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This is a rendering of what the Manhattan High School will look like.

Gould Evans Wins Award For Design Of Manhattan School

Out of 81 entries received by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Kansas City Chapter for its annual awards program, Manhattan High School's expansion and remodel was the only unbuilt project to receive recognition. Designed by Gould Evans, the \$37 million project received a Citation Award from the AIA Kansas City Chapter and previously received a Merit Award for unbuilt commissioned architecture from the Kansas Chapter of AIA.

AIA Kansas City jury member Marlon Blackwell, an architect and educator from Fayetteville, Arkansas, said the building really "gets" what is missing from most contemporary school design. He added that it is a model for how old schools should be remodeled and how new schools should be designed.

Built in the 1950s, Manhattan

High School has been through several renovations and additions over the years. The current expansion and remodeling project bridges the varying architectural styles while paying homage to the school's rich history and place in the community.

"In order to develop the right solutions for this school and this community, we really studied the way students, teachers and visitors alike use and perceive the building. What became clear to us was the need for stronger identity, clearer way-finding, and a more defined 'heart' of the school," said Gould Evans Principal Steve Clark, AIA, LEED AP.

These lessons learned were used as the basis to create an internal program that reorganizes the school to create a transparent, social core containing a central library, commons, cafeteria, and exterior courtyards. Within this core, five boxes,

each housing distinct functions, divide the space into various social environments. The addition will add 79,000 square feet with more than 242,000 square feet of remodeled and reconfigured space.

"In addition to energizing the core of the school, the resulting design creates easy access to all other spaces within the building," said Clark.

Energy-saving was a critical consideration as well. The resulting design incorporates daylight harvesting, light and motion sensors, high-performance glazing and de-centralized air distribution throughout. The addition ultimately reduces energy consumption by 61% and the renovation reduces energy consumption by 54% compared to similar buildings.

Founded in 1974, Gould Evans has been recognized for its commitment to collaboration and excellence.

U.S. Mandated Health Coverage Nixed By Court

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Monday's rejection of a key provision in new federal health legislation over the next several years won't end protracted suits over the plan, Kansas incoming attorney general said.

U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson in Virginia ruled Monday in a challenge filed by that state's attorney general that requiring Americans in 2014 to buy health insurance if they aren't already covered goes beyond what he called the "historical reach" of language in the U.S. Constitution that allows the federal government to regulate interstate commerce.

The ruling is the first from a federal judge invalidating so-called mandated coverage that the Obama administration has

called central to helping contain the program's costs. Judge Hudson, however, also allowed the provision to remain in effect until appeals of his ruling can be argued, which is expected to take a year or more.

Meantime, attorneys representing Florida and 19 other states who earlier this year filed a similar challenge in a Pensacola federal court, are scheduled Thursday to begin oral arguments regarding constitutional problems they say are raised by the federal plan.

The Florida suit is one that incoming Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, an Independence Republican, vowed he would enroll Kansas in as soon as possible after taking office Jan. 20. Schmidt's general election opponent, incumbent Democrat Steve

Six, declined last April to join the suit, saying it would be legally and fiscally irresponsible to undertake what he believed would be an unsuccessful challenge. Nearly two dozen Kansas House members at the time proposed a state constitutional amendment urging Kansas to contest the federal program.

Schmidt said through a spokesman Monday that "today's decision in Virginia is a victory for the rule of law and for the notion that our Constitution creates a federal government of limited powers."

"While this is but one of many legal decisions expected before this dispute is settled, it's good news that this round goes to the states," Schmidt said.

Kansas State Opens Olathe

By: Mary Lou Peter
KSU News Service

Kansas State University will have a grand opening celebration for its new K-State Olathe campus April 26, 2011.

K-State Olathe, just east of Kansas Highway 7 on College Boulevard, will bring together the university's expertise in animal health and food safety and security. The first building is the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute, a \$28-million, 108,000-square-foot facility that will house research, education and commercialization programs in its laboratories and classrooms.

The grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an afternoon open

house for the public.

"This is an important step for K-State, for Kansans and for the citizens of Johnson County," said K-State President Kirk Schulz. "K-State Olathe brings the university's established expertise in animal health and food safety to students and industry in the Kansas City area, so we can collaborate with businesses in those disciplines and prepare the work force."

Students working on master's and doctoral degrees in animal health, food safety and security, and related areas will work alongside scientists involved in the latest research.

"The Kansas City Animal Health Corridor is important to the state of Kansas. We are

pleased that K-State has a presence in Kansas City, supported by Johnson County, to provide graduate and executive education in the animal health and food safety areas," said K-State Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason.

The institute is financed by a portion of a one-eighth cent sales tax approved by Johnson County voters in November 2008.

K-State Olathe is part of the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle initiative, a cooperative effort with the University of Kansas that involves KU's Edwards Campus and KU Medical Center.

Papers Shed Light On Eisenhower's Farewell Address

By JOHN MILBURN
Associated Press

ABILENE, Kan. (AP) - For nearly two years, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his aides searched for the right words to describe at the end of his presidency his fear that the nation's burgeoning military power was driving its foreign policy, newly released papers show.

