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Brigade Leaves For Iraq

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — Two days after President Bush pleaded with Congress to give his strategy in Iraq a chance, a brigade from this post that will be part of the second wave of Bush's planned increase in troops said goodbye Thursday to its families.

In the coming days, 3,400 soldiers from the 1st Infantry Divisions' 4th Brigade will board planes and head to Iraq, where they will be thrust into the fight to quell escalating violence in Baghdad. About 35 percent of the brigade's soldiers are making what is at least their second trip to Iraq.

At the deployment ceremony, Sgt. Conrad Kalazny talked about his second trip to war. He went to Afghanistan in 2004 for a year.

"It's a lot easier. A lot of guys have been there. I'm trying to learn as much as I can," said Kalazny, 26, of Erie, Pa.

During the 45-minute ceremony the brigade cased its colors, which it will unfurl in Kuwait before heading north to Iraq in February. The brigade's departure was pushed up three days with Bush's decision to increase the number of troops in Iraq to combat insurgents and sectarian violence.

Analysts expect the move to also increase U.S. casualties. January has been a deadly month for Americans, including two soldiers from Fort Riley: Sgt. Jonathan Kingman, 21, of Nankin, Ohio, and Sgt. Gregory A. Wright, 28, of Boston, both of the 1st Engineer Battalion.

At least 3,067 members of the U.S. military have died since the war began in 2003, according to an Associated Press count, including 83 from Fort Riley.

Bush asked Congress during his State of the Union to give his plan to increase the number of troops by 21,500 in the coming weeks a chance. But the Senate Foreign Relations Committee adopted a resolution opposing any increase in troop strength.

Pvt. Jessica Bailey, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, is leaving her 2-year-old son Caleb with family. She hopes to keep in touch with e-mails and phone calls.

"When I went to basic, he was 7 months old and he didn't remember me when I graduated," Bailey said. "I'm going to take a lot of pictures and I hope they show them to him. It's not going to be easy for anybody."

Heather Swales, 25, whose husband is a sergeant in an infantry battalion, is going to be looking for a job while he's away.

"I'm going to be lonely without him. You really can't prepare yourself for not having your husband for a year," Swales said.

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Clifford Dockter of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, is going for what he expects will be his final deployment. He said the desire to serve runs deep among soldiers.

Later this year, the division's combat aviation brigade will deploy about 2,500 soldiers and more than 100 helicopters, the bulk of which will combine with Fort Riley units in Iraq.

McCullough To Purchase Old Riley County Shops



Top: McCullough Development of Manhattan will purchase the old Riley County Shops on Anderson Ave. for \$2 million

Right: Cost of the new Riley County Shops being constructed on West Highway 24 has gone up from \$2 million in 2003 to \$7 million in 2007.



Surprise! Cost Of New Shops Going Up

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The Riley County Commission opened the bids on the Riley County Shop site Monday. The opening bids were \$1.8 million from McCullough Development Inc. of Manhattan; \$1.3 million for the north end by D.L. Rogers of North Richland Hills, Tx and \$1.52 million from Southwind Capital out of Lawrence, Ks. A bidding process then started and McCullough put in the top bid of \$2 million. The sale was turned over to staff for review and the Commission will vote on the sale at a later Commission meeting.

The \$2 million was higher than the Commission had expected but they are going to need the extra money.

In August of 2003 the County Commission received a report that

the new shops would cost \$4,551,890.

In March of 2005 the County Commission received plans showing cost of the new shops would be \$6,369,265.

As of January 1, 2007 the cost of the shops has jumped to \$7,199,6452 an increase of \$830,387. Now the Commissioners are adding the cost for the Highway 24 turning lanes, which is another \$750,000.

What started out in 2002-03 as a \$2 million project is now at \$8 million and going higher. And these are the same Commissioners that told the voters three years ago they did not have money to fix roads and bridges.

The Bids:

McCullough Development, Inc.
210 N 4th St., Suite C
Manhattan, KS 66502-1088

Base bid \$1,800,000.00
Competitive bid #1
\$1,900,000.00
Competitive bid #2
\$2,000,000.00

D.L. Rogers
5013 Davis Blvd.
North Richland Hills, TX
76180-6874

Base bid
\$1,300,000.00 North
No bid - South
No bid - North & South
No competitive bid

Southwind Capital, Inc.
601 N. Iowa Street
Lawrence, KS 66044-9643
Base bid \$1,520,000.00
Competitive bid #1
\$1,850,000.00
Competitive bid #2
\$1,950,000.00

KDOT Announces Airport Funding

Twenty-four projects have been selected to receive safety and service enhancements through the Kansas Department of Transportation's Airport Improvement Program.

The projects will address maintenance, geometric improvement and facility and equipment needs at non-primary public use airports. These are airports that are classified as having less than 10,000 passenger boardings a year.

"This program has made major improvements to Kansas aviation," said Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller. "It has contributed significantly to the health and economic well-being of Kansas and the many communities that

have received grants."

2008 airport improvement projects.

Beloit - Automated weather information system; Coffey County - Runway repair and markings; Colby - Two projects - Taxiways and ramp repairs, and markings; Comanche County - Ramp repair; Ellsworth - Two projects - Automated weather information system, and runway and taxiway resurfacing and ramp expansion; Fort Scott - Replace beacon and upgrade automated weather information system; Harper - Runway resurfacing; Hoxie - Repair and resurface runway, taxiway and ramp; Leoti - Runway and taxiway repair and remarking; Lyndon-Pomona Lake - Runway

reconstruction;

Meade - Automated weather information system; Montezuma - New runway; Neodesha - Airport layout plan; Osborne - Runway resurfacing; Russell - Beacon; St. Francis - Resurface and remark runway and taxiway; Sublette - Improve turnaround, taxiway and ramp, and drainage improvements; Syracuse/Hamilton County - Two projects - Runway and taxiway improvements, and automated weather information system; Trego County/WaKeeney - Replace lights, upgrade wiring; Wamego - Repair runway and relocate road; Wichita Westport - Repair, resurface runway.

GOP, Dems Spar Over Jobless Benefits Audit

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — An audit critical of how Kansas responded to having the nation's highest overpayment rate of benefits to unemployed workers has touched off a political furor.

Some Republican legislators contend the audit points out serious problems in how the Department of Labor is administering the unemployment program.

But Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said Monday that GOP lawmakers had injected politics into the auditing process and were waging a partisan "sneak attack" on Democratic Gov.

Kathleen Sebelius' administration.

A department spokeswoman said the issue isn't as serious as some legislators are portraying it because a new regulation the agency adopted in November will deal with a technical problem noted by the audit. However, the audit — and some Republicans — question whether the department's solution is responsible.

"It shows a very real problem, and the department's handling of it really raises questions about their judgment. On the other hand, we don't want to get too carried away here," Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence. "It looks

like this whole discussion is going to escalate. We need to get focused on how to fix the problem."

The audit, released Friday, said the state had an overpayment rate in 2005 of 44.7 percent in providing some \$253 million in weekly payments to workers who've lost their jobs. That rate is more than 10 percentage points higher than second-place Arizona and more than four times the national average of 9.5 percent.

Several House Republicans said after the audit's release means the state made about \$115 million in overpayments during the fiscal year

that ended June 30. Benefits for jobless workers are financed by a tax paid by employers.

Rep. Peggy Mast, R-Emporia, chairwoman of a joint committee overseeing auditors' work, issued a statement saying the report suggests the state is failing businesses "by not being good stewards of the money they pay into the unemployment insurance fund."

The audit said the state's rate is so high because most unemployed workers weren't supposed receive benefits unless they registered for state services helping them find new jobs.

Jeff Black To Play In The Birdhouse

The Manhattan Arts Center's BirdHouse acoustic music series presents singer/songwriter Jeff Black, Friday, February 9 at 8 pm.

"Black is an artist of substance," wrote Billboard in a recent review that compared his piano ballads to Randy Newman and his rockers to Bruce Springsteen. "I love songs about freeing the spirit and treating your individuality as something that's precious and important," Jeff explains. It might also explain why Jeff's songs have been recorded and often turned into hits-by artists as diverse as Waylon Jennings, Jo-El Sonnier, Sam Bush, and Black Hawk.

Jeff Black's songs start at in a personal place, often hidden back in the darkness, yet they always strive to

illuminate. He's a burly, bare-knuckled, blue-collar son of the Missouri plains with dark Irish blood who digs into tough topics with a gentle heart.

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Manhattan Arts Center, The Dusty Bookshelf in Aggieville, Clafin Books & Copies, at the door, by phone at (785) 537-4420 or now online at www.manhattanarts.org. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for military, and \$13 for students. The Manhattan Arts Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and is located at 1520 Poyntz Ave.

For more information on this and other performances at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit us on the web at www.manhattanarts.org.

Kansas Kids Gets \$200,000 Grant

Mentoring efforts around the state will receive extra help, Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Coach Bill Snyder said Monday.

Sebelius and Snyder announced the availability of \$200,000 in state grants to support existing and developing mentoring programs in order to expand mentoring opportunities throughout the state.

"Many Kansas communities don't yet have mentoring programs, and some communities, while they have many programs, are unable to keep up with the demand for needed mentors," Sebelius said. "We want to provide financial support to help existing mentoring programs sustain or expand their coverage and also to assist new mentoring efforts as they get started."

The Kansas Mentors Leadership Council will be charged with determining how state dollars can best be spent to meet the mentoring needs of Kansas. The council is composed of executives and leaders in the public and private sectors who have proven to be influential members of their communities.

Coach Snyder, who chairs the

council, said the group will meet February 13 in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Mentoring to make its recommendations.

"Through the help of mentoring experts from all across the state, we've determined what our needs are," Coach Snyder said. "Now, I'm confident our Leadership Council will make sure these funds are fully utilized in the best possible way to give more Kansas youngsters access to quality and caring mentoring."

Applications for these grants are now available online at www.ksmentors.ks.gov/news.htm

Already this year, Sebelius dedicated more than \$600,000 of federal funds to local mentoring programs. These grants mark the second phase of state grants to support mentoring opportunities. The first phase of grants were dedicated to conducting a statewide needs assessment, providing regional training opportunities for strengthening mentoring organizations throughout Kansas, and for administering a statewide conference to discuss mentoring issues at the state and national levels.

Ferguson Wins Longest Living Kansan Award

Louise Ferguson, 99 years young, Manhattan, KS wins longest living Kansan Award at the Annual Kansas Native Sons and Daughters Banquet in Topeka Friday night. Ferguson, a long time resident of Manhattan and 1933 Kansas State graduate, was honored for being the most senior native daughter in attendance. She

was born in Red Wing, KS in 1907, a town, which Ferguson has outlived. It was located near what is now the town of Beaver, KS. The Native Sons and Daughters organization presented a gift by Senator Pat Roberts. Louise has lived at



Sen. Pat Roberts awards Louise Ferguson in Topeka on Friday night.

Mary Lorena Ryan, 97, of Blaine, Kansas, died Friday, January 26, 2007 at the Westy Community Care home in Westmoreland. She was a long-time resident of the community.

Mary was born August 25, 1909 in Emmett, Kansas, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth McManus Kennedy. She attended local schools and graduated from Emmett High School. After graduation, she taught in rural primary schools for several years prior to her marriage.

She married Emmett Ryan on June 27, 1934 in Emmett, Kansas. He preceded her in death in May of 1992. Mary was a homemaker and farm wife. She also worked for eighteen years at the Golden Acres Nursing Home in Onaga. She was a member of St. Columbkille's Catholic Church, the Shamrock Extension Unit and the Blaine Senior Citizens.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Loretta Dreher and her husband, Lawrence, Topeka, Dorothy Cherny and her husband, Gary, Clyde; two

sons, Charles Ryan, Blaine, Frank Ryan and his wife, Betty, Mission; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael "Joe" Ryan in 1999.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at St. Columbkille's Catholic Church in Blaine. Father Jim Shaughnessy will be the Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Blaine. Mrs. Ryan will lie-in-state starting at 1:00 p.m., Monday at Kufahl Funeral Home in Wheaton, Kansas, where the family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. A rosary prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to Westy Community Care Home or St. Columbkille's Catholic Church and those may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com

Boomers 1/4 of Population

With the first of the baby boomers turning 61, attitudes about aging are likely to change, said Deb Sellers, Kansas State University Research and Extension specialist on adult development and aging.

Baby boomers are typically defined as those born from 1946 to 1964, she said. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that, in the United States, boomers number 76 million and account for slightly more than one-fourth of the nation's population.

The numbers matter, Sellers said, because such a large group will have the power to set new standards - or expectations - for aging, and drive the development of new products and services for their age group.

