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Kansas State Gives Martin New Contract

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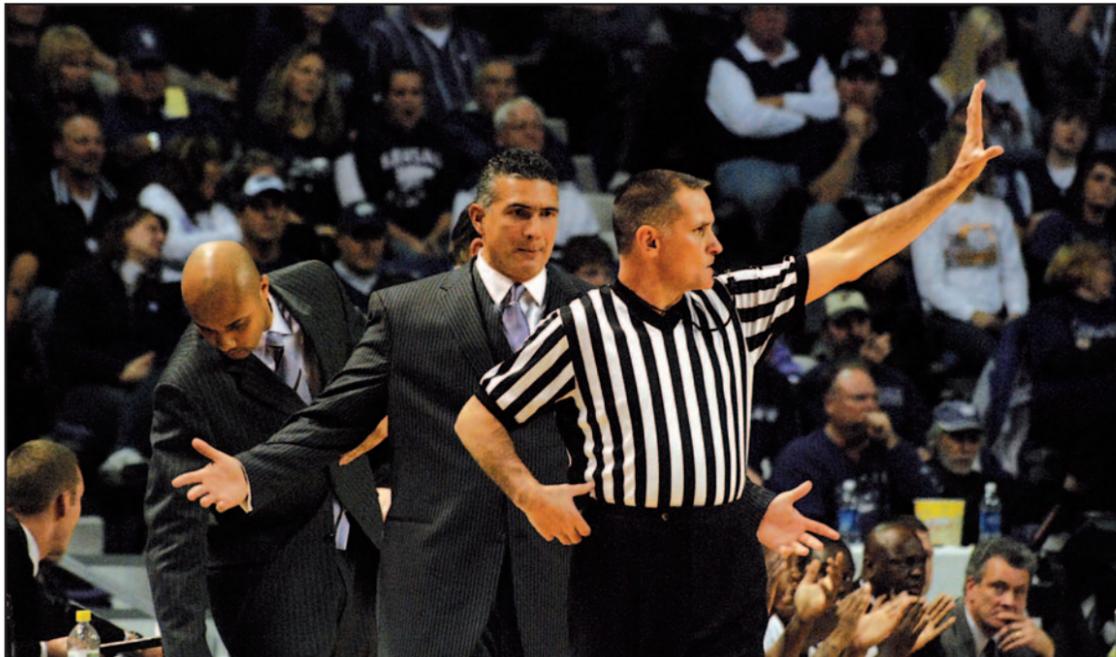
Kansas State Director of Athletics John Currie announced Sunday that men's basketball coach Frank Martin has agreed to a new multi-year contract, securing the services of the head coach through the 2014-15 season.

The contract, which was approved by the K-State Athletics, Inc., Board of Directors and President Kirk Schulz, includes average annual compensation for the 2010-11 through 2014-15 years of \$1.55 million (base salary plus retention bonuses).

"Coach Martin is a tremendous fit for Kansas State," Currie said. "With this contract in place, Coach Martin has made a long-term commitment to K-State and K-State has made a long-term commitment to him. We are confident that under his leadership K-State basketball will continue to elevate its national presence."

The contract also includes significant performance incentives that could reward Martin up to an additional 32-percent of his base salary for each contract year. In addition, he will earn \$25,000 if selected by the Big 12 Conference as the men's basketball coach of the year and \$50,000 if honored as National Coach of the Year by the National Basketball Coaches Association and/or Associated Press.

There are also incentives that could reward Martin up to an additional \$100,000 annually for APR and graduation rate achievements. The retention incentive components of the contract call for a \$250,000 payment if Martin remains as coach through the 2011-12 season, and an additional \$500,000 payment if he remains the head coach of the



Coach Frank Martin questions a call.

Wildcats through the 2014-15 season.

"I am extremely grateful to Dr. Kirk Schulz and John Currie for their commitment to my staff and me as we continue to lead the basketball program here at K-State," Martin said. "We, along with our families, are blessed to be a part of this university, the Manhattan community and to have such loyal and wonderful fans."

Coach Martin also will receive a \$462,800 signing bonus for signing the contract by March 8, 2010. Half the signing bonus would be forfeited if he left K-State prior to the beginning of the 2010-2011 season.

"As I watched and evaluated our basketball team and staff since my arrival last June, it became evident that Coach Martin has transformed our program in many ways," Currie said.

"Not only has he put a championship-level product on the court, but he has put a strong emphasis on the improvement of the team's APR and sustainment of a high graduation rate of our student-athletes. He and Anya have created a family atmosphere for the program and have been terrific in promoting the overall goals of the department and university."

Under terms of the new contract, Martin will be paid a base salary of \$1.2 million in the 2010-11 contract year, \$1.3 million in 2011-12, \$1.4 million in 2012-13, \$1.5 million in 2013-14 and \$1.6 million in 2014-15.

"Coach Martin and our men's basketball program have provided our University tremendous national exposure this season and we are grateful for his leadership and representation of Kansas State University," added Schulz, who recently announced a pro-

posed university goal for Kansas State University to be recognized nationally as a top 50 public research university. "Those who support Kansas State want to invest in a university they perceive as moving upward to new heights of achievement in academic and athletic endeavors. We appreciate Coach Martin's commitment to the success of our student-athletes."

The contract requires K-State to pay Martin the lesser of \$4 million or his remaining base salary if he is dismissed without cause over the lifetime of the contract.

Martin would owe Kansas State \$2 million if he leaves his position following this season. This amount thereafter decreases to \$1 million through April 15, 2012, \$750,000 through May 14, 2013 and \$500,000 through May 14, 2014.

The 43-year-old Martin is in

his third season at the helm of the K-State program and continues to build on an already sound foundation.

Named today the Big 12 Coach of the Year by both the Associated Press and the league's coaches, Martin has K-State off to its best start since the 1958-59 season, while the current 24 victories and 11 conference wins are the most for the Wildcats in the Big 12 era and most since the 1987-88 squad won a school-record 25 games. The team earned its first Top 5 ranking in nearly 50 years last Monday when it rose to No. 5 in each poll. It marked the fifth straight Top 10 ranking this season, including the fourth in both major polls. He has guided the school to four wins over Top 25 teams, which is the most-ever by K-State in a regular season, including just its third-ever over a No. 1 team and first since 1994 with its 71-62 victory over Texas on Jan. 18.

Martin has posted a 67-30 (.691) record in his third season, which includes a 30-18 (.625) mark in Big 12 play. He now has the most wins by a head coach in his first three seasons, surpassing Lon Kruger, while the win over Colorado on Feb. 13 made him the first K-State head coach to have three 20-win seasons to start a career.

The academic performance of K-State's student-athletes has also dramatically improved under Coach Martin's leadership. The program's four-year men's basketball graduate rate of 75% is the highest in the Big 12, and the team's most recent APR score was the second-highest ever at .959.

Sewer System Overhaul Closing In

By Adam Reichenberger

On Tuesday, March 9, engineers from various organizations met before the City Commission to present updates on the Tecumseh-Quivera Storm Sewer System Improvements.

Initiated in 1995, the Stormwater Management Master Plan (SWMMP) included several improvements throughout the city. Deemed number two on the priority list, the Tecumseh-Quivera project wasn't finally approved under contract until March 2009—14 years later. The contract was awarded to Bartlett and West and SMH Consultants for the design of stormwater detention facilities as well as an enclosed storm sewer from Tecumseh Road to Denison Avenue.

Number three on the 1995 priority list—the design of an enclosed storm sewer system from Claflin Road to the K-State Football prac-

tice field and on to the Chase Manhattan Apartment Complex detention pond—was also on the agenda for the evening.

Completion of these projects will not only decrease flooding in the areas but also increase the capacity for the two aforementioned detention facilities.

The meeting Tuesday was meant solely to call attention to the projects' progression and to seek input from the Commissioners.

Principal Civil Engineer, Brian Johnson, P.E. explained in further detail: "Progression of the development of this project has progressed nicely over the past year. As part of the design of this system, the consulting engineers have performed a hydrologic and hydraulic study of the project area that includes an area between the intersection of Denison Avenue and Hunting Avenue north to the Kansas State University football practice facility. This study has provided key ele-

ments that can enhance drainage in the area at a cost savings to the City and/or a greater level of protection. These elements were not identified in the SWMMP, because the SWMMP was intended to be a broad planning document, not a design document."

The design team set up meetings with the community and business members involved by way of property rights. These meetings were meant to hear concerns from those who will likely be hampered the most through coming construction. Taking these concerns to heart, those in charge have visited with property owners personally to at least come to the best possible compromise, if not comfort their concerns entirely. Johnson mullied, "It is felt these issues can effectively be addressed as part of the design."