Many months before delivering the farewell address in which he famously warned about the strength of the American "military-industrial

complex," Eisenhower weighed various ideas for the speech, but concerns about the military were always central to his remarks.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library on Friday unveiled previously unseen drafts of the speech that were found recently in a cabin owned by Eisenhower speechwriter Malcolm Moos.

The documents help explain the origins of the term "military-industrial complex," which Eisenhower used to warn

against unbridled military development. The term was thought to have started as "war-based" industrial complex before becoming "military" in later drafts.

But that theory was based on an oral history from Ralph Williams, one of Eisenhower's aides. In the new collection, "military" appears in the passage from the first draft.

"What we know now is that 'military-industrial complex' was in there all along," said Valoise Armstrong, the archivist

who processed the new papers.

In one draft, the paragraph mentioning the military-industrial complex is riddled with pencil marks deleting whole sentences, but the term itself is unblemished.

Moos' son, Grant, found the papers - covered with pinecones, dirt and other debris - in a cabin in Minnesota earlier this year. He turned them over to the library in October.

"We are just so fortunate that these papers were discovered," said Karl Weissenbach, director

of the library in Abilene. "We were finally able to fill in the gaps of the address. For a number of years, it was apparent that there were gaps."

The papers show that Eisenhower and his staff spent two years preparing for his final speech to the nation. One document features a typewritten note from the president lamenting that when he joined the military in 1911, there were 84,000 Army soldiers - a number that ballooned roughly tenfold by 1960.

"The direct result of this continued high level of defense expenditures has been to create a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions, where none had existed before," he wrote in the passage, a variation of which reached the delivered speech on Jan. 17, 1961.

The notion of a farewell address began with a list of potential topics Eisenhower could discuss from May 1959 through the end of his second term.

State Budget Woes Increase Next Year, Survey Shows

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - State budget gaps such as those Kansas appears headed for are spreading across the nation, according to a new survey released by the National Council of State Legislatures.

And, as in Kansas, the biggest contributors to the spreading deficits are sharp reductions in federal stimulus fund payments coupled with projected increases in spending for K-12 education and Medicaid programs, the council reported this week at a meeting

in Phoenix.

Fifteen states are reporting new budget gaps totaling \$26.7 billion in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30 in most states, the report said. The projected deficits 12 months later are expected to swell to \$82.1 billion in 35 states and Puerto Rico.

Kansas' share of that total, most recently calculated last month by the state's official Consensus Revenue Estimating Group, is projected to be \$59.9 million, before swelling to \$492 billion in fiscal 2012.

That larger projected 2012

deficit presumes Kansas will use state tax money to replace almost \$491 billion in federal stimulus funds that dry up July 1, Alan Conroy, the Kansas Legislative Research Department director, said when the state estimates were announced.

But incoming Gov. Sam Brownback and two key legislative leaders, Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal of Hutchinson and House Majority Leader Arlen Siegfried of Olathe all said they would rather cut spending to achieve state constitutionally required

balanced budgets when the fiscal year ends.

State tax revenues in most capitols have been rising gradually from year-earlier levels since July, but the increases have been erratic, the national group's survey showed. Revenues individual capitols vary widely, however.

Sixteen states, notably including Connecticut and Iowa, collected more personal income taxes than they most recently projected for so far this year; 11, including Hawaii, New York and Oregon, collected less. Kansas is among 12

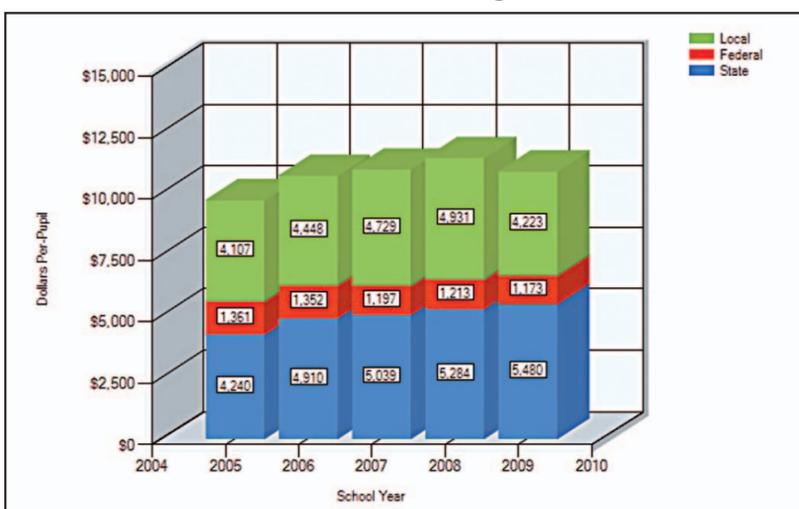
states where those taxes hit most recently projected targets. Kansas' most recently projected personal income tax estimates for this year, \$2.86 billion calculated in November, were set a relatively whisker-thin \$8 million lower than previously estimated in April, when legislators were writing the current budget.