Boomers' preoccupation with their own interests has defined them as the "me generation", but not all boomers are alike, Sellers said. Those born from 1946 through 1950 - 23 percent of boomers - lead the generation; those born in the years 1951 through 1959 - 49 percent - make up what is called the core group of the generation, and those born in the period from 1960 through 1964 - 28 percent - are considered trailers.

"Each group is somewhat defined by their life experiences," Sellers said. Lead boomers are typically familiar with the civil and equal rights movements and John F. Kennedy. Trailers will be more likely to reference advances in technology and Ronald Reagan.

Baby boomers expect comfort, convenience - and fun, she said. As a whole, the generation is considered the wealthiest to date, and with lifestyle and health important, an anti-aging attitude is fairly common.

From their perspective, the term "senior" describes their parents, and not themselves, Sellers said. According to a report prepared for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 63 percent feel younger than their age, Sellers said.

With average life expectancy lengthening and the gap in life expectancy for men and women narrowing, she said that baby boomers' average life expectancy is currently estimated at 83 years.

Boomers are typically well-educated, with respect for knowledge and technology.

And, while many may lack respect for authority and can be skeptical of the government, they often are passionate about personal causes and willing to contribute their time, energy and expertise on behalf of those causes, Sellers said.

According to that same survey, almost 80 percent of baby boomers expect to work after they retire, Sellers said. While the loss of their skills will affect business, many are expected to choose a second, and, perhaps more fulfilling, career. More than half (51 percent of those surveyed) reported that they will engage in volunteer work.

"Don't expect them to stuff envelopes, though," she said. Boomers will likely develop marketing plans for volunteer agencies or choose a service project, such as helping to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

According to a Pew Research Center Report, 38 percent of baby boomers have been divorced, Sellers said. Most say they are satisfied with family life and 35 percent have either provided - or are providing - care for an aging parent. Some also are grandparents who care for their grandchildren.

With aging a process, how will baby boomers with an anti-aging attitude fare? And, how will they change attitudes about aging?

"It's too soon to tell," Sellers said. "Specialists on aging and adult development are expected to study baby boomers as they embrace aging and their older selves."

More information on aging is available by contacting www.oznet.ksu.edu.

Kris Koback Named GOP Chairman

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Conservatives proved again Saturday that they control the state's Republican Party, picking one of their own as chairman after he promised vigorous leadership and compared one prominent defector to a prostitute.

The selection of Kris Koback, of Kansas City, Kan., is likely to upset GOP moderates because of his opposition to abortion and conservative positions on issues such as immigration. Koback, a law professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, was the Republican nominee in the 3rd Congressional District in 2004.

The GOP's 177-member state committee made the decision, and some said they were impressed with Koback's energy. He promised to pursue dozens of initiatives to build the party and work with all factions.

His aggressiveness was evident in remarks he directed at Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, who served as GOP chairman in 1999-2003, then switched parties late in 2005 to become Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' running mate in her successful re-election campaign. Koback said a party leader should not "prostitute himself" for power.

"A party leader should never prostitute himself or his views merely in the quest for personal power," Koback said after his election. "And I stand by that statement."

Parkinson, a former state senator, has said repeatedly that social conservatives' growing dominance within the GOP ultimately made him more comfortable with Democrats. Told of Koback's comment, Sebelius spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran said, "It's statements like that, that have led Mark Parkinson to leave."

Koback prevailed in a 109-65 vote on the second ballot, over state Sen. Tim Huelskamp, of Fowler, one of the Legislature's most conservative members. The race had a third candidate, Wichita businessman Mark Pompeo, but his name was dropped

after the first ballot, where Koback had 65 votes; Huelskamp, 56, and Pompeo, 55.

The GOP state committee meeting was part of Republicans' annual Kansas Day convention, which brings hundreds of activists to Topeka. Reflecting Republicans' traditional dominance of Kansas politics, it's scheduled for the weekend closest to the Jan. 29 anniversary of the state's admission to the Union in 1861.

But many Republicans are feeling battered by the 2006 elections. Sebelius easily won a second term, and Democrat Paul Morrison, another high-profile party switcher, unseated conservative favorite Phill Kline in the attorney general's race.

Democrat Nancy Boyda unseated five-term GOP Rep. Jim Ryun in the 2nd Congressional District. Nationally, Republicans lost their congressional majorities.

Money also has been an issue. While the state GOP raised \$1.2 million in 2005 and 2006 for their state and federal activities, the Democratic Party raised 3 1/2 times that, about \$4 million.

Koback told committee members the party needed "dramatic reforms" and promised to run the party like "a campaign that is always going and never stops."

He has degrees from Harvard, Yale and Oxford universities and worked two years in the U.S. Justice Department, listing former Attorney General John Ashcroft as a mentor.

While all three candidates were considered conservatives, Pompeo was the least objectionable to abortion rights supporters and other moderates.

"Mike Pompeo was the only candidate who had a chance at actually bringing this party together under his leadership at the state level," said Andy Wollen, chairman of the moderate Kansas Traditional Republican Majority.

In 2004, Koback's bid for Congress was hampered by moderates' dissatisfaction with him. Democratic incumbent Dennis Moore received 55 percent of the vote, his best showing up to that point.

"Koback is a very smart guy, a very hard worker," Wollen said. "But he's so smart that he's convinced that he's so right, that he's unwilling to listen to other people whose perspectives differ from his and he ends up scaring them off."

Koback told reporters after his election that there's room in the GOP for people who have different views on various issues and suggested such differences have been exaggerated.

"Many Republicans are in accordance with the platform on 90 percent of the issues but might differ with the platform on one or two or three," Koback said. "That's fine. That does not mean that they are not welcome in our party."

But Koback also made it clear that county caucuses will determine what the GOP includes in its platform and anti-abortion language will remain if those caucuses want it. He said if abortion rights supporters don't like the prospect, "Convince your fellow Republicans at the caucus level to adopt your point of view."

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Former Clerk Pleads Guilty

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP) — Former Milford City Clerk Sheryl K. Gaines-Meyer pleaded guilty Friday to 10 felony counts for making personal purchases with city funds.

Geary County District Attorney Steven Opat said the plea occurred at Gaines-Meyer's arraignment. He said she pleaded to four theft counts, four computer crime counts, one count of feloniously using a financial card and one count of felony misuse of public funds.

Sentencing is set for March 15 before Geary District Court Judge David Platt. Opat said he will seek jail or prison time for Gaines-Meyer.

"When you work for the public and you steal from the public, you deserve more than a slap on the wrist," Opat said Friday. "She breached her fiduciary duty to the public and her employee."

Jeremy Crist, the lawyer for Gaines-Meyer, could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Gaines-Meyer had faced 22 charges. She is accused of using the city of Milford's credit cards, checking account and utility security deposit funds to take between \$35,000 and \$50,000 dating back to 2003, Opat said.

In June, Gaines-Meyer resigned after being placed on administrative leave during an audit. Her resignation, in place of formal termination, was accepted by the Milford City Council at a special meeting.

Back then, auditor Dan Hoffman, of Junction City, said the audit showed Gaines-Meyer had made personal use of city credit cards and had not made payroll deposits since March 2005.

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Roberts Eyeing Bioscience Lab

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) _ Pleased by Kansas' success in the Defense Department's base realignment process three years ago, Sen. Pat Roberts now hopes to help the state capture another prize: a \$451 million national bioscience research lab.

The two-term Republican senator was named Friday by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as one of three co-chairmen of task force charged with leading the state's effort to land the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility.

Chairing the 43-member group with Roberts are Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson and former Kansas congressman Dan Glickman, who is currently president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

"We stand in pretty good shape," Roberts said Friday during a stop at Washburn University's Mulvane Art Museum.

Eighteen sites in 11 states have made the Department of Homeland Security's first cut for the facility, which will employ

about 250 scientists. Kansas has two of those sites _ Manhattan, where Kansas State University is already home to a new Biosecurity Research Institute, and Leavenworth County, home of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and the Army's Fort Leavenworth.

Roberts said the military base realignment process in 2005, subject to intense lobbying, left Kansas in a strong position.

The Army's 1st Infantry Division, or Big Red One, was returned to Fort Riley from Germany. That alone will bring thousands of U.S. troops and family members to Kansas.

Retained in the shake-up was the military college at Fort Leavenworth, which the senator called the "intellectual center of the Army," and the military's presence at Forbes Field in Topeka and McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita.

"Not many in Kansas, when we think about the economy, think about the military," Roberts said. "That benefit is over \$1 bil-

lion."

Roberts, 70, plans to run next year for a third Senate term. So far, he has no opposition.

He said he was proud of his record on defense, national security, health care, agriculture and education. And, unlike some of his peers on Capitol Hill, he said he understands bipartisanship is a necessary component of good government.

"Kansas is not like other states," Roberts said. "They don't want any special favors from the federal government. They want a fair shake. They know it's important to pass legislation, but it's just as important to prevent bad legislation from passing."

November's elections gave Democrats majorities in both the House and Senate, but Roberts vowed to adapt.

"I've learned in past years that to get anything done, if you want to be a party of governance, if you want to be an Eisenhower Republican, you've got to work across the aisle," he said.

Harsh Winter May Have Impact On Cattle

This winter's harsh weather will subside, but its effect on Plains-area cattle herds will linger long after the ice and snow have melted away, a Kansas State University veterinarian said.

"The weather this winter has certainly resulted in some death loss in cattle, but the real problems are going to be much harder to get our arms around," said K-State Research and Extension veterinarian Larry Hollis.

Winter storms prompted Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to request federal assistance for 44 counties. In turn, President Bush declared a major disaster in Kansas, making federal funding available to state and local governments in those 44 western Kansas counties.

Hollis said that although the death loss already tallied from this year's snow and ice storms could have been even worse, he is concerned about what he called "secondary losses" - weak calves at birth, cows that are in poorer condition than usual during calving season, and the possibility that cows' poor condition at re-breeding time could impact fertility and, ultimately, conception rates.

A lot will depend on how many days these cattle went without feed, which varies from one operation to another, he said. Those animals that went without feed for one or more periods over the last several weeks used up body reserves, which will make them even more vulnerable to cold snaps.

In an instance like that, when a cow was already stressed and lost body condition, a cold snap can sometimes spark spontaneous abortions - usually within 48 hours of the drop in temperatures, Hollis said. "The key to keep that from happening," he added, "is to feed well and start getting body condition back where it should be. Winter feed costs are out of sight this year, so that's a hard pill to swallow, but feed is the best medicine in this case."

He acknowledged that that could be especially challenging this winter, given that high quality feed may not be available in the quantities and areas where it's needed most.

"I expect that in some herds, we will have more neo-natal death loss this winter if we can't get some condition back on these cows between now and when they calve," Hollis said. "It might help to get calves in a warming box if the lack of calf

vigor is due to the cold. And this year, it may be especially important to give cows a warmer, dry place to calve."

"We will have a lot of cows that aren't cycling at breeding time. Don't look at the hair - look at the cow - try to determine what she needs to make sure she is in the best condition at breeding time as possible," Hollis said.

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Sebelius Getting Some Press For 2008

TOPEKA, Kansas (AP) _ Most of the Kansans who've made a mark on national politics have been Republicans, like Dwight Eisenhower and Bob Dole. Another, Sen. Sam Brownback, is running for president.

But now a Kansas Democrat, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, is generating some buzz with her 58 percent re-election margin, glowing write-ups in national magazines and political chatter about her place on short lists for Cabinet posts should Democrats recapture the White House next year.

Sebelius, who's made her fortune in Kansas politics by winning over moderate Republicans, has even popped up in speculation about

potential vice presidential nominees. And this year, she's chairwoman of the Democratic Governors' Association.

"It's hard to imagine that her name's not going to appear on everybody's list," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster in Washington. "You've got to say Kathleen Sebelius is in demand as a role model, as a political figure, as a governor."

The 58-year-old governor is a self-described "aging rocker" who squeezed a ride in an Indy race car and a Rolling Stones concert into the same day last year. She runs nearly 15 miles (ha24 kilometers) a week and regularly attends college football and basketball games.

Her wit occasionally gets her into trouble, as during a 2002 gubernatorial debate when she said driving roads in neighboring Missouri was "much more terrifying to me than the attacks on the World Trade Center."

Her father, John Gilligan, a Democrat, was governor of Ohio in 1971-75, making them the only father-daughter governors in U.S. history. Her husband, Gary, a federal magistrate, was a son of the late Rep. Keith Sebelius, a western Kansas Republican.