However, a few issues have arisen that require direct input from the City Commission, Johnson explained: "As previously men-

tioned City Staff is designing an enclosed storm sewer system north of Claflin Road. As part of this component of the overall project, a sidewalk is being proposed on the west side of Hartford Road from Claflin Road north to Jardine. Currently, there is no sidewalk in this area. This sidewalk is being proposed to enhance pedestrian access to the area and to link the Jardine Trail and the proposed Riley County walking path that will encircle the Riley County-Manhattan Health Department. To construct the sidewalk requires the removal of several mature trees and the use of existing right-of-way. A few property owners along Hartford Road believe the sidewalk is not necessary and understandably are disagreeable with the removal of trees.

"The second issue also concerns trees. Currently, the Chase Manhattan Apartment detention pond has a large mass of trees that

is in a platted drainage easement, which by ordinance already requires their removal. Having said that, these trees have been in this location for many years and property owners have become accustomed to their existence. Not all of these trees are slated for removal but the west half of the mass will be in the future detention pond. A 75' tree mass buffer will be left between the residential lots along University Drive and the berm of the detention pond. In addition, the berm for the detention pond will be landscaped with tree plantings."

Construction and completion of these projects is scheduled for 2010 with some work carrying over into summer 2011. In closing, Johnson assured everyone, "As the design progresses, there will likely be future public input meetings and yet another design update with the City Commission."

It appears their strongest concern is to get it right.

Professor Finds Cancer Link

By: Greg Tammen
KSU News Service

What began as research into how diabetics could possibly preserve their eyesight has led to findings that could prolong the vision of children afflicted with retinoblastoma.

Dolores Takemoto, a Kansas State University professor of biochemistry who was researching protein kinase C gamma in the lens of the human eye, found her work taking a fascinating turn when she discovered a correlation between the protein Coonexin46 and hypoxia -- a deficiency of oxygen which kills normal tissue cells.

According to the data, Coonexin46, or Cx46, appears in the body during these levels of low oxygen. Besides the eye, which is one of the body's only naturally occurring hypoxic tissue, Cx46 also is present in cancer cells since the cells seal themselves off from the oxygen carried by the blood vessels, thus creating a hypoxic environment.

Takemoto believes the findings will lead to serious advancements in treating retinoblastoma, a cancer that forms in the tissue of the retina -- the light-sensitive layers of nerve tissue on the back of the eye. It occurs in 300 U.S. children under the age of 5 each year, according to the National Cancer Institute.

"When a child comes in with retinoblastoma in one eye it's usually

too late in the process to save that eye, and, it will spread to the other eye," Takemoto said.

Once an eye becomes cancerous, it has to be removed to prevent the tumor from spreading. Too often, though, Takemoto said, by the time the tumor is noticed in one eye, it has already spread to the second, resulting in a child being permanently blind.

Through her research, Takemoto believes a siRNA medication can be invented which can be injected monthly into the noncancerous eye, preventing tumor growth. siRNA, or small interfering ribonucleic acid, is a class of double-stranded RNA molecules that can be used to interfere with the expression of a specific gene. In this case, the siRNA would suppress Cx46, which allows a tumor to exist in a hypoxic environment. In this manner, the tumor can be prevented from growing at the early hypoxic stage.

Using a mouse model for retinoblastoma, the Takemoto lab has found that use of siRNA to lower the levels of Cx46 will prevent tumor formation.

An international application has been filed with the Patent Cooperation Treaty regarding the findings.

During her trials with Cx46, Takemoto collaborated with Thu Annelise Nguyen, associate professor

of toxicology at K-State. The two examined biopsies of MCF-7 breast cancer, where they also found Cx46 present. Takemoto said the same was true for samples of colon cancer.

"Any time there's a drop in oxygen within the body, Cx46 appears," Takemoto said.

While Takemoto's research into Cx46 is focused on the eye, Nguyen is studying Cx46 in breast cancer. She is currently exploring drug discovery and drug testing related to breast cancer.

Besides treating tumors, Takemoto said she believes these findings could help with treatment in acute or chronic heart disease, heart attacks, retinal ischemia, ischemia of the brain, blood pressure problems and glaucoma, as well as for health applications in animals.

Findings have been published in an online edition of the International Journal of Cancer, "A novel role of gap junction connexin46 protein to protect breast tumors from hypoxia." Publication in a printed edition will follow.

Takemoto has recently been named a Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. She will present her data in May at an association conference, where hers will be one of the highlighted talks.

Thoughts

erty: "The abuse of federal political power to intervene in areas such as Americans' private health care could exist only in a nation that no longer holds its leaders accountable to its constitution and that has governmental leadership that regards itself as above its people and its constitution."

And herein lies the dirty little secret about the persistence of health

care; government run health care is an integral part of the Sustainable Development (SD) agenda signed by President George H. W. Bush with implementation into many facets of government by President Bill Clinton. Population control is essential to a sustainable environment. On the surface SD sounds wonderful, yet when Agenda 21 as it is called is fully implemented, all personal liberties

are surrendered to the government. But Thomas Jefferson claimed the government had no authority to grant us or deprive us of liberty: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them."

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Conscience

Sheikh Mohammed. In November 2009 Obama's Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the alleged mastermind of 9/11 and other conspirators would be brought back to the scene of the crime for the "trial of the century." The idea of giving terrorists of the magnitude of KSM the world's microphone to recruit new followers to Islamic Jihad through a long protracted public trial has never set well with the public. Jane Mayer of the New Yorker documented a gathering of several hundred in New York in December 2009 in which protestors to the terrorist trials, some family members of 9/11 victims, viewed Holder's KSM trial announcement. Adding insult to injury, by January 2010, the New York Times was reporting that the cost of the KSM trials would exceed more than 200 million dollars a year.

Whether or not it is a product of a lack of political support, growing negative public sentiment, or the huge financial burden, the Obama administration appears to be considering throwing the public KSM trial in the trashcan. What does this potential change in the administration's plans tell us? The answer is that we are more likely looking at the will of the American people than the thoughtful deliberations of this administration. If this is the case, this potential change would

seem most positive and even worthy of celebration that the will of the people can still overrule poor decision making from Washington, right? Even my own personal yardstick for gauging when good things are happening in this country, when the ACLU is screaming of injustice, further begs the need for celebration, but despite this evidence I would urge pre-festival restraint.

Two reasons support holding off breaking out the cake and party hats. The first is that the KSM trials may still go forward if public sentiment decreases or if the administration decides they have passed the fool's point of no return on this national security blunder. The second reason and the furthest-reaching implication is that despite the final decision on the issue of the KSM trials, the world, and most notably our enemies can see very easily that this administration is more than weak; they are completely lost when it comes to fighting the war on terror. The coupling of liberal ideology with poor planning on major strategic decisions in this fight may very well spell a tragic end to The Barack Obama Show well before the curtain closes on his term as president. In the end, we should be happy if the future public trial spots for KSM remain vacant and are replaced with a military tribunal; however, it is far from an overall victory, as the

same mentality that created these sad follies remains.

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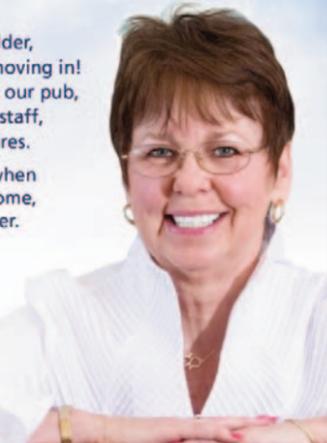


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An affiliated program of the Kansas Chamber, Leadership Kansas is one of the oldest and most prestigious statewide leadership programs in the country. Leadership Kansas is entering its 32nd year of educating and motivating leaders from all four corners of the state. The program remains committed to its original mission to inspire persons to maintain involvement in the social, business and political fabric of Kansas communities.

"The Kansas Chamber is proud to be the sponsoring entity of the Leadership Kansas program, which fosters greater awareness and understanding of statewide business, political and social issues. This program helps develop our state leaders and moves Kansas towards becoming the best place in America to live and work," said Kansas Chamber Interim President and CEO Kent Beisner (Class of '83).

Each year over 600 people are nominated to apply for the program. Upon the conclusion of a thorough and thoughtful application and selection process, 40 individuals are selected to participate in the class. Leadership Kansas makes every effort to ensure geographic, racial, occupational, and gender diversity so that each class is truly representative of the state. The class of 2010 was approved by the Leadership Kansas Board of Trustees, chaired by Brad Stratton (Class of '03), and John Federico (Class of '97) serves as the Executive Director of Leadership Kansas.