Kansas retail sales tax revenues, recalculated in November to reach \$2.0 billion for the year ending June 30, so far are running 0.1 percent below levels need to reach that estimate, the state's Department of Revenue reported. Actual

retail sales in Kansas appear to have run even lower than the reported rate because a 1 cent state-wide sales tax increase in July hiked tax rates on each transaction by about 19 percent. Legislative researchers are expected to release a more detailed report in a few days.

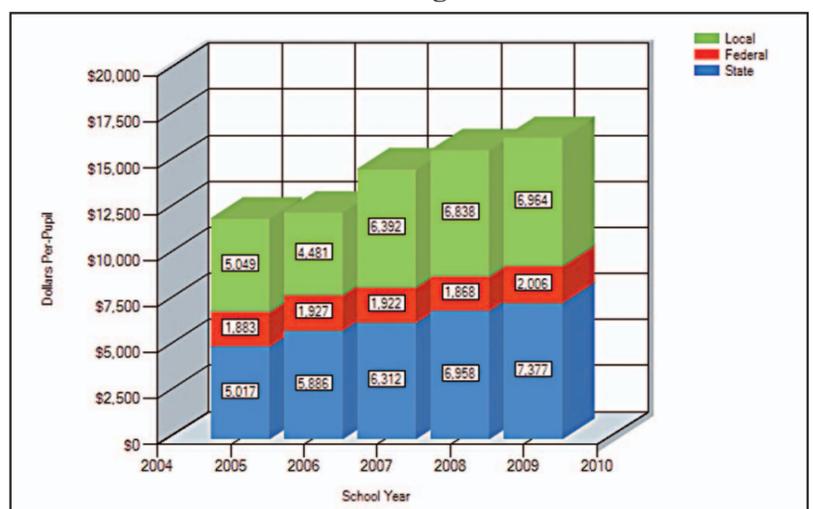
Altogether, 17 states are reporting lower than projected sales tax revenues, compared to 31 that are meeting or exceeding their most recent projections, the national legislators' survey showed

Manhattan School District Total Budget



Dollars per-pupil received by Manhattan-Ogden 383 School District from Federal, State and Local. In 2009 USD 383 received \$4,223 per student.

Salina School District Total Budget



Dollars per-pupil received by Salina School District from Federal, State and Local. In 2009 Salina received \$6,964 per student.

Obituaries

DAVID B. McAFEE

David B. McAfee, age 52, of Wamego, Kansas, died Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at the Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

He was born on September 25, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio the son of William L. and Esther I. (Werty) McAfee. A longtime Manhattan resident he attended Manhattan schools and was a 1976 graduate of Manhattan High School.

David served his apprenticeship as a sheet metal worker/pipe fitter with Central Mechanical Construction in Manhattan. Upon moving back to Kansas in 2005, he worked at BNSF Railroad in Topeka, Kansas as a proud mem-

ber of Local 472 Sheet Metal Workers.

During his lifetime he had lived in Ohio, Colorado and Kansas. He enjoyed being outdoors especially hunting and trapshooting as a team member of the Mike's Wrecker trapshooting team. David was a wonderful photographer taking many beautiful wildlife and outdoor photographs. David and Terry loved to travel, especially throughout Colorado and Alaska. David was blessed with many talents, his greatest passion came in sharing his talents while helping others, always putting the needs of others before his own.

On October 6, 2007, he was united in marriage to the former Terry L. Umscheid during a sunrise ceremony held on the Konza

Prairie in Manhattan, Kansas. She survives of their home. Other survivors include his father and stepmother William L. "Bill" and Barbara McAfee of Apache Junction, AZ; his brothers and sisters: Jane and Joe Matthews, Los Alamos, NM; Dan and Brenda McAfee, St. George, KS; Jim and Carla McAfee, Wichita, KS; Diane McAfee, Manhattan, KS; and those he loved as brothers and sisters: Sherri and Tim Engle, Manhattan, KS; Debbie and Dave Carrara, Manhattan, KS; Theresa and Dan Barr and Brody, Olsburg, KS; and Jim and Raena Marshall, Glenwood Springs, Co. Also surviving are his father and mother in-law: Bud and Pat Umscheid of Manhattan, KS, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews and large extend-

ed family.

David was preceded in death by his mother in 2002, and by his grandparents.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home with Reverend Tony Mattia officiating.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the David B. McAfee Memorial Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

CORNELL MAYFIELD JR.

Cornell Mayfield Jr., age 62, of Manhattan, died Tuesday December 7, 2010 at his residence.

He was born on February 14, 1948 in Jackson, Mississippi, the son of Cornell and Jessie Mayfield.

Cornell attended Kansas State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science in 1970. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard in Manhattan and was in the Engineer Battalion/Armor Unit. He became the commander of the 436th Chemical Detachment of the United States Army Reserve in 1976.

Cornell was the first African-American fire fighter for the city of Manhattan in 1973. Mr. Mayfield worked for the City of Manhattan from 1975 until 1997. He was the Director of

Human Resources and also served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, he was an expert in Civil Rights Administration. Other areas Cornell worked in were as a liaison between the public and private employers and personnel and benefits plan and development administration.