After eight years in the Kansas House and two terms as insurance commissioner, she ran for governor in 1998, winning over moderate Republicans by portraying herself as pro-business and promising to make government more efficient.

She is continued the political mix this year, proposing that legislators draft a plan for eventually bringing universal health care coverage to Kansas while seeking tax cuts for businesses. She's also been a visible supporter of the military, going to Iraq in 2005 to visit National Guard troops.

During her first term, the state weathered its most severe fiscal crisis since the Great Depression and was forced by its highest court to

dramatically increase spending on public schools. With the economy improving, both tasks were accomplished without a general tax increase _ though Republicans note Sebelius proposed a swiftly rejected tax package for schools in 2004.

That year, Time named Sebelius one of four "rising stars from the heartland," and a year later it touted her as among the nation's five best governors. Newsweek identified Sebelius as "one to watch" this year.

Much of the attention focuses on her ability to draw moderate Republicans, a necessity for statewide office in Kansas. Only 27 percent of the state's 1.6 million voters are registered as Democrats, compared to 46 percent as Republicans, giving the party a 322,000-person advantage. No Democratic presidential candidate has carried the state since 1964.

Kansas has long been a springboard for Republicans, most notably Eisenhower, whose presidential library is in Abilene, about 160 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri. Sen. Charles Curtis served as vice president in 1929-33. Gov. Alf Landon was the Republican nominee for president in 1936. Dole was Senate majority leader before his failed presidential bid in 1996.

Brownback is considered a long shot for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008, but he's got support from the religious right and conservative groups.

Some Republicans suggested Sebelius wouldn't serve out a second term as governor because she'd be tapped for a presidential ticket, and many believe she's eyeing a run in 2010 for the Senate seat now held by Brownback, who has said he won't seek re-election.

Sebelius dismisses such ideas, saying she likes her current job.

However, some Kansans wouldn't mind seeing her on the Democratic ticket next year.



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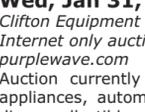
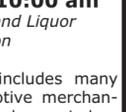


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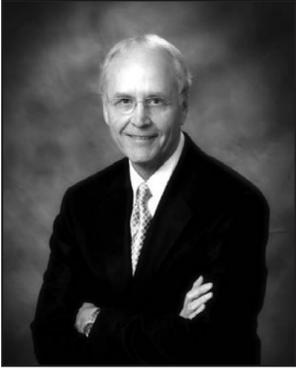





Over Easy

By Robert Strawn
Contributing Writer

I believe we are headed for a train wreck with America's energy policy. It's politically expedient these days to call for renewable energy. Here in Kansas that means making ethanol (and perhaps biodiesel someday) by processing corn, soybeans and other crops. We have seven ethanol plants in the state and three more are scheduled to be built. There are about 100 nationwide. Expansion of renewable fuel



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capacity is driven by crude oil prices which topped-out at \$78 per barrel last summer, when pundits told us \$100 crude was right around the corner. "Scrap those dastardly SUV's!" The ethanol proposition is based on competing with crude oil valued at or above \$50 per barrel. Oil companies, however, structure their new businesses ventures to be competi-

tive in the \$20-30 range. There's an obvious disconnect here. Soon crude oil will likely drop below \$50, as prices generally run in 10-year cycles. Last year was the top of the price curve. Five years from now it will bottom-out in the \$20-30 range or perhaps even earlier and/or lower if we stop warring in the Middle East. At that point all the shiny new ethanol plants are going to swimming in red ink crying for government support payments. Between now and then, because of ethanol demand, hog farmers and cattlemen are facing \$4-5 per bushel corn - twice their normal cost. Many will be forced to cut production or even exit the business as meat prices at Dillons surge, while fuel at Phillips plummets. My point here is simple. Be careful with government solutions to complex commercial problems. Oil folks are making decisions based on \$25 crude. That's a huge advantage over the government's \$50 ethanol plan. My guess is that taxpayers are fixin' to get caught right in the middle.

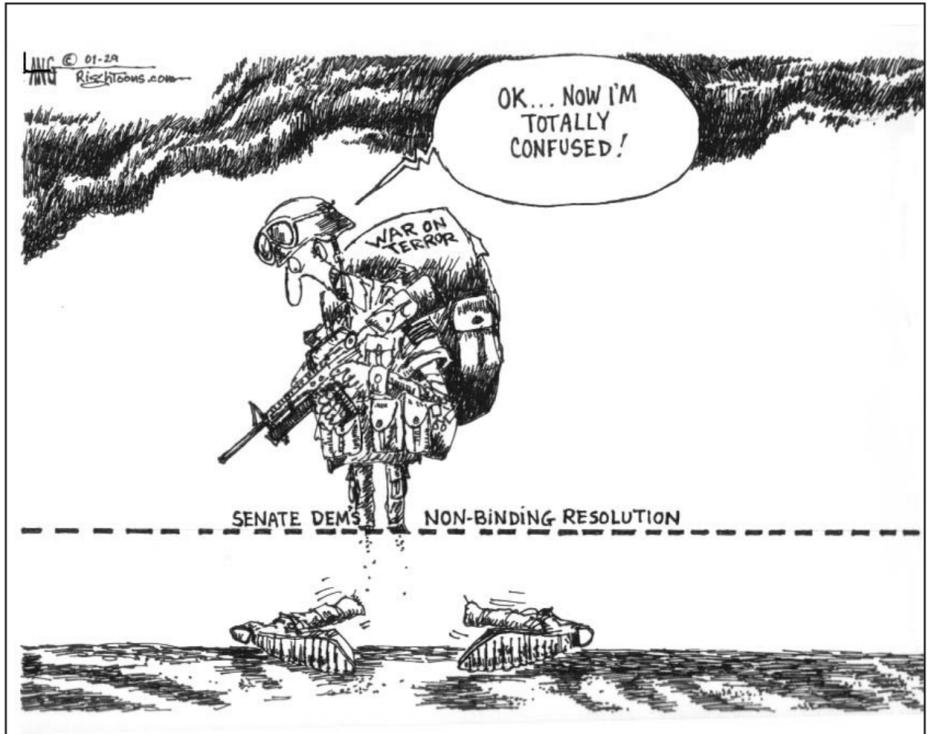


Immigrants Bringing In TB

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - When the Somali refugee walked into the health department of an Emporia meatpacking plant earlier this month suffering from active tuberculosis, he became the latest entry on government health statistics - 62 percent of active TB cases reported in Kansas last year involved immigrants. "That is actually a national trend over the last several years," said Phil Griffin, director of the Kansas Tuberculosis Control Program. For four consecutive years, immigrants have accounted for more than half of active TB cases in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2005, the latest year for which national data was available, foreign-born residents accounted for 55 percent of TB cases nationwide. Immigrants are infected at a rate nearly nine times higher than the native population. In 22 states, immigrants accounted for more than half of TB cases, up from five states in 1993, according to the CDC. "Tuberculosis is pandemic in all but 27 countries," Griffin said. "There are so many more cases outside the United States. As immigrants come in - legally or illegally, either way - that is where the disease is coming from, because it is rampant in their countries."

Last week, health officials reported that a Somali immigrant working at the Tyson Foods Inc. plant in Emporia had an active case of TB, and the coroner determined the disease was related to his death. The man initially said he was injured while preparing an animal for slaughter and was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where he later died. While TB in the United States was at an all-time low in 2005, progress to eliminate the disease is slowing, CDC statistics show. In 2005, the CDC recorded 14,093 active TB cases, or 4.8 cases per 100,000 persons. California, Texas, New York and Florida now account for nearly half of the number of TB cases nationwide, according to CDC statistics. "It is a kind of dirty little secret because it is not reported much. I think it is huge myself," said Ed Hayes, Kansas director of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, which opposes illegal immigration. Kansas had 81 cases of active TB in 2006, compared with 61 cases the year before, said Lougene Marsh, director of the Lyon County Health Department. The percentage of immigrant TB cases in Kansas is higher than the national average because the state's agricultural economy attracts large

numbers of immigrants. "Kansas has always been in that situation," Griffin said. The 20-year-old Tyson worker, whose name has not been released, had been employed at the Emporia plant since May 2006 and had not worked at any other company facility, Tyson spokesman Gary Mickelson. Since his death, health officials have contacted 35 people who had close contact with the man, and initial test results show no one else was infected, Marsh said. By far, the greatest number of TB cases among immigrants comes from those who came from Mexico, CDC statistics show. The other top countries of origin for immigrants with the disease are the Philippines, Vietnam, India and China. Kansas usually has between three and five TB cases in workers at meatpacking plants each year, Griffin said. Often, the greatest number of cases in Kansas is found among university students because so many foreign exchange students are in the state's university system. The state's largest concentration of TB cases is usually in Wichita, where 24 cases were reported last year. That was followed by the Kansas City area, with about 14 cases, and Topeka, with nine cases. The remainder are scattered across the state.



Defending Nuclear Plants

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Making nuclear power plants crash-proof to an airliner attack by terrorists is impracticable and it's up to the military to avert such an assault, the government said Monday. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in a revised security policy, directed nuclear plant operators to focus on preventing radiation from escaping in case of such an attack and to improve evacuation plans to protect public health and safety. "The active protection against airborne threats is addressed by other federal organizations, including the military," the NRC said in a statement. The agency rejected calls by some nuclear watchdog groups that the government establish firm no-fly zones near reactors or that plant operators build "lattice-like" barriers to protect reactors, or be required to have anti-aircraft weapons on site to shoot down an incoming plane. The NRC, in a summary of the mostly secret security plan, said such proposals were examined, but that it was concluded the "active protection" against an airborne threat rests with organizations such as the military or the Federal Aviation Administration. It said that various mitigation strategies required of plant operators - such as radiation protection measures and evacuation plans - "are sufficient to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety" in case of an airborne attack. The commission unanimously approved the plan, which has been the subject of internal discussions for 15 months, in a 5-0 vote at a brief meeting without discussion. "This rule is an important piece, but only one piece of a broader effort to enhance nuclear power plant security," NRC Chairman Dale Klein said in a statement. The defense plan, formally known as

the Design Basis Threat, spells out what type of attack force the government believes might target a commercial power reactor and what its operator must be capable of defending against. While details are sketchy because of security concerns, the plan requires defense against a relatively small force, perhaps no more than a half-dozen attackers, but that they could come from multiple directions including by water and could include suicide teams. The plan, which formally approves many of the procedures that have long been in place, reflects the increased concerns raised by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It also includes measures to address cyber attacks, according to the NRC. Some members of Congress and nuclear watchdog groups have argued that the requirements fall short of what is needed, given what was learned by the Sept. 11 attacks on the twin towers in New York and at the Pentagon. These critics have argued that defenders of a reactor should be ready to face up to 19 attackers - as was the case on Sept. 11 - and expect them to have rocket-propelled grenades, so-called "platter" explosive charges and .50-caliber armor-piercing ammunition. The NRC does not assume such weapons being used and rejected the idea of a 19-member attack force, maintaining that the Sept. 11 attacks actually were four separate attacks, each by four or five terrorists. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said that NRC appears not to have followed the direction of Congress "to ensure that our nuclear power plants are protected from air- or land-based terrorist threats" of the magnitude demonstrated on Sept. 11. The NRC "has missed an opportunity to provide the public with a real solution to the nuclear reactor security problem," said Rep. Edward Markey,

D-Mass., a frequent critic of the nuclear industry and the NRC. Daniel Hirsch, president of the Community to Bridge the Gap, a California-based nuclear watchdog group that had urged the NRC to require physical barriers to keep planes from hitting reactors, called the security measures "irresponsible to the extreme." "Rather than upgrading protections, (the NRC plan) merely codifies the status quo, reaffirming the existing, woefully inadequate security measures already in place at the nation's reactors," said Hirsch. NRC officials have emphasized that the defense plan should require what is "reasonable" to be expected of a civilian security force at the 103 commercial nuclear power reactors. In an unclassified summary of the DBT, the NRC maintains that studies "confirm the low likelihood" that an aircraft crashing into a reactor will damage the reactor core and release radioactivity, affecting public health and safety. "Even in the unlikely event of a radiological release due to a terrorist use of a large aircraft against a nuclear power plant, the studies indicate that there would be time to implement the required onsite mitigating actions," says the summary. Those "mitigation" measures in place are sufficient to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety," it continued. The nuclear power industry has argued that protection against an air attack - or one using a large ground attack force - should be the responsibility of the government. Responding to the NRC's action Monday, the Nuclear Energy Institute cited a \$1 million study by the Electric Power Research Institute last year that concluded the concrete enclosure that surrounds a reactor will withstand the impact of a large jetliner without releasing radiation.