Throughout the six-month program, the 40 members of the class are exposed to a variety of experts and educational 3-day training sessions in six different Kansas communities. The diverse discussion topics include: business; education; agriculture; public policy; societal health and development; economics; and government.

"As most of the 1,100 Leadership Kansas alumni can attest, graduates of the Program

will leave well-educated and better equipped to shoulder important leadership responsibilities in their respective communities and careers," Stratton states.

The host cities for this year's program are Garden City, Kansas City Metro, Hays, Hutchinson/Wichita, Manhattan/Junction City, and Topeka.

Distinguished Leadership Kansas alumni include: Former Governor Bill Graves; Former Commissioner of Education Andy Tompkins; C.Q. Chandler IV, President of INTRUST Bank; Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger; CEO of the Kroger Company David Dillon; Spirit Aerosystems President & CEO Jeff Turner; and U.S. Representatives Jerry Moran and Lynn Jenkins, among others.

Below is a complete listing of the 2010 Leadership Kansas Class:

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The Paul Mesner Puppets

The Manhattan Arts Center's MACademy youth theatre program presents the Paul Mesner Puppets in St George and the Dragon on Saturday, March 13 at 4pm. Paul Mesner puppets go back to the time of dragons, damsels and dungeons in this performance that features a princess named Georgette. Her father, the King, wants her to stay in the kitchen, do her needlepoint and get married. But Georgette has ideas of her own. The story unfolds as Georgette disguises herself as "George the Knight" who fights the earth-shaking dragon. Georgette conquers the dragon with brains and wit, which forces her father to recognize her true talents. The king sends her to college, and they all live happily ever after.

Paul Mesner has received the highest honor in puppetry for his work, being only one of five U.S. puppeteers in 1992 to receive an

UNIMA/USA (Union Internationale de la Marionette) Citation of Excellence in Puppetry (an award created by Jim Henson).

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and are available online or at the Manhattan Arts Center box office, 1520 Poyntz. Visit us on the web at www.manhattanarts.org, e-mail boxoffice@manhattanarts.org, or call 537-4420 for more information.

This presentation is generously sponsored by Sunflower Bank, Jack & Peggy Flouer, Joan Shull and Margaret Walker.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Life and Liberty

Quite often when I start the computer to put thoughts to the screen, what comes out is not like what I started. So it is today. I have been researching this thing called "Sustainable Development", a UN initiative for global redistribution of wealth. As I began to dig, I wondered if there was a link between SD and the health care bill that has kept it from dying a natural death. It is evident the liberals are willing to fall on their sword, violate any constitutional mandate or congressional precedent, corrupt the legislative process with political bribes and disregard the will of the majority of Americans to force an illegitimate vote on the health care bill. The date for this legislative fiasco is just one week away and like a caller said on the radio Tuesday morning, "This health care bill has been around too long. It is like milk that has been left on the table so long it has soured, yet Obama wants to fill our glasses and make us drink it!"

One of the big gorillas in the health care room is the provision for government-funded abortion. And herein lies a great mystery. Somewhere buried in all the health care rhetoric is the estimate that a sum equal to 17 percent of our national gross product is spent on health-care each year. It is truly a paradox that so much effort is expended to prolong life while so much effort is also expended to keep life from completing its embryonic beginnings.

It doesn't take the Supreme Court or even a rocket scientist to determine when life begins. We know that from the moment a sperm cell attaches itself to an egg in the womb, if left undisturbed, that union produces a person. Interrupt the growth process with a morning-after pill or a surgical process at 22 weeks or at 36 weeks, it makes no difference, it terminates life that is on its way to becoming a little girl or little boy. And in the time it takes you to read this article, 10 such little girls and boys will be denied the right to life.

One could try to fix the blame on a single person but that is fruitless, for as Pogo says, "We have met the enemy and he are us," or words to that effect. In reviewing literature



Dick Miller

recently I came across a timely bit of wisdom accessible to our Founders as they wrestled with forming our Constitution and the ensuing Republic. It is so profound I shall include it below and believe you may be surprised at the source and timeliness of it as we wrestle with issues like Obamacare.

"Obviously there is no need of fighting to overcome this single tyrant, for he is automatically defeated if the country refuses consent to its own enslavement: it is not necessary to deprive him of anything, but simply to give him nothing; there is no need that the country make an effort to do anything for itself provided it does nothing against itself. It is therefore the inhabitants themselves who permit, or, rather, bring about, their own subjection, since by ceasing to submit they would put an end to their servitude. A people enslaves itself, cuts its own throat, when, having a choice between being vassals and being free men, it deserts its liberties and takes on the yoke, gives consent to its own misery, or, rather, apparently welcomes it." —French judge, writer, political philosopher Etienne de la Boetie (1530-1563) from the Patriotic Post.

Chuck Norris affirmed the applicability of la Boetie's wisdom to the present struggle for lib-

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"Conscience of Kansas"

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed: Terrorist Trail Space for Rent?
By Paul A. Ibbeston

The future of the public trial of suspected 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is now in question. It could be said that the Obama administration's "It's on, it's off, maybe, I don't know?" stance on the war on terror has now created yet another mini-drama. If this president did not have to be commander-in-chief, an ample portion of Obama's and the nation's woes might very well be mitigated.

Right out of the 2008 election gate, Barack Obama has been working to accomplish the impossible task of maintaining public support while being an anti-war president in a time of war, or more aptly a liberal appeaser sent to defend this country against radical jihadists. This matchup was never going to be pretty, but it has turned out to be bizarre in an almost theater-like fashion.

One after another, Barack Obama and his supporting cast have presented to the American people a series of horrifying slapstick missteps in the war on terror. Early on, the president tells the world in a series of apology tours that our advanced interrogation techniques were "torture" and begs forgiveness for America's defense of itself. Next, he sets a closing date for our most secure terrorist detention center in Guantanamo Bay with no plan for housing the terrorists currently within its walls. Just to make that bad decision a little worse, I discovered through conversations with Kansas Congressman Todd Tiahrt on my radio program the Conscience of Kansas that as many as thirty of the terrorists from Guantanamo Bay being brought to the U.S. will likely be