After working for the City of Manhattan, Cornell worked for the Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services as an economic assistant specialist. He also worked as a counselor of Housing and Credit Counseling of Topeka, and as an Adjunct Professor for Cloud County Community College in Junction City.

He was proud of many of the accomplishments he was able to achieve in his professional life. He was a member of the NAACP, the Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights, International

Association of Official Human Rights Agencies, Sunflower Court of Appointed Special Advocates-21st District, International Personnel Management Association, and served on the Board of Directors -Court Appointed Special Advocates.

He was the past president of the Kansas Human Relations Association, past president of the Manhattan Personnel Management Association and also was a past chairman on the board of directors for the United Way of Riley County, HomeCare, and Riley County Council of Social Agencies.

On July 19, 1993 in Manhattan, Cornell was united in marriage to Ester Carlock. She survives of the home.

He is also survived by his father Cornell Mayfield Sr. and a brother Bernard Mayfield both of Jackson, Mississippi. Additional survivors include a sister-in-law Velma Mayfield of

San Antonio, Texas, 3 nephews, 1 niece, 1 great-nephew, 2 great-nieces and a host of cousins and other relatives.

Memorial services for Mr. Mayfield will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Pastor Devin Wendt officiating. Private Inurnment will be held at a later date in Mississippi.

The family of Mr. Mayfield will greet friends during a visitation from 3 until 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or The Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

MARTHA J. BURDEN

Martha J. Burden, age 82, of Manhattan, died December 11, 2010, at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.

She was born May 27, 1928, in Chapman, Kansas, the daughter of Ira A. and Margaret J. (Chittenden) Hassler, and has been a Manhattan resident since 1950.

Martha graduated from Emporia State Teachers College in 1950 with her bachelors in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Burden was a teacher at Eugene Field Grade School for four years and then was an

auditor at First National Bank for 17 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and a member of P.E.O. since 1957. She enjoyed reading, sewing, embroidery, pottery, painting and traveling. Before her children grew up, Marty enjoyed annual family vacations during the summertime, camping and hiking at National Parks all over the United States.

On June 15, 1952, in Chapman, Kansas, she was married to Uel Donald Burden. Mr. Burden survives of the home. Additional survivors include four children: David Kent Burden and his wife Jan

Grant of Seattle, WA, Susan Jane Reynolds and her husband Jim of Bothell, WA, Gregg Alan Burden and his wife Chris of Topeka, KS, and Sarah Jean Craig and her husband Brent of Seattle, WA; and six grandchildren: James and Joe Reynolds, Hannah, Zachary, Jessica and Jonathan Burden.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Elizabeth Bottorff.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan with Reverend Nancy J. Kollhoff officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley.

The family of Mrs. Burden will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church for the Anapra School or the Manhattan Public Library Children's Library. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

RICHARD A. CONSIGLI

Richard A. Consigli, age 79, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Friday, December 10, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

He was born on March 2, 1931, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Beniamino and Maria (Corchia) Consigli. He graduated from Brooklyn College in 1954 with a BS degree; and from Kansas University with an MA degree in 1956 and a PhD in 1960; followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in medical microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania (1960-62).

Dr. Consigli joined Kansas State as an assistant professor in the Department of Bacteriology in 1962, and rapidly rose through the ranks to associate (1965) and full (1969) professor in biology; and was designated as University Distinguished Professor in 1985 and 1986. Dr. Consigli served as a Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station virologist throughout

his career. He served as interim director of the Division of Biology from 1976 to 1977. Among the numerous honors and awards that he received during his career were the K-State Distinguished Graduate Faculty Member Award, the Higuchi Olin Petefish Award in the Basic Sciences from the University of Kansas, and the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Professor of the Year silver medal (1985 & 1986); and a National Cancer Institute Research Career Development Award and selection as a fellow of the American Academy for Microbiology.

His research program on viruses was funded throughout his career by the National Institutes of Health, the USDA, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and NASA. These research grants have supported his research on the molecular biology of viruses and the training of 61 Masters, Doctoral, Postdoctoral students and Research Technicians; as well as numerous undergraduate students. Dr. Consigli was very proud and very close to his

students and he attributed his laboratory research accomplishments to the high quality of his students. He also served as program director of the National Cancer Institute Virology and Tumor Biology training grant program in the Division of Biology for more than 20 years. He was very active in both teaching and research in the Division of Biology for 38 years.

Dr. Consigli was a member of the St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

He married Barbara J. (Seel) Consigli on June 2, 1960, in Lawrence, Kansas, and she preceded him in death on February 25, 1989. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Louis and Settimo Consigli and three sisters: Columbia Bombardi, Pierina Agnetti and Jean Pioli.

Survivors include three daughters: Linda Consigli-Wege and her husband Brad of Manhattan, Joanne Mitchell and her husband Greg of Topeka, KS and Maria Black and her husband Aaron of Mt. Joy, PA. He is also survived by

three grandchildren: Brett Wege, Jacob and Justin Black.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with a rosary and wake service following at 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2900 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan with Father Don Zimmerman as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU or the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.