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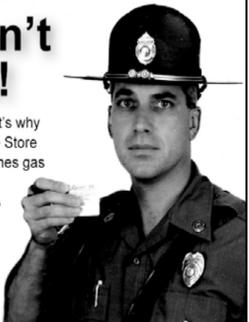
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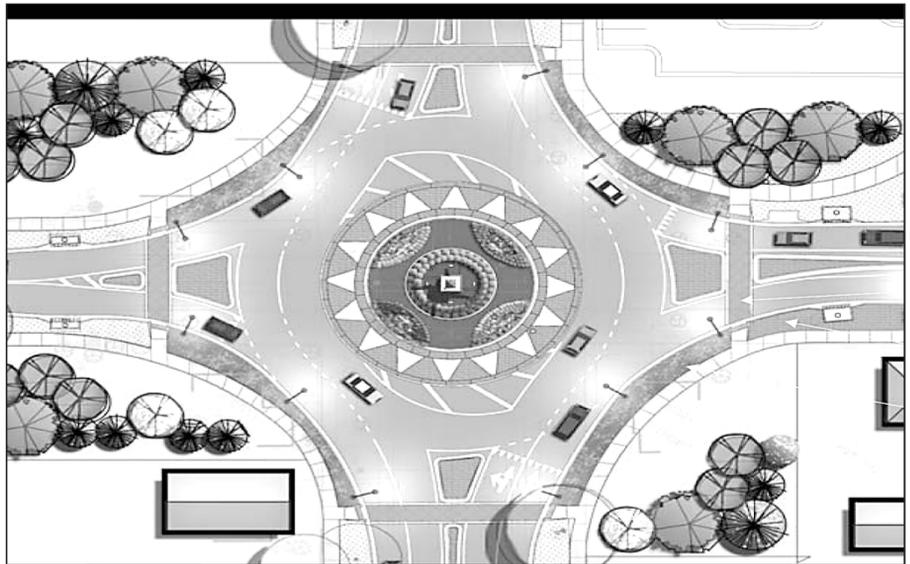
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In the April Election vote against anyone wanting to put in Roundabouts.



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Snow Difficult For Pheasant Population

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — The deep, sprawling blanket of snow across western Kansas seems burdensome.

But not just for the utility worker trying to restore electricity after winter storms blew across the state in recent weeks or the cattle producers slugging through the 2 to 3 feet of white to feed their herds.

The ring-necked pheasant has its own problems.

"They're hungry," said Shari Woelk, who along with her husband, David, owns Barrel Springs Hunt Club near Tribune. "They're up by the highways — looking for something to eat."

Concern has turned to the survival of the region's pheasant population — blasted by blizzard conditions.

"You see them all along the roadway," said Alan Schlegel, an agronomist with Kansas State University's Southwest Research and Extension Center.

Farmers have found a few dead in their fields — victims of the storm, he said. It's also not unusual to find them dead on the highways — struck by a vehicle while searching for food.

Most expect the snow cover to stay through February, which could mean

stress on the vulnerable ringnecks.

Healthy birds can live several weeks without food, said Randy Rodgers, an upland game bird biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

But as birds become weaker, other factors emerge, such as the solid snowscape and western Kansas' treeless terrain. It makes the pheasants' colorful plumage highly visible to predators, particularly owls and hawks, as well as coyotes and foxes.

"I have no doubt that there has been extensive losses out there," Rodgers said. "The longer (the snow cover) persists, the higher the levels of predation and even starvation deaths."

However, upland birds are hardy and many should be tough enough to hang on, Rodgers said.

They've adapted before, he said, citing snowstorms across the Dakotas.

"It can decimate them, but there always seems to be some survivors and they come back," he said.

For now, the blanket of snow has its benefits when it comes to next year's brood.

Enduring drought for several years now, western Kansas received much-needed moisture from the storm, giving

farmers hope for a good wheat harvest this June.

Pheasant production ties closely to the wheat crop, Rodgers said. There should be great habitat this spring for nesting.

"Bottom line is this moisture is going to do us a great deal of good," he said. "It's a little bit of a setback in terms of breeding population, but I think the relative production will improve as a result of the moisture."

"The moisture we've gotten could actually do more good than the harm it did causing direct mortality," he said.

Meanwhile, Woelk said her Barrel Springs outfitting business in Tribune didn't have any hunts scheduled that she had to cancel because of the snow.

Concern turns to the club's native birds, but Woelk knows pheasants in these parts have survived tough situations including drought in past years.

"They're pretty hardy," she said.

Saudi Ambassador Shares Thoughts On Iraq

(AP) — U.S. troops should not be withdrawn from Iraq until the American and Iraqi governments reach an agreement on the best time for that, the outgoing Saudi ambassador to the United States said Friday.

Speaking to reporters after presenting a lecture at Kansas State University, Prince Turki al-Faisal said the U.S. Congress should not limit the number of troops sent to Iraq because it would send a message that President George W. Bush is not a "free agent." Both Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. Congress are questioning Bush's decision to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq.

Prince Turki's comments come against the backdrop of skepticism with which some Arab leaders greeted Bush's Iraq plan — pitched to them by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during her

recent visit to the Middle East.

Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries have come under criticism by some U.S. officials for not playing more active roles in supporting the beleaguered Iraqi government. With Bush in need of support, some Arab nations have indicated they may be willing to help more in exchange for a renewed U.S. push to restart the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Prince Turki, who resigned as ambassador in December after 15 months on the job, said the United States "came into Iraq uninvited and it should not leave uninvited."

"It is the Iraqis on the ground and the American forces and commanders on the ground who know the situation and can enter into an agreement as to when those forces can leave," he said, stressing that whenever that decision is made, it should be at a time when the Iraqi

government is able to stand on its own.

"That is what the Iraqis want, and I will support their position on that," he said, adding that the "presence of American troops at the moment, as deemed by the Iraqi leadership themselves, is necessary to keep the situation in proper perspective and in proper balance."

Saudi Arabia, a majority Sunni country, is wary of the rise of religious Shiite parties in Iraq's new government and the influence of neighboring Shiite Iran, which is believed to be providing military and financial support to Iraq's Shiite militias.

Prince Turki called for the revival of the Middle East "road map for peace", first outlined by Bush, that aims to establish an independent Palestinian state.

Small Business Want Less Tax

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Reducing corporate income taxes as Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has proposed won't help many small businesses whose owners report their profits on their personal income tax returns, leaders of a business group said Friday.

The Kansas chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business wants to focus on eliminating the state's franchise tax, which costs businesses about \$44 million a year. The tax is assessed against the value of businesses' assets, rather than their incomes, and represents a fee for the privilege of operating in Kansas.

NFIB officials, like many Republican legislators, contend the tax makes the state less competitive in attracting businesses.

"The very existence of the tax provides a disincentive for someone

to grow their business," NFIB lobbyist Derrick Sontag said during a news conference.

Sebelius, a Democrat, is proposing to eliminate the franchise tax for some 16,000 businesses but would leave it in place for firms with a net worth of \$1 million or more. She's also proposing corporate income tax reductions.

The NFIB would like corporate income tax laws to become simpler but argues that small-business owners would receive more help if their profits are taxed at a lower rate when they report it on individual income tax forms.

The group's legislative agenda this year also includes making more of the state's business incentives available to small businesses and making it possible for businesses to collect attorneys fees when they sue a customer who hasn't paid them.

Gun Toting Kindergartner

SHAWNEE, Kan. (AP) — A 5-year-old boy took an unloaded semi-automatic handgun to school and showed it off to at least one classmate, police said.

School officials in this Kansas City suburb had not decided what disciplinary action would be taken against the kindergartner, but a federal law requires expulsion for students who bring a gun to school, said LeighAnne Neal, a spokeswoman for the Shawnee Mission School District.

Shawnee Police Capt. Ron Copeland said the boy's father had found the .22-caliber handgun while cleaning out a drawer at home. After he showed it to the child and relayed

a message about the dangers of guns, the boy's mother said to get rid of it.

The child took the unloaded gun to Rhein Benninghoven Elementary School on Wednesday, where he showed it off to at least one classmate, Copeland said. Police were called after a teacher heard about the weapon.

"When asked why he brought it to school, (the child) told the teacher his mother wanted it out of the house," Copeland said. "But more than likely he was just showing it off to friends."

Neal said parents received phone messages letting them know what happened.

Study Shows Men Like Chick Flicks

"Chick flicks" aren't just for women. According to research by Richard Harris, professor of psychology at Kansas State University, guys like romantic movies, too.

Harris said his survey results are surprising and go against common stereotypes.

"Everyone thinks that women like romantic movies and that they drag guys along to them," he said. "What was significant was that the guys also liked the movies, and that the choice to view a romantic movie was usually made together as a couple, not just by the girl."

Using a 7-point scale, Harris asked men and women to rate how much they liked a romantic movie they had just watched. He also asked them to rate how much they believed their date enjoyed the movie and how much they think men and women in general like romantic movies.

Although in the study both men and women generalized that men as a group wouldn't like a romantic movie, when men rated the romantic flick they had just seen, they gave it a 4.8 on Harris' scale. When women were asked to rate how much their dates liked the movie, they gave the same 4.8 rating.

"We found that women really do enjoy romantic movies," Harris said. "They rated how much they liked the movie at about 6 on the 7-point scale. However, we also found that men liked the movies as well. They rated how much they liked the movie at about 4.8, which is higher than most people would have guessed."

Harris said one of the most interesting parts of the study was that men and women both still used stereotypes when referring to each gender

in general. Harris said that although men and women thought the specific man watching the movie enjoyed it, both still fell back on stereotypes when they were asked about whether or not men as a group would like the movie.

"When we asked both men and women how men in general would like the movie, both said that men would not like the movie, in spite of what they had just said about themselves or their dates," Harris said.

Both men and women, according to Harris, said women in general would like the movie, which was consistent with results for what the women said about their own enjoyment of the movie. Harris said that this view also is stereotype, but one that the study supports.

The results of the study could be something moviemakers take into consideration when making a romantic movie, Harris said.

"Movie studios should recognize the fact that there is a moderate interest among men and add something to romantic movies that appeals to men," he said. "There are a lot of men who go to these romantic movies and enjoy them. I wouldn't write off the male audience just because it is a romantic film. I would suggest marketing to the men in the audience."

The study also showed that men and women used stereotypes when it came to guessing which scene their date would choose to play in the film. The most commonly selected scene was the romantic scene, which, according to Harris, wasn't unexpected because romance was the one thing that all the movies had in common.

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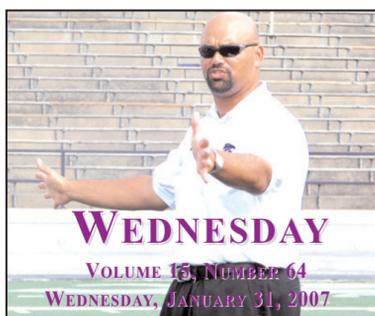
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Wildcats Chalk Up Four Conference Wins In A Row, Can They Make It Five?

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - Clent Stewart scored 14 points, and Kansas State earned its first four-game conference winning streak in 17 years by beating Nebraska 61-45 on Saturday night.

David Hoskins added 11 points and Cartier Martin had 10 for Kansas

State, which won despite making only five second-half field goals.

It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Wildcats (15-6, 4-2 Big 12), who were coming off Monday's 73-36 nonconference rout of Chicago State.

The 1989-90 team won five

straight Big Eight games. The Big 12 began play in the 1996-97 season.

Nebraska (12-7, 1-4) trailed by seven at the break but got six quick points from center Aleks Maric early in the second half and closed within 29-28 on Charles Richardson Jr.'s basket with 16:18 left.

The Cornhuskers missed a chance to take the lead, though, when Sek Henry missed two free throws with just over 14 1/2 minutes remaining.

Blake Young's 3-pointer with 13:12 left started an 11-4 run that put the Wildcats up 40-32, and Nebraska never got closer than five points again.

Kansas State took its first double-digit lead, 48-37, on Martin's two free throws with just under 2 1/2 minutes to go. The Wildcats scored 15 points - all from the line - in the final 1:23.

Henry wasn't the only Nebraska player with problems from the line,

where the Cornhuskers hit only 5 of 12 attempts. Kansas State was 26-for-32, offsetting its 33 percent (14-for-43) performance from the field.

Maric, held scoreless in the first half, finished with 10 points - eight under his team-leading average - and was the only Nebraska player in double figures.