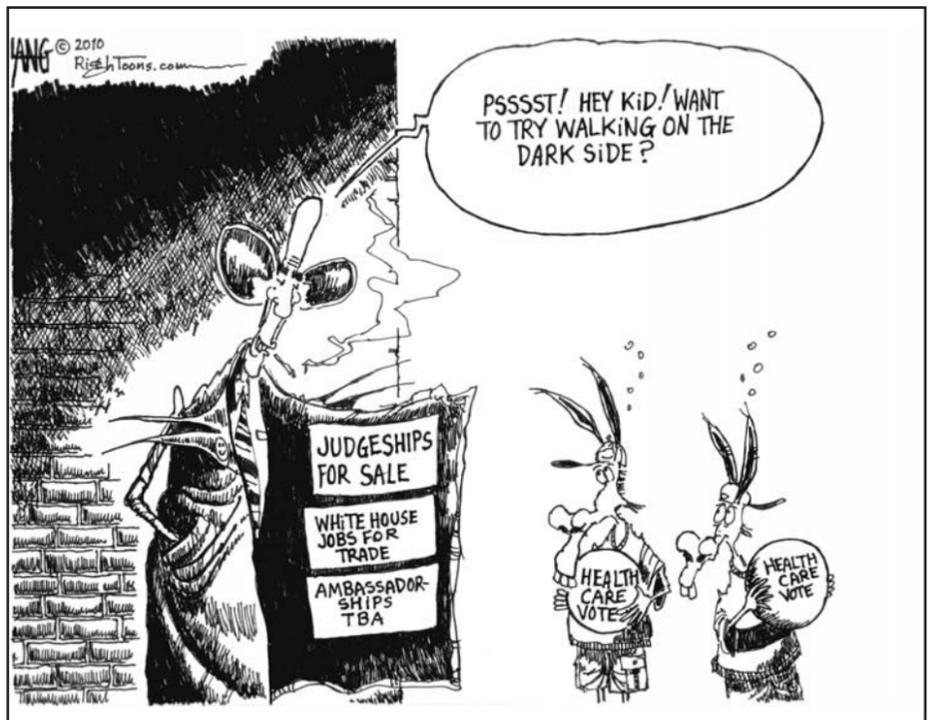
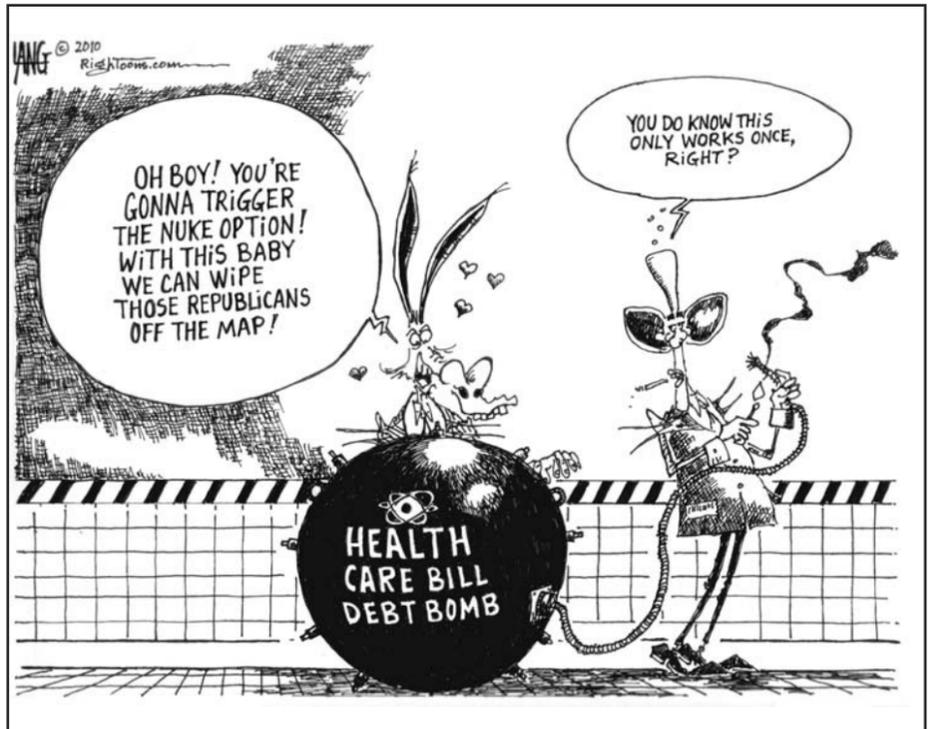


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released within the U.S. populace. This is stomach-turning information to say the least; but even worse, these released terrorist detainees would be eligible for government aid such as welfare. My conversation with Tiahrt about his work on the No Welfare for Terrorists Act dating back to May 2009 simply highlights one of many painfully bad decisions of this administration. Unfortunately for the American people, having to pay the bill for terrorist detainees to get on their feet in their own neighborhoods is not the finale of Obama's sad drama.

Trumping the administration's ill-thought dress rehearsals of softening words pertaining to terrorism and their grandiose mental confusion on when the system "worked fine" versus when the system "worked terribly," as seen last Christmas, we have the issue of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. In November 2009

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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Trash Nuisances to Be Cleaned Up

By Adam Reichenberger

Earlier in the year the City Commission met to discuss and bring changes to city ordinances regarding nuisance properties. It was suggested that the Riley County Police Department should act sooner, preventing these "nuisances" from getting too far out of hand.

While those changes are still under discussion with another work session scheduled for April 13, during their development the issue of trash nuisances has become more prevalent.

Building Official, Brad Claussen and Assistant City Attorney, Katharine J. Jackson, explained before the City Commission on Tuesday, "Blowing trash and trash accumulation are caused, in part, by refuse containers that do not meet the requirements of the Code of Ordinances. Section 16-2 requires the containers to have watertight bodies

and tight-fitting covers secured at all times (except when trash is inserted or removed). Further, property owners are required to have a sufficient number of containers to meet the demands of the building occupants (this is especially critical for multi-family dwellings). However, trash collectors, who are licensed by the City, are not required to provide receptacles that meet these Code requirements...

"If a nuisance trash condition exists, Code Services has two ways to respond. Code Services can issue a citation under Section 21-13 to a person for causing, permitting, maintaining, or allowing the nuisance. The person cited would typically be either an occupant or a property owner, and the person would be prosecuted in the Municipal Court. Code Services has not historically used this method of enforcement.

"Code Services can also abate the trash nuisance pursuant to Section 21-14. This process is identical to state law and requires the City to provide written notice via certified mail or personal service that the condition must be corrected in not more than 10 days. In most situations involving household refuse, Code Services only allows as little as 48 hours for clean-up. If the property is still in violation, Code Services can abate the nuisance and send a bill for the costs. If the costs remain unpaid, the costs can be added to the tax rolls and collected as a special assessment on the property."

As with other nuisances, the idea here is swifter action and preventative measures. With that in mind the City Administration identified a few potential ordinance changes:

"1. Section 16-2 - Refuse Containers: If the same person has failed to maintain appropriate refuse

containers, and has received two written notices within a 12-month period, the City can issue a citation for a third or subsequent violation without any further notice.

"2. Section 16-16 - Trash Collector's License: Add one of the following requirements as a condition of licensure: either (a) if a trash collector voluntarily provides trash receptacles to customers, the containers must be Code-compliant; or (b) require a trash collector to provide each customer with container(s) that are Code-compliant.

"3. Immediate Abatement - City Administration is aware that some communities, including Overland Park and Topeka, have ordinances that allow for immediate abatement of certain nuisances that are considered severe. In these cases, the City abates the nuisance immediately without notice. The Legal Department has

expressed concerns with the due process implications of this concept. City Administration has not yet had time to fully research the ordinances from other communities or to talk with their staff to determine if this method has been successful in resolving problems. Before staff undertakes this analysis, the Commission is asked to provide general direction as to whether it would consider an ordinance to allow immediate abatement without notice in certain circumstances that would have to be clearly defined. This approach would represent a significant deviation from how the City currently addresses nuisances."

These ordinance changes will now be discussed in further detail alongside the previously recommended changes in regards to nuisance property

County Minutes

Ogden City Mayor Recall Election.

Vargo said active members of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard who are Kansas residents may obtain free Kansas hunting and fishing licenses, as well as free State park entrance permits. To receive free licenses and permits, Kansas guardsmen apply through the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' (KDWP) Pratt Operations Office. Depending on the particular licenses and/or state park permits they request, they will be required to submit appropriate documentation.

Vargo said for those who do not already have this year's permits or licenses, application forms can be downloaded from the KDWP website at www.kdwp.state.ks.us. Click "Other

Services/Publications/Hunting," and then "Application 2009 KS National Guard Hunting, Fishing, and Park Vehicle Permit." The forms must be signed by the National Guard member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP with photocopies of appropriate documentation.

Vargo said free hunting and fishing licenses are also offered to all Kansas veterans who have been certified by a

physician with at least a 30-percent service-related disability. Disabled veterans who enlisted as regular servicemen will be able to apply for free hunting and fishing licenses (not applicable for park permits). Applications are also available at the above website.

Vargo said these permits and licenses are paid for from the state general fund as specified and are allocated by the Kansas State Legislature.

Vargo said as with other KDWP permits and licenses, 2010 National Guard and disabled veterans licenses were available on Dec. 15 and will be valid for the remainder of 2009 and all of 2010.

10:05 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Richard Jahnke; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Position Action Forms for the follow-

ing:

Seasonal Laborers - Public Works, in the Public Works Department

Seasonal Laborers - Parks, in the Parks Department

10:05 Bob Isaac, Planner

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Richard Jahnke; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director, attended.

Kearns opened the Public Hearing to consider the request for amendments to Section 20 - Board of Zoning Appeals, of the Riley County Zoning Regulations.

Isaac presented the staff report. Isaac said on February 8, 2010, the Riley County Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the request. On February 18, 2010, the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board also unanimously recommended approval of the request. Staff recommends adoption of the proposed zoning regulation amendments as published.

Kearns closed the Public Hearing.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 030110-16, Resolution amending the Riley County Zoning Regulations in Riley

County, Kansas." Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:18 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Richard Jahnke, attended.

P. Collins and Couchman discussed the First Responder vehicle stationed at Randolph.

P. Collins said we need to remember we are providing transportation with minimal equipment. P. Collins said his concern is we basically have the same First Responder equipment on the fire truck at Randolph as is on the First Responder vehicle. P. Collins stated the First Responder personnel are firefighters as well.

Kearns asked, do the First Responder personnel know they can use the fire truck for emergency responses?

P. Collins stated they should know they can use the fire truck.

Couchman said the original intent of the contract was to clarify who was responsible to pay for what related to the First Responder vehicle, not the operations.