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JEANETTE I. MILHAM

Jeanette Irene Milham, 67, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Thursday December 9th.

Jeanette's various careers included teacher, apartment complex manager and motorcycle shop manager in El Paso, TX. In Kansas, she was able to turn her interest in healthful living into joyful employment at a local food co-operative. Jeanette had a disarming smile and a genuine manner that put those around her at ease and made them feel accepted. She will be greatly missed by the many people that came to her for good advice and warm hugs.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years Patrick Milham of Manhattan, KS, her daughter Patricia Jerene Milham of Oakland, CA, her nieces Liz Cox, Lana

Stanley, nephew John Cross and their mother Jean Brewer of Salina, KS. She was preceded in death by her father Alonzo Cross, her mother Thelma Cross and her brother Robert Cross all of Salina, KS.

Memorial messages/donations can be made to the American Lung Association care of Jan Milham's memorial fund at <http://action.lungusa.org/go/to/jan-milham>.

The memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 18th at Martinelli's restaurant in Salina, KS.

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

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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Six seats in legislature vacant, to be filled

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Six weeks after Kansans went to the polls, residents in six Kansas Senate and House districts still don't know who will represent them in the state legislature when it convenes Jan. 10.

Kansas' Republican landslide, where all statewide seats were filled by the GOP, is the reason for most of the vacancies, as Republicans from the legislature are filling other roles in state government.

The most recent vacancy in the House came from Gov.-elect Sam Brownback's appointment Friday of Republican Rep. Lee

Tafanelli to Adjutant General of the Kansas National Guard. Tafanelli served the House 47th district around Ozawkie.

Another vacancy in the House is the 121st district in western Kansas around Colby, which was most recently represented by Republican Rep. Jim Morrison, who died on Nov. 24, 2010 while undergoing treatment for a heart condition. Morrison had been elected to that seat since 1992.

Rep. Jeff King a Republican representing the 12th House District around Independence was recently tapped to fill Attorney General-elect Derrick Schmidt's spot in the 15th

Senate District. King has served in the House since 2007. His departure to the Senate means his seat in the House will need a replacement.

The state Commerce Department claimed a representative after Brownback nominated Republican Rep. Pat George to be Kansas Secretary of Commerce. George has represented the 119th House District around Dodge City since 2005.

On the senate side, Sen. Karin Brownlee, a Republican, was nominated by Brownback as Kansas' next Secretary of Labor, and her current position in the 23rd Senate District around Olathe will be filled by the

precinct committee on Dec. 20th.

Additionally, although Republican Sen. Tim Huelskamp was elected to represent the Kansas' 1st District in the U.S. House in November, he still has not officially resigned from the Kansas Senate. Until he resigns from the Kansas Senate, a meeting to replace him cannot be set.

Replacements are typically chosen by Democratic or Republican precinct committees in the local districts, depending on which party's candidate carried the most recent election for that seat.

Former House Majority Leader Ray Merrick, a Republican, was recently

appointed to fill Lieutenant Gov.-elect Jeff Colyer's seat in the Kansas Senate. Merrick's former seat representing the House 27th District was filled by Charlotte O'Hara, from Olathe.

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Brownback makes Highway Patrol, Adjutant General picks

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Gov.-elect Sam Brownback on Friday tapped state Rep. Lee Tafanelli to head up the Kansas National Guard, and Ernie Garcia, a former chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas to lead the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Tafanelli, an Ozawkie Republican, is currently the assistant adjutant general of the Kansas National Guard. He has served in the guard for more than 30 years, and deployed as a battalion commander in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In his new post, Tafanelli will also be Director of Homeland Security and Director of Emergency Management for Kansas. He has represented Kansas' 47th District in the Kansas House since 2001, serving on such committees as Appropriations and Transportation Public Safety Budget, which he chaired. His new appointment will require him to step down from his seat in the House.

Garcia is a retired Marine lieutenant colonel from Garden City who served 35

years on active duty and in the reserves. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and also served in Haiti.

In addition, he also served as former Sen. Dole's chief of staff and as a special assistant to President Ronald Reagan before becoming the Sergeant at Arms for the U.S. Senate from 1985-87, a position that oversees security for the U.S. Capitol. Since then he has worked in Kansas at posts with the City of Wichita and with the U.S. Selective Service System.

"They know what it means to sacrifice-- they've done it themselves; they've been out on the firing line. I look forward to their quality continued service in these leadership roles for the state of Kansas," Brownback said.

Both nominations are subject to approval by the Kansas Senate when the session begins Jan. 10.

Garcia said one of his priorities for the Highway Patrol is training new recruits to fill positions that will be left after current

troopers retire.

"In light of the fact that there are retirements coming down the road we need to make sure we've got in the pipeline recruits that to be trained to be Kansas Highway Patrol," Garcia said.

Tafanelli is currently a colonel in the Kansas National Guard, but has been nominated to become a brigadier general, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

He said his immediate priorities as adjutant general include making sure emergency management in the state runs smoothly through the winter.

