11 players enter their second season of competition. Of those 11 players, nine made starts last season as true freshmen and one

more saw time as a relief pitcher (Trevor Hurley), while most of those players will be counted on as starters this season. Catcher Rob Vaughn, third baseman Nate Tenbrink, pitchers Ben Hornbeck and Justin Murray, infielder Drew Biery, and outfielders Byron Wiley, Tyler Link and Jordan Cruz should all be key cogs in 2007.

Friday Night Lights
Junior right-hander Brad Hutt settled in nicely as the Wildcats' Friday night starter last season and finished the season 7-4 with a 4.01 ERA, which included wins over Wichita State, Nebraska, Missouri, Baylor and Oklahoma. The Papillion, Neb., native was a two-time Big 12 Pitcher of the Week selection after big wins over Oklahoma and Baylor. But, more impressively, Hutt's makeup and calmness on the mound is his best attribute. Five of Hutt's seven wins came against teams that advanced to NCAA Regional play, while four of those wins came against teams that were ranked in the Top 25 at the time of the game.

Bayuk Back For More
Junior left-hander Chase Bayuk came on strong at the end of the season as one of the Cats' weekend starters. In fact, Bayuk went 2-0 with a 3.04 ERA over his last five starts of the 2006 season and saw his Wildcats go 2-2-1 over that stretch.

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