McCulloh said we need to look at Riley County as an entity. McCulloh

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said "what ifs" should be left up to Pat Collins and Larry Couchman. They should decide how to expedite on how we provide services to those in rural Riley County.

Kearns said now there is a backup ambulance at the shop site. Kearns stated the fire truck at Randolph is also available if the First responder vehicle in Randolph is out of service.

Couchman said when vehicles are pulled from a station the emergency equipment is left at the station.

Kearns suggested Couchman and P. Collins attend the Randolph City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the contract.

P. Collins asked, in his absence is it okay if Laurie Harrison takes an emergency vehicle home during severe weather to respond? As she will be in charge of emergency response.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed.

10:45 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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Kansas State's Welch Leads Part Of National Science Foundation Research

Kansas State University professor of agronomy Steve Welch is helping lead a group of life scientists and computer researchers who are attempting to solve one of the "grand challenges" in the plant sciences.

The challenge is to predict how plants will grow and develop based on their particular genetic makeup and the various environments where they are found or planted. Solving this problem requires new computer software and computational capabilities, including powerful tools to allow scientists around the globe to collaborate on plant research.

The principles of iPlant, a nearly \$50 million project funded by the National Science Foundation, include development of a cyberinfrastructure collaborative effort and also to train the next generation of scientists in computational thinking and to reinvent itself as the needs of the scientific community and technologies change, Welch said. The formal name of the five-year effort is the Plant Science Cyberinfrastructure Collaborative (PSCIC) program.

iPlant hosted workshops for researchers from the biological and computational sciences that yielded the "grand challenge" questions that iPlant would tackle, as well as the tools, strategies and approaches needed to find answers to the questions.

The particular iPlant team involving Welch is the Genotypes to Phenotypes in Complex Environments (iPG2P) committee, which will help researchers study the relationship between plant genotypes

– the genetic makeup of particular plants – and how those genotypes interact and express themselves in various environments.

"One of the issues researchers face when working on such a project is simply understanding the vocabularies and viewpoints of other researchers in the many different fields that may have some bearing on what they are studying," said Welch, who is based in K-State's Department of Agronomy. "We are working to make that collaboration easier."

"This is an exciting area. We have some of the best people in the world working on these projects," said Welch, who is a systems agronomist with K-State Research and Extension.

"In a world where the environment is undergoing rapid change, predicting altered plant responses is central to studies of plant adaptation, ecological genomics, crop improvement, plant development and more," Welch said. Crop improvement activities could involve impact areas from international agriculture to biofuels.

"In nature, individual plants, like people, will have their own particular set of genes," Welch said. "One of the questions is, what traits will a plant with specific genes develop given different environments? For example, we don't know for sure how plants will respond to climate change. Will crops perform better or worse? Will the same be true of weeds? What about plants in natural ecosystems? And how do the answers to these questions vary from place to place?"

Other K-State faculty working on

the project are Sanjoy Das, associate professor in electrical and computer engineering and Doina Caragea, assistant professor of computer science.

Other leaders on the iPG2P team include Tom Brutnell, molecular geneticist at the Boyce Thompson Institute; Doreen Ware, computational biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service; Dan Kliebenstein, plant physiologist at University of California, Davis; Ruth Grene, plant physiologist at Virginia Tech; Chris Myers, computational biologist at Cornell University; Steve Goff, iPlant project director at the University of Arizona; Dan Stanzione, deputy director of the Texas Advanced Computing Center at The University of Texas at Austin; and Matt Vaughn, specialist in computational genomics at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York.

"Plants are good systems to work in, but genotype to phenotype issues go across all biology. Our task is not to solve the problem but to develop computer support to work on the problem," Welch said. "When finished, iPlant computer systems will be able to handle huge amounts of data and able to create computer displays in easy-to-understand forms."

In addition to the iPlant working groups, Welch said, the University of Arizona and University of Texas are building extensive software systems to support the effort.

More information about iPlant is available on the Web at <http://www.iplantcollaborative.org/>.

Kansas Communities Earn Grants

Five Kansas communities have earned grants of up to \$3,000 to fund innovative ideas to promote physical activity and improve health.

The Get It-Do It! grant program invites youth and adults in a community participating in the Kansas PRIDE Program to work together to encourage health-promoting activities, said Elaine Johannes, grant program coordinator.

The effort is supported by Kansas State University Research and Extension, and is a partnership of the K-State School of Family Studies and Human Services, the Kansas PRIDE Program (a statewide community development program co-administered by K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce), and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment via its Healthy Kansas campaign, Johannes said.

Engaging youth and adults in the process is intended to build positive relationships between the youth, including teens who use physical activity facilities (such as a local trail, basketball or tennis courts, or swimming pool), and the community's decision-makers, who usually are adults, she said.

Focusing on fitness can help to bring a community together, said Johannes, who cited Mt. Hope, Kan., a 2010 Get It-Do It! grant recipient as an example. The Sedgwick County, Kan., community (pop. 850) will use a portion of the grant funds to develop a brochure detailing local health-promoting activities.

There's more on tap, however, for this active community, said Pat Kissick, PRIDE volunteer grant writer, who noted that the community maintains two parks, and with the help of grant and

city funds, is adding a walking trail to a newer park.

Mt. Hope PRIDE volunteers also will use grant funds to help sponsor a one-mile walk in conjunction with the community's Arbor Day celebration and this year, the community has 16 teams enrolled in K-State Research and Extension's 2010 Walk Kansas Program, Kissick said.

The Mt. Hope community will also add intergenerational dances at a former grocery store that has been converted into a fitness and wellness class center.

"The dances could easily be used to illustrate the intended outcome in encouraging youth and adults to work together," said Johannes, who noted that youth in the community have asked the adults to teach them dances that were popular in their youth.

Other Kansas communities earning 2010 Get It-Do It! grant funding are:

* Glasco, pop. 536 (Cloud County) will use the 2010 funding to expand youth and adult partnerships funded by previous grants. Successful efforts include a high school mentoring program for grade school students to encourage physical activity, extended hours for the community pool, and expansion of exercise classes at the pool and the local senior center.

* Grinnell, pop. 329 (Gove County) will use Get It-Do It! funds to underwrite the cost of adding workout stations in a local park and promoting physical fitness.

* Melvern, pop. 429 (Osage County) will direct its grant funds to improve a scenic Railroad Park and provide nutrition education sessions in the community.

"The area is picturesque as the trains come 'round the bend," said

Fran Richmond, K-State Research and Extension agent in Osage County who is working with the community in the grant process. The 2010 Get

It-Do It! grant will help to underwrite a fenced toddler play area, dog run, expansion of a skate park, and walking trail with exercise stations.

Thanks to the grant funding, youth in each of the communities also have been provided a disposable camera to chronicle improvements in health promotion, Richmond said.

* Stafford, pop. 1,161 (Stafford County), will use the funds to develop "Skilltastics" a series of standards-based fitness games that allow children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade and with varying fitness levels to enjoy being active. The intent is to develop self confidence, learn cooperation with others and build lifetime fitness habits.

Junior high and high school students will be trained in leading the program for elementary age students, said Jeanette Hildebrand, Stafford PRIDE volunteer, who noted that the fitness effort will be part of a community-based afterschool and summer program called STARS.

Stafford is a third-time grant recipient and also will use some of the 2010 funding to enhance an outdoor fitness trail previously funded.

For more information on the Get It-Do It! grant Program, contact

Johannes at 785-532-5773. For more information on the Kansas PRIDE Program and how it can benefit a community, contact Dan Kahl or Trudy Rice at 785-532-5840 or go to www.kansaspride-program.ksu.edu.