"We are in the winter months here in Kansas and of course a large part of the Adjutant General Department Division of Emergency Management is making sure that we have everyone prepared for and trained to respond when needed by the governor or requested by local police," Tafanelli said.

Brownback said more appointments, will be forthcoming as he works through the many demands of transi-

tioning to the governor's office.

"I'm putting together a budget, putting together a team, putting together a legislative message and doing all that in a very tight period of time, so there are a lot of things taking place," Brownback said.

Tafanelli replaces Adjutant General Todd Bunting, who is retiring. Garcia will replace Terry Maple, who is also retiring.

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State organizations come away from audits without large problems

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Four state organizations that handle large sums of taxpayer money have passed their required yearly audit without significant problems, the Legislative Division of Post Audit reported Thursday.

In addition, Post Audit said state agencies have done a good job of filing reports on expenditures and jobs created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment—the federal stimulus act which allotted Kansas \$2 billion over three years. That's part of the total \$787 billion the federal government divvied out for domestic spending to help quell the economic recession.

According to the federal government's calculations based on agency reports, 5,911 jobs have been created in Kansas through

ARRA. However, the audit found that two of the four programs used to count jobs put out an incorrect number when tested.

To rectify that, the audit recommended that the agencies develop a new methodology for counting jobs before submitting reports to the federal government.

In addition, the Division of Post Audit found that the state treasurer's office is fulfilling all its areas of responsibility, such as meeting procedural requirements for handling unclaimed property and depositing receipts.

The state agency in charge of lottery tickets and state-owned casinos met security standards exceptionally well, according to the audit examining the safety measures within the Kansas Lottery.

The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System is practicing fair

accounting principles, has no weakness in its internal control over financial reporting, and has complies with legal requirements in its handling of retirement money for state employees, according to the Post Audit's annual financial audit for fiscal year 2010.

Finally, in its audit of the Pooled Money Investment Board—the group that invests money available from the State General Fund and the hundreds of other state funds-- the Post Audit concluded the Board is complying with state law in its handling and management of state money.

The Legislative Post Audit Committee did not make recommendations to the full legislative body Thursday.

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Mo. counties doubt state will make payments

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP)

Most county officials believe it's unlikely that the state will honor its 2006 promise to compensate Kansas counties for funds they lost when lawmakers enacted a tax break to lure businesses to the state, a representative for a county lobbying group said.

Under the law, commercial and industrial equipment and machinery, telecommunications and railroad machinery and equipment purchased, leased or brought into Kansas after June 30, 2006, are exempt from property taxes. Older equipment is still taxed.

To compensate for the law's impact on remaining property taxpayers, the Legislature promised to make "slider" payments, based on a formula applied

to each county. In 2008, the state made nearly \$26 million in slider payments.

But in response to a worsening budget, the 2009 Legislature adjusted the payment schedule and lowered the percentage. The counties didn't get their second-half slider payment in June 2009 or received no payments this year. The slider payments are scheduled to resume in the 2012 fiscal year.

However, Reno County Treasurer Clark Miller said most county officials don't expect to receive further payments, The Hutchinson News reported Monday.

Melissa Wangemann, the legislative services director and attorney for the Kansas Association of Counties, agreed with Miller, noting that the state faces a \$500 million budget shortfall this fiscal year.



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Thoughts From The Prairie

Commission of the People

The only way to have a government "Of the People" is for it to be "By the People!" When the people are not involved, as in past local elections, a political vacuum is created and Nature abhors a vacuum. The result is that people get elected by a small segment of society, often with undesirable consequences. But nothing is ever totally random and a tactical skirmish may be part of a strategic operation. The Invisible War that was the subject of the two previous Thoughts columns is often referred to as the war between Good and Evil. According to Edmond Burke, an Irish-born member of the House of Commons of Great Britain and supporter of Independence for Colonial America, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." For insight into the meaning of evil as used by Burke, an Irishman, note a comment in Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language. Webster related the word evil to an Irish word, feal, that means to fail. Webster further defined political evil as, "That which injures a nation in its public capacity." Perhaps Burke's statement could be paraphrased like this: All that is necessary for the Republic to fail is for citizens to be apathetic.

Extrapolating Burke's insight into the Invisible War and Webster's definition of political evil to the local level of government, the proposed ordinance relating to homosexual conduct as a protected activity fits the character of a political evil; it is contrary to our Constitution by denying freedom of speech and religion to anyone having an opposing point of view to that contained in the proposed ordinance. The enactment of this proposed ordinance injures government at the local level in its public capacity by eroding the



Dick Miller

foundation of government by favoring one group of citizens over another group. The deception in this case is that the proposed ordinance is proposed as a remedy for social injustice when in fact it is a step of an agenda to remove Judeo-Christian ethics from our culture. Thomas Paine, patriot and voice of the common man, argued that "The greatest tyrannies are always perpetrated in the name of the noblest causes."