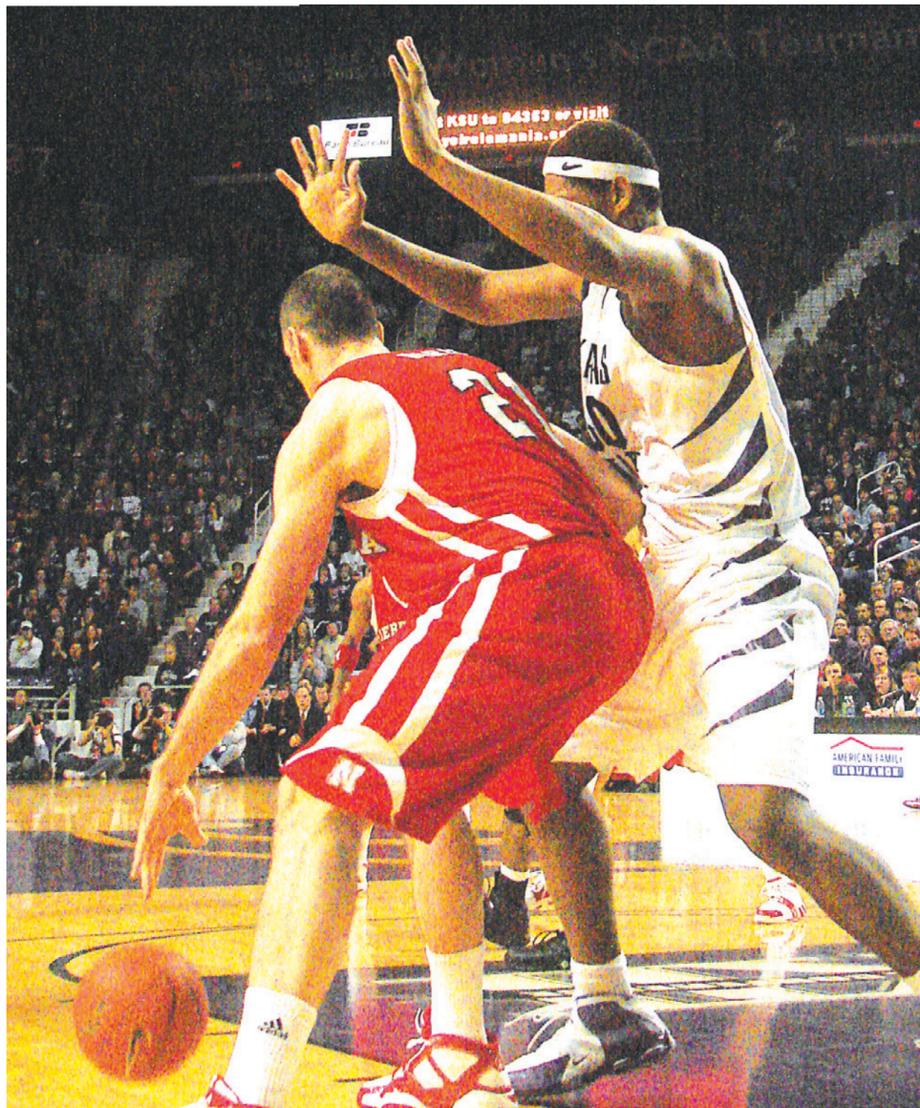
Kansas State led 27-20 at the end of a first half in which both teams also shot poorly from the field - 30 percent (7-for-23) for Nebraska and 33 percent (9-for-27) for the Wildcats.

The Huskers' 20 first-half points were a season low.

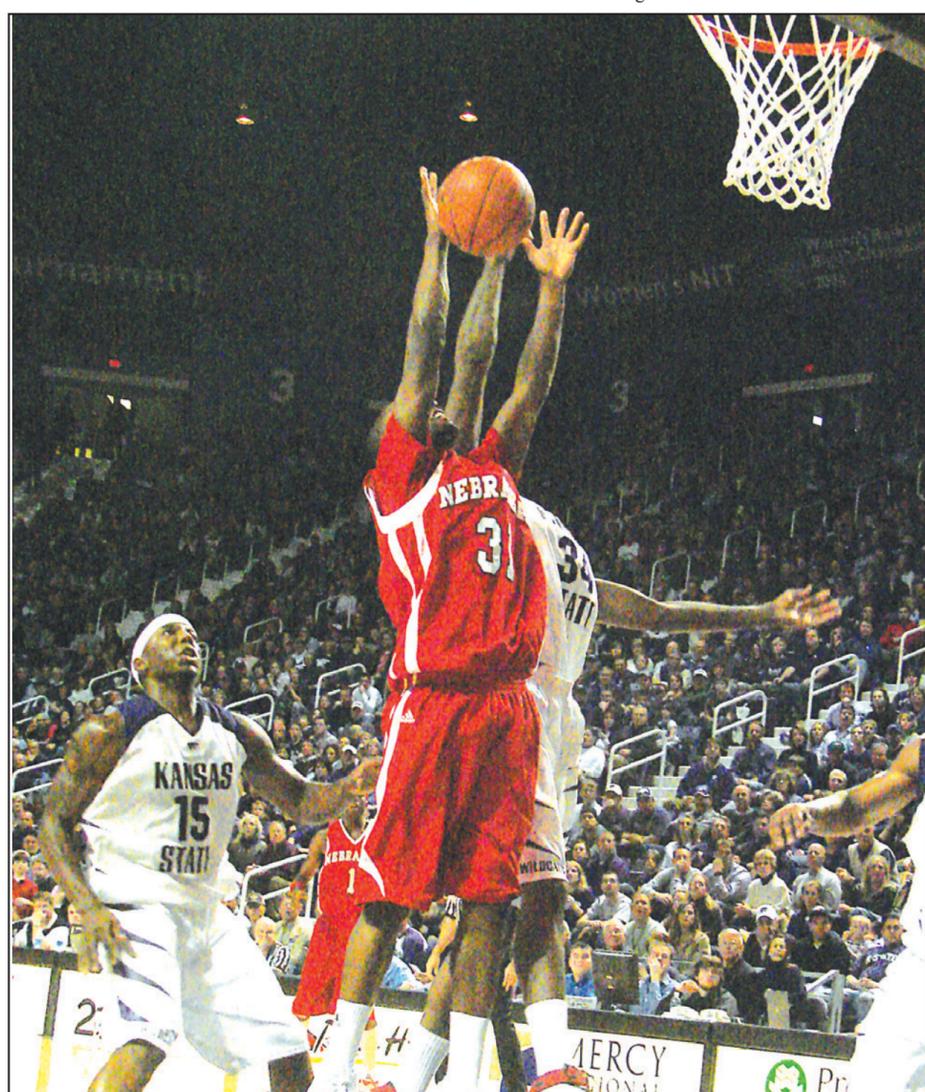
Kansas State opened the game in a 1-for-7 funk and trailed 10-3 after six minutes, while the Cornhuskers started 5-for-9 but then missed 11 straight over a 10 1/2-minute span before Richardson made a driving layup with 1:30 left in the half.

Nebraska coach Doc Sadler drew a first-half technical for protesting Ryan Anderson's second personal foul. Martin hit both free throws for a 14-all tie.

Kansas State's 4,600-seat student section was packed for the first conference home game since coach Bob Huggins criticized students who bought tickets but were no-shows for games.



Luis Colon (50) applies the pressure



Akeem Wright (34) blocks the shot



David Hoskins (15) drives the lane

Photos By
Shari Brown

Men Prepare For Rematch With Missouri

Courtesy Kansas State University Missouri (13-6, 2-4 Big 12) at Kansas State (15-6, 4-2 Big 12) Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007

Bramlage Coliseum (13,340) in Manhattan, Kan.

Game Information:

Tipoff: 8:05 p.m. Central

Series: Tied 112-112 (K-State leads 56-44 in Manhattan, Kan.)

TV: ESPNU/ESPN Plus

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K-State looks to close out

homestand with season sweep

of Missouri Wednesday

Two of the hottest teams in the Big 12 collide on Wednesday night, as Kansas State (15-6, 4-2 Big 12) puts its five-game winning streak to the test against a surging Missouri (13-6, 2-4 Big 12) squad at Bramlage Coliseum beginning at 8:05 p.m. It is the second five-game winning streak of the season for the Wildcats and the second longest behind a six-game streak from Dec. 5-23, 2006. In the process, K-State has also strung together four straight wins in Big 12 play for the first time since the inception of the league and holds its longest conference win streak

since winning five in a row during the 1989-90 season. The Wildcats, which posted an 85-81 win in Columbia, Mo., on Jan. 13, will be looking for just their second sweep of the Tigers since 1984.

The game will be televised nationally on ESPNU and regionally on ESPN Plus (Metro Sports - Kansas City; KSAS - Wichita; KSNT - Topeka) with Dave Armstrong (play-by-play) and Chris Piper (color) calling the action. It will be the fourth of a school-record seven national broadcasts for the Wildcats this season, including the first-ever on ESPNU. The audio broadcast can be heard on the 31-station K-State Sports Network (<http://sports.yahoo.com/ncaab/team/s/kab>) with Wyatt Thompson (play-by-play) and Stan Weber (color) on the call.

Kansas State once again used stifling defense to propel it to victory, as the Wildcats held Nebraska to a season-low in points in a 61-45 win. The team has now held four straight opponents to 60 points or less.

A Quick Look at the Wildcats
Kansas State pushed its winning streak to five games on Saturday with a 61-45 win over Nebraska. With the victory, the Wildcats equaled their win total of the 2005-06 season (15-13) and posted their best record through 21 games since the 1997-98 season when the team also won 15 of its first 21. K-State again used strong defense in gaining in the win, as the Wildcats held Nebraska to a season-low 45 points

on just 36.7 percent shooting. The team has now held 18 of its 21 opponents to below 80 points, including 10 of its last 12 under 70 points. For the season, K-State is averaging 71.2 points on 42.8 percent shooting and has three players averaging in double figures led by senior forward Cartier Martin's 14.7 points per game.

Noting the Nebraska game
*With the win, Kansas State equaled its win total of the 2005-06 season (15-13) and posted its best record through 21 games since the 1997-98 season when the Wildcats also won 15 of their first 21 contests... The 4-2 start in league play is the best-ever through six games since joining the Big 12, while the four-game winning streak is also the best-ever since joining the league and the longest since winning five in a row during the 1989-90 in the Big Eight.

*Kansas State used the same starting line-up (guards Clent Stewart, Lance Harris and Akeem Wright and forwards David Hoskins and Luis Colon) for the fifth time this season, including the fourth straight game. Hoskins has been the only constant in the line-up, starting all 21 games.

*After setting the Bramlage Coliseum record for fewest combined points in game (99) last season, Kansas State and Nebraska came close to doing it again on Saturday with a combined 106 points... The 61 points by Kansas State are the second fewest scored by the Wildcats in a victory this season (K-State defeated Rutgers, 55-41.

Mens Big XII Basketball Schedule

Date	Game	TV	Arena	Time
Sat., Feb. 3				
	Nebraska at Missouri*	ESPN Plus	MA	12:30 p.m.
	Oklahoma State at Colorado*	ESPN Plus	CEC	2:00 p.m.
	Kansas State at Texas*	ABC	EC	2:30 p.m.
	Baylor at Iowa State*	CTN	HC	5:00 p.m.
	Texas Tech at Oklahoma*	ESPN Plus	LNC	7:00 p.m.
	Texas A&M at Kansas*	ESPN	AF	8:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 5				
	Texas at Texas A&M*	ESPN	RA	8:00 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 6				
	Missouri at Iowa State*	CTN/MSN	HC	7:00 p.m.
	Nebraska at Texas Tech*	FSNMW/TTTN	USA	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 7				
	Kansas State at Kansas*	ESPN Plus	AF	8:00 p.m.
	Oklahoma State at Oklahoma*	ESPN Plus	LNC	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 10				
	Iowa State at Texas*	ESPN Plus	EC	12:30 p.m.
	Kansas at Missouri*	ABC	MA	2:30 p.m.
	Oklahoma at Baylor*	ESPN Plus	FC	3:00 p.m.
	Texas Tech at Oklahoma State*	ESPN2	GIA	3:00 p.m.
	Colorado at Kansas State*	ESPN Plus	BC	5:00 p.m.
	Texas A&M at Nebraska*	FSNMW	BD	7:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 12				
	Oklahoma State at Texas*	ESPN	EC	8:00 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 13				
	Texas Tech at Texas A&M*	ESPN2	RA	6:00 p.m.
	Kansas State at Nebraska*	FSNMW	BD	7:00 p.m.
	Oklahoma at Iowa State*	CTN	HC	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 14				
	Baylor at Missouri*	FSNSW/MSN	MA	6:00 p.m.
	Kansas at Colorado*	JTV/FSNRM	CEC	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 17				
	Missouri at Oklahoma State*	ESPN Plus	GIA	12:30 p.m.
	Texas A&M at Oklahoma*	ABC	LNC	2:30 p.m.
	Nebraska at Kansas*	ESPN Plus	AF	3:00 p.m.
	Iowa State at Kansas State*	ESPN Plus	BC	5:00 p.m.
	Colorado at Texas Tech*	TTTN	USA	6:30 p.m.
	Texas at Baylor*	LSN/FSNSW	FC	7:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 19				
	Kansas at Kansas State*	ESPN	BC	8:00 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 20				
	Oklahoma at Missouri*	MSN	MA	6:00 p.m.
	Texas Tech at Texas*	ESPN Plus	EC	8:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 21				
	Nebraska at Baylor*	FSNMW/FSNSW	FC	6:30 p.m.
	Colorado at Iowa State*	CTN	HC	7:00 p.m.