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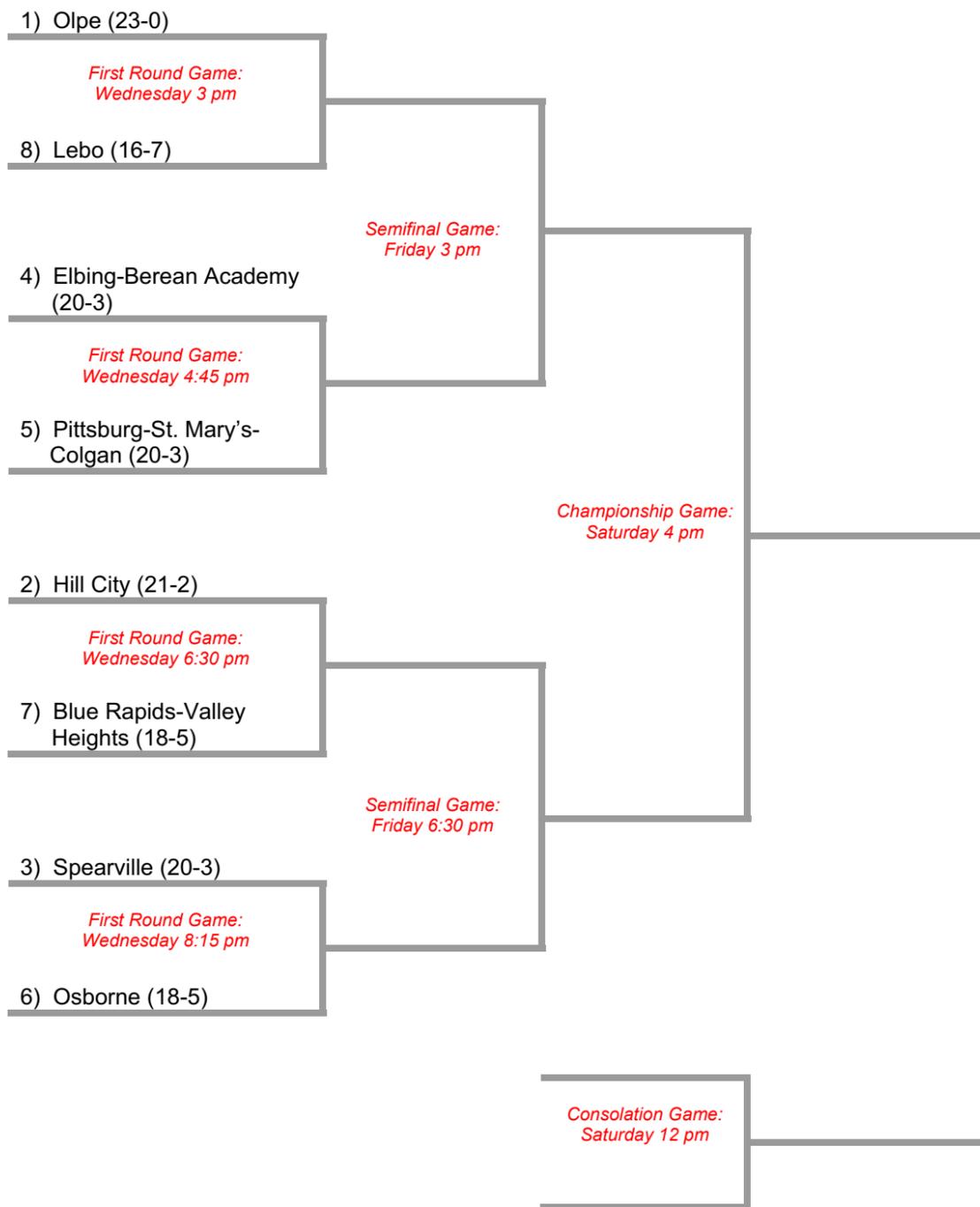
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**Two Finish
In Top 20**

Orange Park, Fla. – Kansas State's Morgan Moon finished 11th and Abbi Sunner finished 17th out of 93 competitors after the final round of the Eagle Landing Invitational, Tuesday. The duo helped K-State finish in a tie for ninth-place.

The Wildcats posted the third-best score among the 17 teams with a 301 (+13) in the final round to move improve one place from the second round. The three-round score of 920 (+56) is the third-best score of the season for the Cats.

K-State fell just two strokes shy eighth-place Chattanooga, which is the 33rd-ranked team in Division I by GolfWeek.

"We did better each day and I am proud of our improvement," said coach Kristi Knight. "All of the ladies finished their rounds strong."

South Florida took over the top spot with a final-round score of 299 (+11). The bulls, which shot a 34-over par 898, for the competition, finished six shots ahead of Illinois who tallied a three-round score of 904 (+40).

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KSU Opens Against Texas Tech

Thursday's matchup between the Wildcats and Lady Raiders will be the 19th in the history of the series... K-State's series with Texas Tech and Texas A&M are the two youngest among teams in the Big 12... The series with the Lady Raiders is tied, 9-9... The Lady Raiders won the last meeting between the teams, 75-67 in overtime on Feb. 24 in Manhattan... The last time these schools met in the Big 12 Championships was in the semifinals of the 2003 tournament in Dallas, Texas, a 71-65 win by the Lady Raiders... K-State has won six of the last seven meetings in the series... K-State head coach Deb Patterson is 8-9 (.471) against Texas Tech.

At a Glance: Texas Tech
Texas Tech (17-13, 5-11 Big 12) enters Thursday's first round Big 12 Championship contest in the midst of a three-game losing streak.

On the bench, the Lady Raiders are guided by fourth year head coach Kristy Curry. The 1988 graduate of Northeast Louisiana owns a 65-60 (.520) record during her time in Lubbock. Curry owns a career record of 244-111 (.687) in 11 seasons as a

collegiate coach.

On the floor, Texas Tech is paced by senior forward Ashlee Roberson, sophomore forward/center Kierra Mallard and senior guard Jordan Murphree. Roberson leads the team in scoring and rebounding with averages of 12.4 points and 8.6 rebounds. Roberson garnered All-Big 12 honorable mention honors from the league's coaches on Monday.

Murphree is tied for the team lead in scoring this season with 12.4 points per game and is second in assists with 3.1 per game. Murphree also earned All-Big 12 honorable mention honors on Monday.

Mallard is Texas Tech's third-leading scorer and rebounder with 11.7 points and 7.0 rebounds. Against Missouri in the regular season finale, Mallard tallied a team-leading 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Kansas State will begin the proceedings at the 2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships in Kansas City on Thursday morning, as the Wildcats face Texas Tech at 11 a.m., in Municipal Auditorium. This will be the second time this season the squad's will meet and the first time

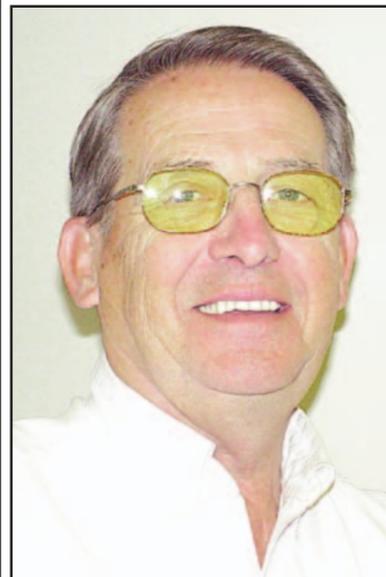
since the 2003 Big 12 Championships in Dallas, Texas that the teams will face each in other in the postseason.

The contest will be broadcast to a regional audience on Metro Sports and Cox Now 22. Erin Bajackson will deliver the play-by-play and Mark Ewing will provide the color analysis. The Wildcats are 78-54 (.591) all-time in televised games.

Thursday's game will also be broadcast live on the K-State Sports Network, as the award-winning Brian Smoller delivers the play-by-play and former Wildcat Missy Heidrick provides the color analysis.

In its final regular season game of 2010, K-State (13-17, 5-11 Big 12) held a 45-38 lead at half over 3/3 Nebraska, but the Huskers rallied for an 82-72 win. The Wildcats registered a season-high for fast break points with 21 and were 10-of-23 from beyond the arc. This was the eighth time this season that K-State has tallied 10 or more made three-point field goals in a game. This ties a school record for games in a season with 10 or more made three-point field goals.

70th Birthday Coffee



I like to tell people that I was born on April 2, 1940 just missing being a fool. Some have said that I didn't miss.

Anyway, Linda and I are planning a Birthday Coffee to celebrate my 70th birthday.

You are invited, we hope you can make it.

Jon Brake
Publisher

When: Saturday, April 3, 2010

Time: 1:00 to 300 pm.

Where: Community Building, Blue Rapids, Kansas (On the Square)



Free Press Sports

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Kansas State's Jacob Pullen Named 1st Team Big 12 And Third Team All American

Junior Jacob Pullen was rewarded for his outstanding season on Tuesday, as he was named a third team All-American by The Sporting News.

Pullen becomes the first Wildcat All-American since Michael Beasley earned consensus first team honors in 2008. He is the first guard to collect All-America distinction since Rolando Blackman earned first team accolades from the Helm Foundation, The Sporting News, Converse and Wooden Award in 1981. Overall, he is the 17th Wildcat to receive mention to the

All-America first, second, third or fourth team in school history.