While the responsibility for the proposed ordinance rests with Mayor Snead and Commissioners Sherow and Morris-Hardeman, the ultimate responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the 83 percent of citizens who failed to get involved in previous elections. Staying politically educated is hard work, but as Thomas Paine wrote in *The American Crisis*, No. 4, 1777, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Hopefully the citizens of Manhattan have learned a lesson and are ready to elect commissioners who understand our Constitutional Republic and who believe in the fiscal integrity of our free market system. Two such men have filed as candidates for the Manhattan City Commission. The first is Wynn Butler, an excellent

choice for our community that is greatly influenced by military and educational interest. Mr. Butler is retired military and Executive Director of Distance Learning for Barton County Community College at Ft. Riley. A detailed bio and position statement from Butler will be included in future Thoughts. You are encouraged to send financial support to: Butler for City Commissioner, PO BOX 545, Manhattan, KS 66505.

The other candidate is John Matta. John is the manager of a large retail distribution center in our area and a patriotic constitutionalist. Regarding his position on the proposed ordinance granting protected status for homosexuals, Candidate Matta wrote, "The question is, 'If we had more participation in city government affairs would such an ordinance even be contemplated?' The premise behind the ordinance is that the community at large and our businesses in particular are biased, small minded, and bigoted. Certainly, we would not go through such trouble and ongoing expense for mere isolated instances that the community on its' own could work out. I consider Manhattan to be a very open, diverse, and tolerant community. Evidently a majority of the city commissioners disagree. Maybe it is time for the community at large to decide if they can trust themselves to do the right thing without the threat of government sanctions." You may support John by sending contributions to: Matta For Manhattan City Commission, 1228 Westloop PI PMB #300, Manhattan, KS 66502-2840.

"The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt." -- John Philpot Curran, 1790.

ObamaCare Overreach

Federal District Court Judge Henry Hudson's ruling yesterday that Congress can't compel Americans to buy health insurance ought to be required reading for Congress members. They take an oath to uphold the US Constitution, but most members are ignorant of what the document says and routinely enact laws without giving the Constitution a moment's thought.

Hudson struck down the mandatory insurance provision of ObamaCare (Section 1501), the only portion of the law challenged by the state of Virginia. The ruling didn't address other parts of the legislation. But advocates of ObamaCare, including its authors, insist that without mandatory insurance, the scheme won't work because healthy people won't be compelled to put money into the health-insurance system to help pay the cost of caring for the sick.

Hudson's decision will likely be appealed with a final decision by the US Supreme Court before the 2012 presidential election. Hudson didn't grant an injunction to freeze parts of the law until then. Nevertheless, some states will likely delay creating insurance exchanges and avoid other costly preparations for a law that may never be implemented. ObamaCare is in legal limbo. Twenty other states, as well as rights groups and business groups, have gone to court across the nation to challenge it.

To thwart ObamaCare, the Virginia legislature passed a law that makes it illegal to require any resident to purchase health insurance. The Virginia measure passed with solid support from both Republican and Democratic state legislators. There is a fundamental principle at stake.

If the federal government can require you to buy insurance, it could force you to buy anything or do anything. Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli often



Betsy McCaughey

says that the case "is not about health care, it is about liberty."

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius tried to ridicule Virginia's strategy as mere politics and get the Virginia case thrown out of court. Cuccinelli told the court that, "in the view of Secretary Sebelius, federalism is so withered and near death that states lack the power and right to go to federal court" to stop excessive federal power. But federalism is not dead. Hudson's ruling emphasized the importance of upholding the US Constitution's limits on federal power and drew a clear boundary around the Commerce Clause.

The Obama administration claims that the Commerce Clause gives Congress the authority to mandate coverage. It cited *Wickard v. Filburn* (1942), in which the court ruled that the federal government could limit what a farmer can grow to feed his own animals. Similarly, in *Gonzalez v. Raich* (2005) the court found that the federal government could bar a sick person from cultivating a mere six stalks of marijuana, even where state law allows it. Growing something for personal use doesn't seem like interstate commerce, said the justices, but individual decisions in the aggregate could have an impact on national commerce.

Sebelius stretched the meaning of commerce even farther, to include an individual's decision not to do