Big XII Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Game	Location	TV	Time
Sat., Feb. 3				
	Baylor at Nebraska*	Lincoln, Neb.	FSN	2:30 p.m.
	Kansas at Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas		3:00 p.m.
	Texas at Kansas State*	Manhattan, Kan.	FSN	4:30 p.m.
	Texas Tech at Colorado*	Boulder, Colo.		8:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 4				
	Oklahoma State at Oklahoma*	Norman, Okla.		2:00 p.m.
	Missouri at Iowa State*	Ames, Iowa	FSN	3:00 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 6				
	Colorado at Kansas*	Lawrence, Kan.	Metro	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 7				
	Texas at Oklahoma State*	Stillwater, Okla.		6:00 p.m.
	Texas A&M at Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.		6:30 p.m.
	Baylor at Texas Tech*	Lubbock, Texas	TTTN	7:00 p.m.
	Nebraska at Kansas State*	Manhattan, Kan.		7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 10				
	Oklahoma at Texas A&M*	College Station, Texas	FSN	1:00 p.m.
	Nebraska at Colorado*	Boulder, Colo.	FSN	3:00 p.m.
	Kansas at Texas*	Austin, Texas	FSNSW	5:00 p.m.
	Oklahoma State at Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	MSN	6:00 p.m.
	Iowa State at Baylor*	Waco, Texas		7:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 11				
	Kansas State at Texas Tech*	Lubbock, Texas	ESPN2	2:15 p.m.



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Track Team To Nebraska

Kansas State will compete on a banked track for the final time before the NCAA Indoor Championships this weekend at the Sevigne Husker Invitational at the Devaney Sports Center.

The Wildcats will compete against fellow Big 12 members Kansas and Nebraska along with Oregon, Tennessee, UTEP, Iowa, Washington State and Wyoming.

Last Time Out K-State secured four event titles and four runner-up finishes during the Dan DeHart Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., last weekend. Winning event crowns were senior Kaylene Wagner (high jump), junior Morgan Bonds (800), sophomore Loren Groves (weight throw) and sophomore Scott Sellers (high jump).

Earning runner-up finishes were senior Bryce Bergman (pole vault), junior Marianne Schlachter (triple jump), junior Laci Heller (weight throw) and sophomore Mike Myers (200).

In team scoring, Kansas State finished third in the women's standings with 61 points, while the carded 50.

Last Year's Sevigne Husker Invitational Christian Smith was named Big 12 Athlete of the Week on Feb. 7, 2006 after breaking a 20-year old national collegiate record while winning the men's 1,000-meter run during the 2006 Sevigne Husker Invitational.

Smith, a native of Garfield, Kan., broke the national mark with a clocking of 2:19.57 and finished over seven seconds ahead of runner-up Chad Bergen of North Dakota State.

Smith broke the previous college mark set by Doug Consiglio of Arkansas in 1986 of 2:19.64. The time has been accepted as a national record by Track and Field News.

The time also broke the following records (previous mark): the Kansas State record (2:20.24 - Smith, 2004), the Bob Devaney Sports Center record (2:20.24 - Smith, 2004, Big 12 Championships) and the Sevigne Husker Invitational record (2:25.20 - Jeff Pigg, Missouri, 1985).

K-State Women Remain in Top-15 In this week's Trackwire 25, K-State's women have remained among the top-15 in 12th with 19 points. The Wildcats were seventh in last week's poll with 22 points.

The Trackwire 25 projects a hypothetical score for the NCAA meet, factoring in injury reports and other variables supported by information gathered from coaches and NCAA-qualifying competitions across the country. This projection is generated by scoring the Dandy Dozen, a power ranking of the top 12 athletes and relay squads in each NCAA event.

Four Wildcats Remain? Among Top-Five of Dandy Dozen Four K-State athletes appear among the top-five in this week's Dandy Dozen, calculated by Trackwire. The four athletes are senior Kaylene Wagner in the women's high jump (second), sophomore Scott Sellers in the men's high jump (second), junior Candice Mills in the women's long jump (fourth) and sophomore Loren Groves in the women's weight throw (fourth).

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Sports Potpourri

By Mac Stevenson

KU's next two basketball games are crucial in the Big 12 race. The Jayhawks play Texas A&M this Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in a game that ESPN will televise from coast-to-coast. Kansas follows that with their rivalry game against K-State on Wednesday, February 7.

Texas A&M is big and physical in the pivot; Joseph Jones (6-9, 250) and Antanas Kavaliauskas (6-10, 250) are aggressive and rugged rebounders. KU has been lacking in the rebounding department.

Following the Colorado game, Coach Self said, "Our big guys didn't rebound the ball at all... I can't believe how soft our big guys are playing." Sasha Kaun, Julian Wright, Darrell Arthur, and Darnell Jackson had better turn it up against the Aggies or KU will be dominated on the backboards.

The KU-K-State rivalry on Wednesday is going to generate more interest among state basketball fans than it has for some time. K-State upset KU in Allen Fieldhouse last year, that eliminates any chance of the Jayhawks being overconfident.

Kansas leads the series 171 to 89. The rivalry has been one-sided for two decades, but the arrival of Coach Bob Huggins at K-State promises to change that.

On paper, Kansas has a big edge; K-State doesn't have anyone who could start for KU. But games aren't played on paper.

Huggins has the Wildcats playing tenacious defense and taking care of the ball on offense.

Kansas has a size advantage in the pivot and the Jayhawks' big men run the floor well. To keep it close, K-State needs to force a deliberate tempo. KU has a tendency to be impatient and that could play into K-State's hands.

The rivalry isn't even similar to the days when K-State had legendary players like Ernie Barrett, Lew Hitch, Bob Rousey, and Dick Knostman going against KU greats Clyde Lovellette, Bill Lienhard, Bob Kenney, and Bill Houglund. But it's beginning to move back in that direction.

In days gone by, basketball fans across Kansas talked of little else during KU-K-State week.

Before Kansas State's basketball team takes the bus to Allen Fieldhouse on Wednesday, the Wildcats face the formidable task of playing at Texas this Saturday (Feb. 3). The Cats and Horns tip at 2:30 p.m. and the game will be nationally televised by ABC.

Texas has one of the best players in the nation in freshman phenom Kevin Durant (6-9, 205); the Longhorns also rely on sharp-shooting guards D.J. Augustin (5-11, 180) and A.J. Abrams (5-10, 155).

With their stellar perimeter defense, K-State can slow the Texas guards but they have no viable method to control Durant. Freshman centers Jason Bennett and Luis Colon are too slow to keep up with

Durant, who can shoot from 3-point range or in the pivot. K-State has company; no one has been able to stop Durant.

Regardless of how the challenging road games at Texas and KU turn out, Kansas State is well-positioned to win at least 20 or 21 games and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Coach Huggins has awakened the long-dormant enthusiasm for Wildcat basketball. After the near-sellout for the Nebraska game, Huggins said, "If we're going to be one of the better teams in the league, this is how it's got to be all the time. It's terrific!"

Moving the Kansas-Missouri football rivalry off-campus to Kansas City for the next two years has caused more than a little controversy.

KU has the crowd advantage in the new arrangement; the Jayhawk students are much closer to Arrowhead than their counterparts in Columbia.

KU's AD, Lew Perkins, has no regard for old traditions or long-time supporters of Kansas athletics. Perkins brought an eastern attitude with him that belongs where it came from. The fan discontent started with the seating priority in Allen Fieldhouse; longtime season ticket holders suddenly had to come up with several thousand dollars just for the right to buy the seats they had held for many years.

The hardest-to-understand stipulation in the new KU-MU contract is why the Kansas City Chiefs' season-ticket holders get first pick of the choice seats. What do Chiefs fans have to do with KU or MU? Sure, some of them are graduates of one or the other, but that's beside the point. The season ticket holders at KU and MU should be first in line to buy the premier seats, not the fans of the Kansas City Chiefs.

ADs come and go at KU; when Perkins leaves, the tradition and closeness of the Kansas athletic family won't be the same as he found it. And the changes won't be for the better.

St. Xavier Sporting A Co-ed Basketball Team

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP) — A year ago, Autum Conley was a cheerleader for the St. Xavier High School boys basketball team.

Now she's the starting point guard. Low enrollment at the tiny school forced the cancellation of football this season. Same for girls basketball. That left the aging parochial school in the heart of Kansas with only boys basketball, or something like it.

"We had two girls who definitely wanted to play," says the Rev. Al Brungardt, the parish priest for nearly a decade. "We thought, let's make it a go as a coed team."

Now, Autum and teammate Allison Coy are the best two players on a team of five, adapting to men's basketball and bravely playing a full boys schedule. The girls, both sophomores, realize that there will be no fairy tale endings this season.

But for them, winning is just a matter of playing.

"It's difficult to adjust to boys and girls," says 16-year-old Autum, who played on the girls team last year. "It's a big jump in level of competition."

And the results, so far, have been predictable.

In the season opener against Centre High School, a rural team on which most of the kids are from a town called Lost Springs, St. Xavier trailed 38-0 after one quarter and lost 103-24. Against Elyria, a small Christian school, the score was 61-21. St. Xavier even lost to a school called Hope, 74-16.

"Even though you think you'll get used to it, you don't ever get used to going out and everybody thinking you're going to (stink)," says 15-year-old Allison, the team's leading scorer. "You don't get used to it, but we keep trying."

That's all coach Mark Brown can ask.

He's been teaching basketball all his life, a self-proclaimed gym rat who makes the hour commute from Topeka each day. For years he coached some of the top AAU teams in the country, including one featur-

ing three future WNBA stars.

He was hired to teach physical education and coach girls basketball this year. Now he leads a boys team with no substitutes, no chance to win — but no desire to quit.

"They haven't complained, they haven't argued, nothing," Brown says. "They ain't going to quit, and they know I'm not going to quit on them."

There are only 22 kids at St. Xavier in grades 9-12, a number that fluctuates almost daily with the ebb of military families at the nearby Fort Riley Army post. The once-proud boys basketball team has won three league titles in the past five years, but already that seems like decades ago.

Times are changing. In the 1970s, the entire school was Catholic. Now, 45 percent is Protestant. Sixty percent are students with a parent in the Army, making the school's very future uncertain, let alone its sports programs.

"There is a frustration as a parent," says Kim Coy, Allison's mother and one of three generations in her family to attend St. Xavier. "We have enough girls to fill a team, but a lot of teenagers today don't want to put in the practice or they're more interested in getting a job."

The school's best player figured he

knew more than the coach and quit, Brown says. Another became ineligible. The three boys who were left, all new to the school this year, barely had played before. The team doesn't have enough bodies to scrimmage in practice, so Brown says they run. A lot. The rest of the time is spent on basics: blocking out, setting screens, getting low on defense.

Heaven forbid someone gets sick or fouls out of a game.

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Tracksters Rewrite Record Books In New Mexico Outing

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Kansas State head track coach Cliff Rovello witnessed several of his Wildcat athletes etch their names into the K-State record books Saturday afternoon at the Dan DeHart Invitational at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

One of the Wildcats who placed his name among some of K-State's finest was sophomore Scott Sellers. The Katy, Texas native tied the school record in the high jump held by Kyle Lancaster and Percell Gaskins with a clearance of 7-05.25. The height also set a new Convention Center record, which was previously held by Manjula Kuma Wijesekara of USC at 7-03.75.

Entering the weekend, Sellers was ranked first in the nation with his previous indoor best of 7-04.25, during the KSU All-Comers in December. This was the third high jump victory for him this season.