The team's leading scorer at 18.9 points per game, Pullen has led the team in double-figure scoring (30), 20-point games (13), 3-point field goals (170), 3-point field goals attempted (216) and steals (49). He has shot 41.3 percent from the field, including 38 percent from 3-point range, to go with 3.6 assists, 2.7 rebounds and 1.6 steals in 31.4 minutes per game. He has scored in double figures in all 30 games, which ranks as the second-longest streak in school history behind Mitch

Richmond's 50-consecutive game streak. In addition, he ranks eighth on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,357 points, while he ranks in the Top 10 in eight other career categories, including double-digit scoring, 3-point field goals, assists and steals.

Pullen earned first team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches on Sunday, becoming just the second men's basketball to earn first team all-conference honors since the Big 12's inception in 1997. He was also tallied

first team honors from The Associated Press, Kansas City Star and Yahoo! Sports.

Pullen has helped K-State post one of its best seasons in school history, as the squad currently lists a 24-6 overall record and an 11-5 mark in Big 12 play, which includes a tie for second place in the league standings and the No. 2 seed in this week's Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at the Sprint Center. The 24 wins and 11 conference victories are the most in the Big 12 era and the most since the 1987-88 squad

posted a school-record tying 25 wins to go with 11 in Big Eight play. The second-place finish is also the best since the inception of the Big 12 and the best since the 1987-88 season.

K-State opens play at the 14th annual Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship on Thursday when the Wildcats play the winner of Wednesday's first round contest between No. 7 seed Oklahoma State (21-9, 9-7 Big 12) and No. 10 seed Oklahoma (13-17, 4-12 Big 12) at 6 p.m. at the Sprint Center.

Three Wildcats Earn All-Big 12 Honors

Junior Jacob Pullen and senior Denis Clemente were named to the Coaches' All-Conference team, while sophomore Jamar Samuels was announced as the winner of the Sixth Man Award, as the Big 12 office announced its awards on Sunday.

Pullen became just the second men's basketball player to earn first team All-Big 12 honors since the inception of the league, joining former teammate Michael Beasley who received the award in 2008. The team's leading scorer at 18.9 points per game this season also earned first team accolades from The Associated Press, Kansas City Star and Yahoo! Sports. Pullen was also selected to the six-man All-Defensive Team.

Pullen shot 41.3 percent from the field, including 38 percent from 3-point range, to go with 3.6 assists, 2.7 rebounds and 1.6 steals in 31.4 minutes per game. He led the squad in double-figure scoring (30), 20-point games (13), 3-point field goals (170), 3-point field goals attempted (216) and steals (49). He has scored in double figures in all 30 games this season, which ranks as the second-longest streak in school history behind Mitch Richmond's 50-consecutive game streak. He ranks eighth on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,357 points, while he ranks second in 3-point field goals attempted (572) and third in makes (197).

Clemente, who led the team in assists at 3.9 per game, was named to the league's second team for the second consecutive season. He averaged 16 points on 39.1 percent shooting, including

33 percent from 3-point range, with 2.3 rebounds and 1.0 steals in a team-best 34 minutes per game. His average in Big 12 play was even better at 17.7 points per game on 40 percent shooting. He scored in double figures in 27 games, including nine 20-point games. He was also named to the Kansas City Star's second team and to Yahoo! Sports' third team.

Samuels becomes the second Wildcat to earn the Sixth Man Award following Cartier Martin in 2007. The third-leading scorer at 11.4 points per game, he scored

in double figures off the bench in 21 games, including a pair of 20-point efforts and three double-doubles this season. He ranks third on the team in rebounding at 5.3 per game. He has a breakout game in the win over No. 1 Texas with 20 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

Earlier in the day, it was announced that Frank Martin was named Big 12 Coach of the Year by both the league coaches and The Associated Press. He is the first coach since Dana Altman in 1993 to earn league Coach of the

Year honors, while he is the fifth coach overall to earn the distinction, following Tex Winter (1958, 1959, 1960), Cotton Fitzsimmons (1970), Jack Hartman (1975, 1977) and Altman.

K-State ended the regular season with a 24-6 overall record and an 11-5 mark in Big 12 play, which includes a tie for second place in the league standings and the No. 2 seed in next week's Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at the Sprint Center. The 24 wins and 11 conference victories are the most in the Big 12 era and the

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Jacob Pullen (Photos by Ben Brake)



Denis Clemente

Have You Read What The Free Press Said?

Kansas State's Ashley Sweat Named to All-Big 12 Team

Kansas State senior forward Ashley Sweat was named to the All-Big 12 first team in an announcement by the Big 12 Conference on Monday afternoon. This is the second straight year Sweat has earned first team honors.

In the 14-year history of the Big 12, K-State has earned 36 citations on

the All-Big 12 first, second or honorable mention teams.

Sweat garnered her second career honor by leading K-State and ranking fifth in the Big 12 in scoring with 16.7 points per game. With her 501 points this season, she became the 10th player in school history to record 500 points during her senior campaign and the fifth player to register consecutive 500-point seasons.

The 6-2 product of McPherson, Kan., also leads the Wildcats in free throws made (132), free throws attempted (162) and is second in rebounding (5.1) and blocked shots (17). She ranks sixth in the Big 12 in free throw percentage (.815) and third in minutes played (35.7).

During her senior campaign, Sweat has ascended a number of K-State career lists as she ranks third in scoring with 1,792 points and into 14th in career rebounds with 595. She also ranks in the top-10 in career blocks with 69 to become the third player in school history to record 1,700 points, 500 rebounds and 60 blocks for a career. She also ranks in the top-10 in career free throws made

(418) and attempted (538), career field goals made (632) and minutes played (4,020).

Earlier this season, Sweat became the fifth student-athlete in school history to earn CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America honors.

She is also a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, with fan voting continuing at www.seniorclassaward.org until March 22. She also garnered

her third career Academic All-Big 12 first team honor.

Kansas State will open the 2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship on Thursday at 11 a.m., against Texas Tech in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. The game can be seen on Metro Sports in the Kansas City-area and on Kansas Now 22 within the state of Kansas to Cox Cable subscribers.



Right: Ashley Sweat (4) (Photo by Ben Brake)

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The Board of County Commissioners Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 1, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Member, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Kearns suggested rescheduling the road tour until Johnson returns since it is his district. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to do so.

Kearns presented an e-mail reply he sent to Senator Brownlee.

McCulloh discussed the Health Department's advertisement for an Information Technology Director. McCulloh suggested Mr. Murphy come in to discuss the hiring of an Information Technology Director and the best future direction of the Health Department. McCulloh suggested making the Health Department a county department.

McCulloh discussed talking to Extension about coupons available to Senior citizens and low income persons to purchase produce at the Farmer's Market.

McCulloh moved to approve the Out of State Travel Request for Darin Nelson and Bruce Ericson to attend the Southwest Emergency Vehicle Technicians Conference Horton Inteliplex Training in Fort Worth, Texas at no cost to Riley County. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the Out of State Travel Request for Bret Volkell to attend the 28th AEMP Annual Management Conference and Certification Institute in Dallas, Texas. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign a 2010 Census Partner Proclamation. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Peterson recommended the Board accept the low bid from Trailers 4U

in the amount of \$10,974.00.

McCulloh moved to accept the low bid submitted by Trailers 4U, Frankfort, Kansas for a HHW trailer in the amount of \$10,974.00 to be funded from the CIP Fund. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Rosewicz said four of the six tractor bids met or exceeded the specifications. Of these four, the two lowest bids were the Kubota M110XTCD from KanEquip at \$50,461.00 and the John Deere 6430 from Concordia Tractor at \$53,512.65.

Rosewicz said while both tractors will perform the task at hand, the John Deere is equipped with a larger engine at 276 cubic inch versus the Kubota's 230 cubic inch. This means the John Deere will generate the desired power level with the engine operating at lower RPM's than the Kubota (2300 for the JD as opposed to 2600 for the Kubota). As a result, the John Deere would use less fuel and have a longer engine life.

Rosewicz said also, traditionally John Deere has maintained a higher resale value than competitors.

Rosewicz said based on savings which would be incurred in life-cycle costs and resale value, staff recommends purchase of the John Deere 6430 in the amount of \$53,512.65.

McCulloh moved to accept the bid submitted by Concordia Tractor, Wamego, Kansas for a John Deere 6430 in the amount of \$53,512.65 based on savings which would be incurred in life-cycle costs and resale value. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2010 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Holeman asked to add an executive session on non-elected personnel.

Kearns moved to add an executive session for non-elected personnel matters. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:04 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:14 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:18 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Kearns seconded.

Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:19 Holeman discussed HB2445 which is scheduled for final action this Wednesday.

Holeman asked the Board to approve staff to attend the hearing on HB2445.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed for Wedel and Holeman to attend the hearing on Wednesday.

Shepek discussed HB2630 imposing a tax lid on ad valorem tax.

The Board agreed to send a letter asking our delegates to not support HB2630.

Holeman discussed Senator Brownlee's concerns with Emergency Management's response to a call. Holeman stated he wants to circulate a letter to the Riley County Police Department and P. Collins address Senator Brownlee's concern.

9:30 Press Conference

Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Andrea Schmidt, County Extension Agent; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and John Pagen, attended.

Kearns read the 2010 Census Partner Proclamation.

Schmidt discussed the need for an accurate count through the Census Complete Count Committee to ensure our community receives needed services.

Schmidt stated they have been working with KSU Officials to accurately count the students.

Eyestone reported on the 10th Annual Garden Show. Eyestone said 420 were in attendance at the seminars.

Eyestone said Dr. Charles Marrs "Totally Tomatoes" was the most popular session. Eyestone said approximately 2,000 attended the

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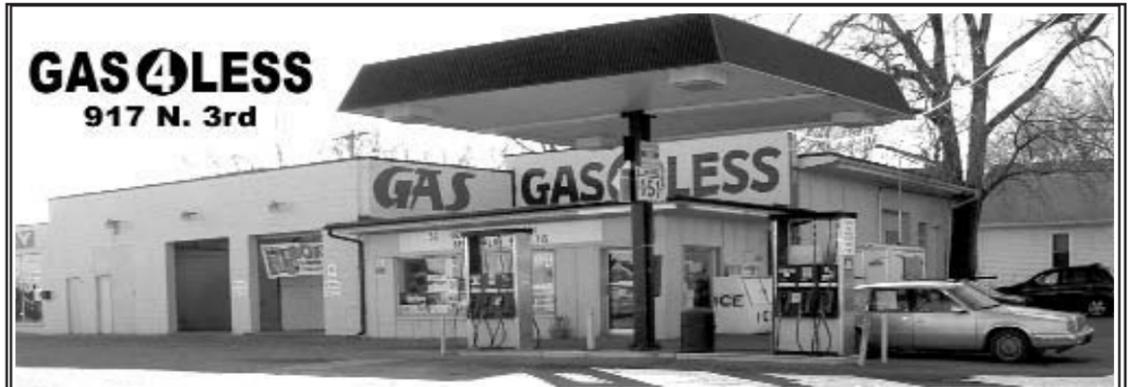
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Garden Show.
Meredith said Kitten Creek Road will be closed for bridge deck repair beginning Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The road will be closed 3/4 mile north of P412 Anderson Avenue.
Meredith said repairs will take approximately 2 days to complete, unless adverse weather conditions cause unexpected delays.
Meredith said we apologize for any inconvenience caused by this project.
Meredith said if you have questions concerning this project, contact the Riley County Public Works Department, at 6215 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Manhattan, Kansas or call 539-2981.
Shepek presented the 2011 Budget Calendar.
Shepek stated the 2011 Budget will be adopted by August 25th.
Shepek presented jail expenses for 2004-2009.
Shepek reported Riley County funds 20% of the Riley County Police Department budget plus all expenses including facilities for the Riley County Police Department inmates. Shepek stated in total 2009 Riley County paid \$3,004,538.40 for Riley County Police Department appropriations, \$75,995.91 for inmate medical, and \$91,108.92 for facilities. Shepek said Riley County saved in excess of \$167,000.00 through the Kansas Collaborative Correct Care Contract for hospital fees.
Kearns discussed the benefits of Riley County being involved in the Kansas Collaborative to save funds.
McCulloh noted Riley County is also spending over \$3 million for the LEC expansion.
Vargo said advance voting in the Riley County Clerk's Office begins Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for the

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College Of Education Earns Accreditation

KSU News Service

The professional education programs offered by Kansas State University's College of Education have earned continuing accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Kansas State Department of Education.

"By achieving national and state accreditation, the College of Education has proven its commitment to producing quality educators for our nation's children and youth," said Michael Holen, dean of the college. "Accreditation provides assurances to our students and their employers that K-

State's College of Education meets the highest standards of the profession. Our most fundamental commitment is to deliver the highest quality pre-service and in-service preparation for school personnel; we believe the accreditation process promotes this mission."

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education. The council currently accredits 661 institutions that

produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. K-State's professional education programs have been continually accredited by the council since the organization was founded in 1954.

The College of Education's accreditation is good through 2016 and covers both initial and advanced teacher education levels.

As a part of the accreditation process, K-State had to verify that rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public were being met. The university also had to demonstrate that in-depth subject matter knowledge and skills of candidates are assessed, and that there are partnerships with P-12 schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary to help students

learn, according to Janice Wissman, associate dean and accreditation coordinator for the College of Education.

K-State confirmed that its teacher education candidates are prepared to understand and work with diverse student populations, and that the college and university faculty model effective teaching practices, she said.

"Both the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Kansas State Department of Education reported that based upon a recommendation of a team of independent site review experts from within the state and across the nation, Kansas State University met all accreditation standards with no areas for improvement cited," Wissman said.

More information about K-

State's teacher education program is available online at <http://coe.ksu.edu/>

More information about National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education is available at <http://www.ncate.org> and information about the Kansas State Department of Education is available at <http://www.ksde.org>

K-State Plan To Be A Top 50 Public University

**By: Cheryl May
KSU News Service**

"The ranking and prestige of Kansas State University is of critical importance to our graduates as they seek jobs, our students as they apply to top tier graduate programs, our doctoral students as they look for career opportunities in the research world, and our faculty members as they compete with better funded and ranked universities on a daily basis."

That's what K-State President Kirk Schulz told the students, faculty and staff as he provided details on K-State 2025, an ambitious plan to take the university to greater heights within the next 15 years.

"People want to invest in a winner -- and the different constituent groups who support Kansas State want to invest in a university they perceive as moving upward to new heights of achievement," Schulz said.

A visionary plan for K-State is absolutely critical in these difficult economic times, Schulz said.

"Now is the best time to do a plan, so that as new resources become available, we have thought carefully through what we want to do as we seek to build our national reputation," he said.

"Our goal should be something that has everyone squirming in their seats a bit because it may be unclear whether or not we can ever reach it."

Inspired by Gov. Mark Parkinson's challenge for a Kansas university to be among the top 50 in the nation,

Schulz and Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason proposed an overall university goal for 2025: Kansas State University will be recognized nationally as a top 50 public research university.

"The way K-State will accomplish this goal is by the great work of our faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate," Mason said. "The teaching by our faculty, the learning measured in our students, the research that can lead to change, the outreach that assists communities are all reflections of the quality of our university."

In most of the categories, K-State ranks between 80 and 90 in comparison to other public research universities.

"We will need to move up 35 spots or so against a very competitive set of schools -- all of whom are also trying to grow programs

and increase their national rank and stature at the same time," Schulz said.

"K-State's goal of becoming a top 50 public research university is enhanced by the decisions by the Department of Homeland Security in locating NBARF at K-State and with their selection of K-State as a Center of Excellence for Emerging Zoonotic and Animal Diseases," said Ron Trewyn, vice president for research. That, coupled with the U.S. Department of Agriculture moving ABADRU to the city, will make Manhattan the de facto international center for food animal infectious disease research; i.e., the International CDC for Animal Health."

Schulz wants everyone on campus to have a chance to be involved.

"This represents the foundation for the strategic planning process," Schulz said. "We are beginning a year-long visionary planning process which will result in a clear set of goals and objectives which describe our institutional aspirations 15 years from now."

"We will use a series of focus groups and electronic media to involve as many members of the campus community as possible in helping us move forward into the future," he said. "The K-State 2025 initiative will determine how K-State faculty, staff, students and alumni view K-State and where they see the university in 15 years."

"This is an opportunity for us to define who we are as a university, create a vision of where we hope to be in the future and identify how we are going to get there," Schulz said.

Schulz and members of his cabinet selected eight metrics to be used to determine both K-State's current ranking and to measure progress against the Top 50 goal. These metrics include: total research and development expenditures, total endowment, number of national academy members, number of faculty awards -- as defined by Center for Measuring University Performance at Arizona State University -- number of doctorates granted annually, freshman-to-sophomore retention rate, six-year graduation rate and percent of undergraduate students involved in research.

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