In the women's triple jump, junior Marianne Schlachter continued her strong 2007 season with a new personal-best leap of 43-00.50 for a second place finish. The product of Albruck, Germany skipped past her previous career best of 41-10.00 and improved on her NCAA provisional qualifying status. Schlachter now ranks third in school history behind Chaytan Hill (44-09.50) and Vanitta

Kinard (44-03.25).

Registering his first career NCAA provisional mark in the pole vault on Saturday was senior Bryce Bergman. The Baileyville, Kan., native cleared a height of 17-00.75 for a second-place finish. Bergman tied with the winner, Chris Ashcraft of Texas Tech, but due to misses was slotted into second by the judges.

The height by Bergman ranks third in school history and is the first clearance of 17 feet indoors since Dustin Schmidt cleared 17-02.75 during the 2003 KSU-KU-MU Triangular.

Junior Morgan Bonds won her third straight 800-meter run title with a clocking of 2:12.21. The Hutchinson, Kan., native has an NCAA provisional qualifying time and personal season-best of 2:07.87 from the Arkansas Invitational on Jan. 12.

Also with a strong effort this weekend was sophomore Mike Myer. Myer finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.56, which ranks as the fourth fastest in school history. He also tallied a third-place finish in the finals of the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.87. His qualifying time of 6.86 was the eighth fastest in school history.

In team scoring, the K-State women finished third with 61 points

while the men finished tied for fifth with Arizona with 50 points.

Kansas State will make its annual

stop at the Sevigne Husker Invitational next weekend at the Devaney Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Womens' Attendance Record

Three Big 12 women's basketball games had over 10,000 fans in attendance on Saturday, Jan. 27. This is the second time in the last three seasons the league has posted crowds of over 10,000 on the same day at three different sites.

On Jan. 27, 2007, the Texas at Texas Tech game registered 12,365 fans while Texas A&M at Oklahoma had 11,486 in attendance and Kansas State and Iowa State played in front of 10,877 in Ames.

This feat also happened on Feb. 26, 2005, as 13,535 patrons watched Oklahoma State play at Texas Tech, 11,473 were in attendance at the

Texas A&M at Iowa State contest and 11,254 attended the Kansas at Kansas State game.

The Big 12 has led the nation in attendance the last seven years and currently has a cumulative attendance of 661,986 through 136 games in 2006-07.

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Coaching Staff Changes

Kansas State head football coach Ron Prince announced the addition of Frank Leonard as assistant coach and the promotion of Ricky Rahne from graduate assistant to assistant coach Monday.

Leonard most recently served as a special assignment scout in the New England Patriots organization and will take over as K-State's tight ends coach in place of James Jones, whose contract was not renewed, Prince said.

Rahne, K-State's offensive graduate assistant during the 2006 season, has been promoted to running backs coaching, according to Prince. He served the 2005 season as the running backs coach at Cornell prior to joining Prince's staff last spring.

"I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Frank Leonard and the promotion of Ricky Rahne," Prince said. "Both men are tenacious, go-getters and I believe provide our football organization with an exciting blend of experience and youth. But above all, these coaches are excellent teachers and men of integrity and I expect both of them to be real assets to our program."

A versatile coach with a keen eye for evaluating talent, Leonard has worked at the highest levels of the game during his 26-year career and joins the K-State staff after a three-year stint with the New England Patriots that included a World Championship in Super Bowl XXXIX.

As a special assignment scout with the Pats from 2004-06, Leonard worked closely with the organization's personnel evaluation of both college and professional players and contributed to many of the team's player personnel decisions.

Prior to his tenure in New England, Leonard worked 10 seasons on the coaching staff at Richmond, serving as the Spiders' offensive line (1994, 1997-2003) and running backs coach (1995-96) as well as the program's recruiting coordinator (2003).

At Richmond, Leonard mentored a number of players who earned All-America honors, including offensive linemen Eric King (1998), who went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs, and Eric Beatty (2000).

The Spiders also produced unprecedented success as a team during Leonard's tenure. In just his second season at Richmond, Leonard helped the Spiders to a 7-3-1 record and a No. 20 final ranking. The seven wins were the 10th most in school history and signaled that the program was on the rise.

Three years later, Leonard helped guide Richmond's 1998 squad to a 9-3 mark, the program's first Atlantic 10 title and a berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs and a No. 5 final national ranking.

A second A-10 championship followed in 2000 as the Spiders rolled to a 10-3 record to rack up the most wins in school history. Led by Leonard's offensive line, Richmond rushed for a school-record 3,369 yards, reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA I-AA playoffs and ended the year with a No. 6 national ranking.

Before arriving at Richmond, Leonard spent four seasons as the outside linebackers coach at the University of Connecticut (1990-93), where he tutored a pair of All-Yankee Conference performers in Bruce Bourgoin and Paul Duckworth.

He also served six seasons as a defensive line coach and then offensive coordinator/offensive line coach at Western Connecticut (1982-84, 1987-89) and two seasons as the defensive line coach at Central Connecticut State (1985-86).

A native of Wethersfield, Conn., Leonard is a graduate of Central Connecticut State, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees and played football for three seasons. A

record-setting quarterback while at Cornell University, Rahne worked closely with all aspects of the Kansas State offense during 2006 as a graduate assistant.

Prior to joining Prince's staff at K-State, Rahne spent the 2005 season as the running backs coach at Cornell, where he mentored first team All-Ivy League selection Luke Siwula. During 2005, Siwula had six 100-yard rushing games. He ended the year with 1,086 yards on the ground for the 10th-best single-season rushing total in Cornell history.

Rahne spent the 2004 campaign as an assistant defensive line coach at Holy Cross. In his only season with the Crusaders, Rahne worked extensively with the program's defensive ends. He also was responsible for all video breakdowns of opponents' defense and special teams and assisted the defensive coordinator in developing game plans while coordinating scout teams.

A 2002 Cornell graduate with a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations, Rahne worked as an intern in the National Football League office during the summer before his senior year. Prior to his stint at Holy Cross, Rahne worked at the Cintas Corporation as a part of the company's management trainee program.

On the field, Rahne finished his career as the Big Red's all-time leader in nearly every passing category and earned the team's MVP honors three times.

A three-year starter, he remains the program's career leader in completions (678), yards (7,710), touch-down passes (54) and 200-yard passing games (25). He took over the top spot for total offense with 7,994 yards (7,710 passing, 284 rushing) during his senior season and finished his career ranked No. 3 in the Ivy League in career passing yards with his 7,710 yards.

In addition to the coaching staff additions, Prince announced the hiring of Darren Honeycutt as assistant strength and conditioning coach for football, John Colbert as director of high school/junior college relations for football and Inge Jorgensen as research assistant. Prince also announced that Abby Boustead has resigned her position as director of football administration to pursue graduate degree studies at the University of Florida.

Honeycutt brings over 17 years of strength and conditioning experience with him to Kansas State, and was on staff at Appalachian State while Prince was a player for the Mountaineers. A long-time colleague of current strength and conditioning coach Mike Kent, Honeycutt worked alongside Kent during stops at Pittsburgh (2004-06), Louisville (2000-03) and Appalachian State (1991-94).

A high school teammate of Prince and a graduate of nearby Junction City High School, Colbert has had a long association with Prince and played with him at both Dodge City Community College and Appalachian State. He also served as a graduate assistantship at Alabama A&M during Prince's tenure as the program's offensive line and tight ends coach in 1993 before beginning an 11-year career as a high school coach.

Most recently, Colbert managed the 26-sport athletics department at Maynard Evans High School in Orlando, Fla., as the school's athletics director.

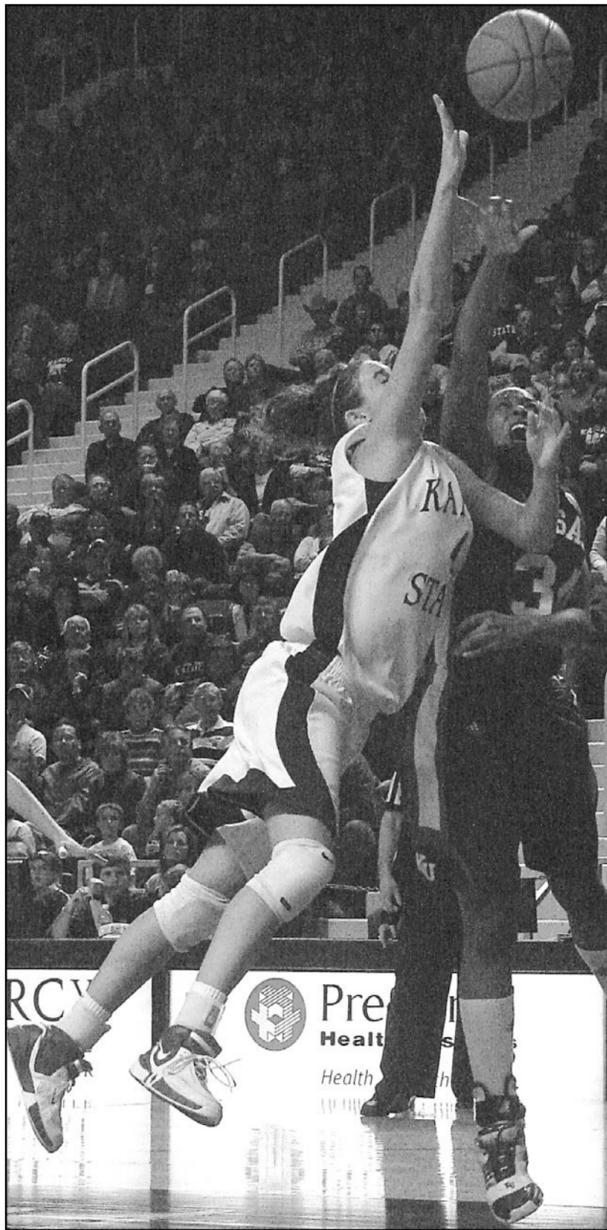
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Women Prepare For The Buffs

GAME PREVIEW: Kansas State women's basketball team will travel to Boulder, Colo. to face Colorado on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. (CST) in Coors Events Center. The Wildcats will look for their first win on the road against Big 12 foes this season and ninth straight against the Buffaloes. Both teams will face again on Feb. 21 in Bramlage Coliseum.

THE SERIES: K-State and Colorado have met 57 times with the Buffaloes leading the series 29-28. The Wildcats have won eight straight against Colorado including two last season. K-State is 10-14 in the games played in Boulder. Last time the Wildcats fell to Colorado (79-58) was on Feb. 23, 2002 at the Coors Events Center.

Women's Tennis Over Drake

The Kansas State Wildcats took the doubles point and didn't look back in a 7-0 win over the Drake Bulldogs in Ahearn Field House on Saturday.

The Wildcats swept through the Bulldogs in doubles play to earn a 1-0 lead and won the first three singles matches in straight sets to earn the team's first win of the season.

Olga Klimova and Katerina Kudlackova finished first in doubles for Kansas State, topping Drake's Sarah Plowman and Veronika

Leszayova, 8-2, at the No. 1 position. Maria Perevoschikova teamed with Tamar Kvaratskhelia at No. 3 doubles to defeat Irina Kalashnikova and Eve Rusdianto, 8-1, and Fernanda Da Valle and Viviana Yrureta won at No. 2 doubles, 8-3, over Kari Sloboth and Allison Wilkie.

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Iowa State	4-4	16-5
Kansas State	3-4	15-5
Oklahoma State	3-4	15-5
Texas	3-4	14-7
Missouri	2-5	14-6
Colorado	2-5	8-11
Kansas	0-7	6-14

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Natasha Vieira won her first set over Sloboth in a tie-break and closed out the sweep for the Wildcats with a 6-4 score in the second set.

The Wildcats face another Missouri Valley Conference opponent when they travel to Wichita State next weekend. After a tilt with the Shockers, Kansas State will return to Manhattan and host Utah (Feb. 16) and Brigham Young (Feb. 17).

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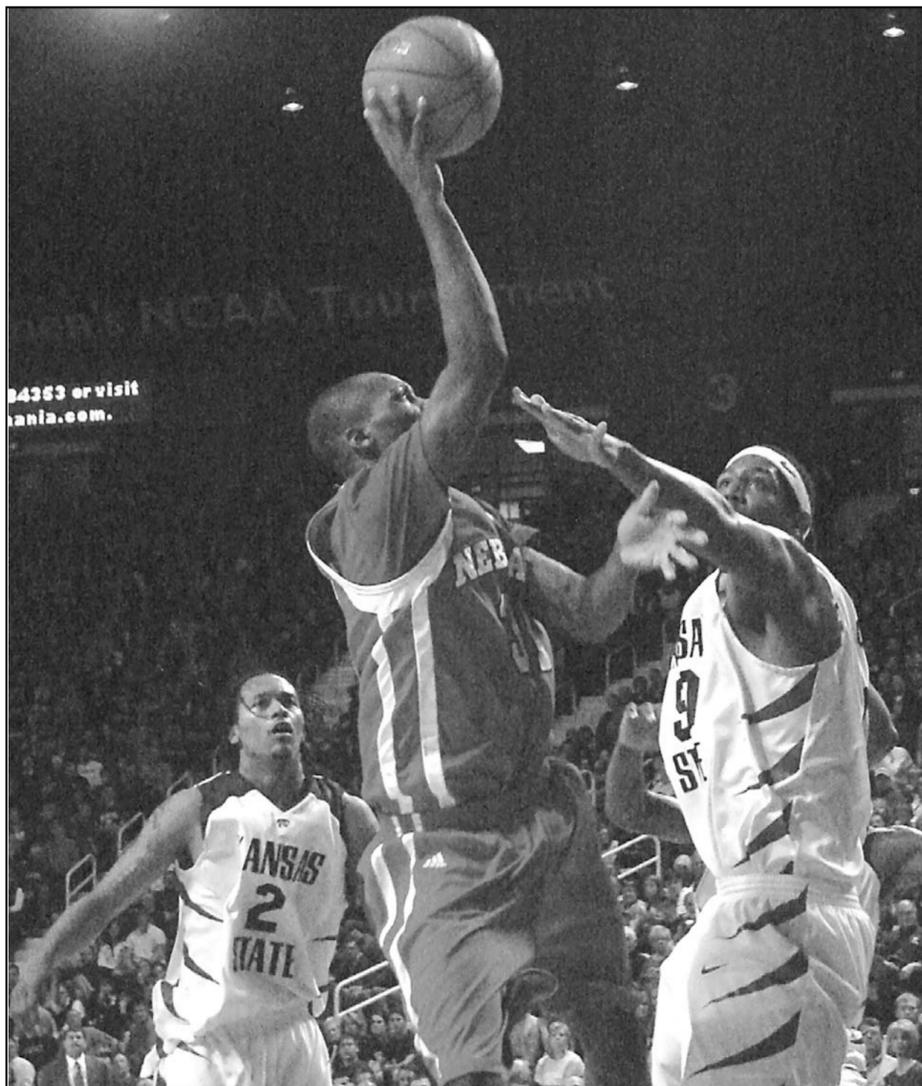
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Luis Colon (50) gets a hand to the shooter while Blake Young (2) looks on

Coch Huggins And Nebraska Coach Sadler

Courtesy Kansas State University
Head Coach Bob Huggins

On playing defense...
 "We had to. We're trying to guard, and I thought we played pretty good defense. I thought the two freshmen (Jason Bennett and Luis Colon) played really good. Having three days to prepare helped out a bunch. They were as good as they've been all season."

On the student section...
 "They showed up. Tonight is kind of how I thought it was going to be. They stood in line and bought all of their tickets. After the midnight deal, I thought it would be like that all the time. They were great."

On defending Aleks Maric...
 "We just tried to take away angles. You score in the post by creating space and making angles. We tried to make them understand what it meant to take away those angles. We worked on help defense. He is a really good passer out of there, so we tried not to come at him at the same angle every time. We tried to mix it up in practice so could understand a little bit better."

On Blake Young and Jermaine

Maybank...

"Lately, Blake has really worked hard at shooting the ball. Jermaine has actually shot it okay. He just hasn't had a lot of shots. Jermaine's shot is okay. We're just trying to get Jermaine to do what he does and today he did it. He had a really good look in the corner and made it. He got fouled on another three."

On the final 10 games of the regular season...

"It's a marathon, not a sprint. We've got 10 games to go. The last 10 games of the year, as far as postseason appearances, are important. That's one of the criteria. It's a 10-game season from here on out."

Nebraska Coach Doc Sadler

On his thoughts of the game...

"Going into this game, I knew that (K-State coach) Huggins was known for his defense and that this was going to be tough ballgame to get any kind of baskets. We're a good defensive team, too. I knew you were going to have two teams who were going to make every opportunity difficult. They shot 32 percent and we shot 36 percent. A lot of it was decided at the free throw line. They made

26 free throws and we made five. You can't give a team 26 free throws. They had one field goal in the last nine-and-a-half minutes."

On the play of junior forward Aleks Maric...

"As I told our team, we have to have some guys step up. Aleks Maric is the guy that has to carry us. He's there every night. Everybody knows he's there every night. He's a much better player than he played offensively tonight. Defensively, I thought it was one of his better games. We're asking him to do so much, but he's good enough to give that to us."

On K-State's defense...

"That's what Huggins demands. I think when looking at his teams in the past, it's not just us. Look at the percentages that everybody is shooting against them. As a coach, when you hold a team to 32 percent and he holds us to 36 percent, both coaches defensively better be pretty happy. We aren't going to hold many people under 32 percent. We have to find a way to score."

Wildcats Comment After Nebraska

Junior Forward David Hoskins On K-State's defense... "Luis Colon held his own against him (Aleks Maric). It gave us an opportunity to get out to their shooters and cancel those guys out. We've been playing pretty good defense. We made some mistakes, but overall we played pretty well. The game is won on defense. You can't control if the ball goes in, but you can control how hard you play on defense."

On the student section...
 "That's what we need every time. It was exciting to have those fans out there rooting for us and getting us pumped up. That was the best it's been all year. Coach told us to go out

there and make sure we show our fans some support after the game."

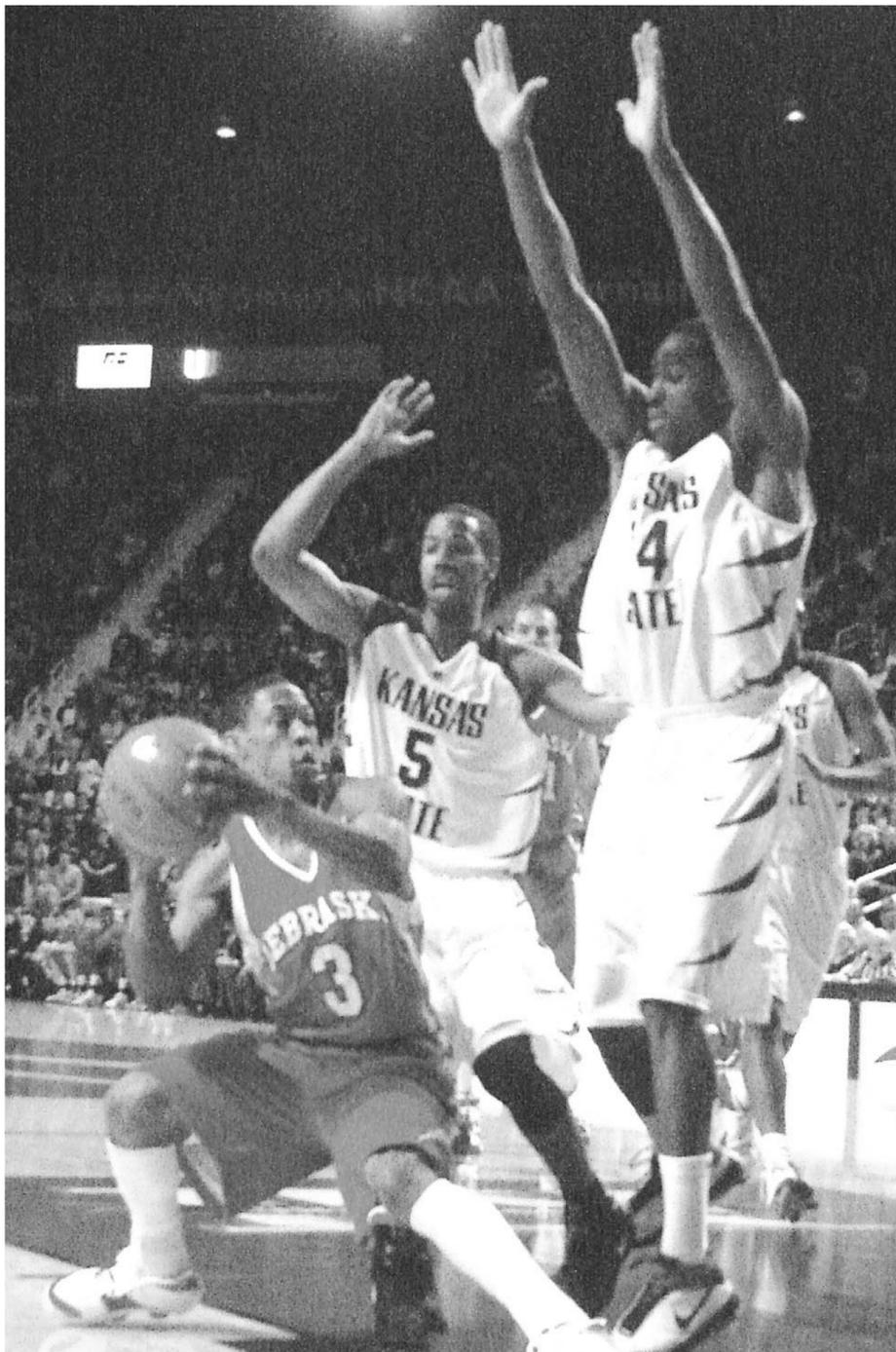
Junior Guard Blake Young On defending Aleks Maric... "Jason Bennett didn't do too bad of a job on him (Aleks Maric). Coach wanted him to stay behind him. We did leave the point guard every now and then just to keep his guessing who was going to come at him. It made him uncomfortable because he likes to put the ball down on the floor when he's posting up. He never knew who was coming at him. We just keep rotating. When he scored, he scored because he got angles. As long as we stayed behind him, he couldn't do anything."

Senior Guard Jermaine Maybank On his contributions to the team...

"It's basically coming in with confidence and relating the things that I do well and applying them to the game. I just want to make a quality contribution to the team, like I did tonight. I try to provide a spark for the team if we're in a drought. I just try to provide some quality off the bench."

On his thoughts coming into the game...

"They play a lot of guards. So I knew I had the chance to come in and make some keep stops, force some bad turnovers, and that's what I did tonight."



Clent Stewart (5) and Akeem Wright (34) create a wall

Wildcat Women Fall In Ames

AMES, Iowa — Kimberly Dietz scored a career-high 25 points and Claire Coggins added 21, but Iowa State hit six straight free throws in the final 30 seconds to edge Kansas State, 73-68, before 10,877 at Hilton Coliseum Saturday afternoon.

Four ties and six lead changes highlighted a back-and-forth second half during which neither team led by more than five points.

A free throw by Danielle Zanotti put Kansas State (15-5, 3-4 Big 12) up 60-58 with 6:37 to play, but it would prove to be the final lead of the game for the Wildcats.

Allison Lacey, who led Iowa State (16-5, 4-4 Big 12) with 25 points, knotted the game at 60-60 with a free throw then gave the Cyclones the lead for good with her fourth 3-pointer of the game with 3:13 on the clock.

K-State would cut the Cyclones' lead to a single point on three separate occasions in the final three minutes, the last coming on a layup by Ashley Sweat with just 35 seconds to play that made it 67-66.

But a pair of free throws by Toccaro Ross, who netted 16 points on the afternoon, two by Lyndsey Medders and two by Lacey were enough to hold off the Wildcats.

The six consecutive makes were part of a 13-for-16 second-half effort at the stripe by Iowa State, which did not attempt a free throw in the first half.

The Cyclones also outrebounded the Wildcats, 36-28, as K-State once again struggled on the boards in its third straight game without Marlies Gipson.

Shana Wheeler did an admirable job down low for the Wildcats, finishing with nine points and a season-high nine rebounds. K-State also got 10 points from Sweat, who scored the last six points of the game for the Cats.

Kansas State led early in the first half before Iowa State ripped off a 12-2 run to take its biggest lead of the game at 16-9 just five minutes into the contest.

Dietz, who tied a career-high with six 3-pointers, canned a pair from beyond the arc and Coggins knocked down third as K-State responded with nine straight points to go back on top 18-16 just two minutes later.

Another trey by Dietz with just under a minute to go before halftime gave the Cats a two point lead, but Heather Ezell's 3-pointer at the 32 second mark sent the Cyclones to the locker room with a 36-35 edge.

Kansas State continues its brief two-game Big 12 road swing on Wednesday, Jan. 31, when the Wildcats travel to Colorado. Tip off from the Coors Events Center in Boulder is set for 8 p.m. (CST)/7 p.m. (MST).



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