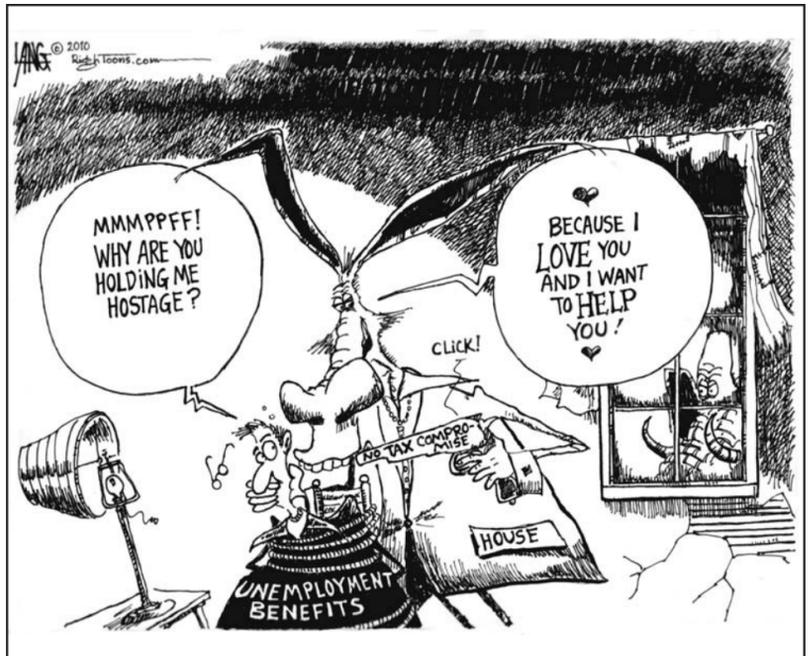
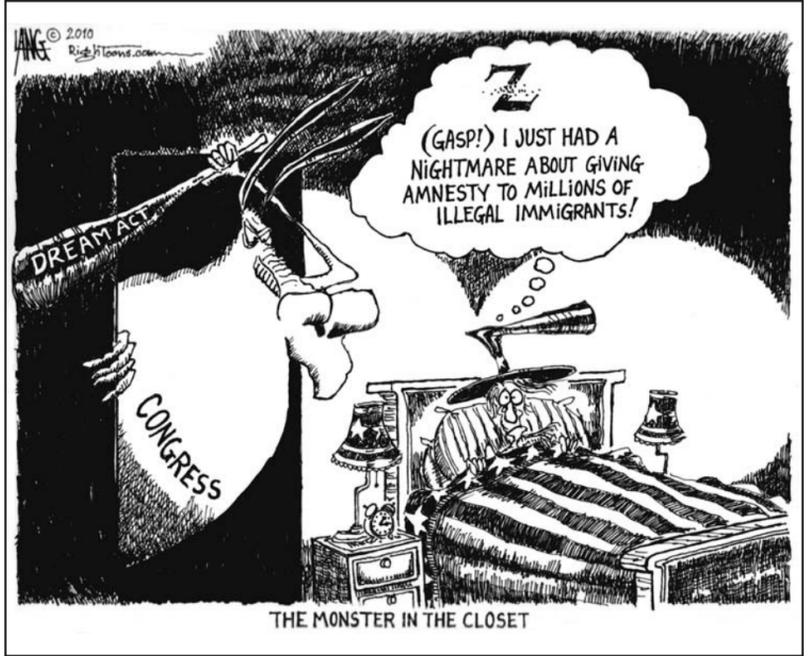
something. Allowing people to forego insurance will raise the price of coverage for others, she said. Hudson resoundingly rejected Sebelius' artifice, warning that it could be used to give the federal government authority over people's decisions about their own nutrition, transportation and housing and "invite unbridled exercise of federal police power."

After the ruling, Cuccinelli reminded the nation that despite the "laudable goal" of improving health coverage, "there are better solutions than giving up our freedom." He chastised Congress for failing to take a "hard look" at the constitutional issues before legislating.

In 1994, the Congressional Budget Office had warned Congress that compelling Americans to buy health insurance would be an "unprecedented form of federal action." In 2009, the Congressional Research Office issued a similar warning. Yet Congress rammed the legislation through.

"Cobbled together in secret," said Cuccinelli, the law was "passed by the Senate, largely or totally unread, on a party line vote, literally in the dead of night on Christmas Eve, against the will of the people as measured by most polls; a product of such florid deal-making as to generate scornful popular terms such as 'the Louisiana Purchase' and 'the Cornhusker Kickback'." Congress members should read Hudson's ruling and weigh Cuccinelli's words: "Even the president and Congress must act within the boundaries set by the Constitution." That principle, said Cuccinelli as he left the court, "is worth fighting for."

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Kansas board considers shift in state school policies

By Gene Meyer
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TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas State Board of Education members heard 56 broad proposals Tuesday for bringing state elementary, middle and high schools more in line with expected coming changes in U.S. education policy.

The board declined to act on the proposals, made by a 48-member Kansas Education Commission created six months ago by the board to study federal proposals outlined in March, because a special gubernatorial Commission on Graduation and Dropout Prevention and

Recovery is expected to come up with additional ideas at its final meeting expected in early January.

Tuesday's decision to wait for the commissioner's report and perhaps to learn more of still-evolving federal plans as the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act comes up for reauthorization in Washington seemed to frustrate board member Walt Chappell of Wichita.

Chappell, who has frequently urged the board to hold Kansas schools more accountable for their academic and operational results, said he was particularly

concerned because long lead times that schools require for major policy shifts make it likely that even decisions reached now wouldn't be completed for another three or four years or longer.

"Kansas' constitution requires that we take care of our kids," Chappell said. "Why are we following bureaucrats in Washington?"

Sue Storm, a board member from Overland Park, also questioned waiting too long to act. Some of the proposals presented Tuesday, for instance, involve closer synchronization of secondary school curricula

with with Kansas Board of Regents admission standards, which also are under review there.

"If the board (of education) acts now, it's still going to be three years before it goes into effect," she said.

Board chair Janet Waugh of Kansas City said the board needed additional information that the governor's commission or federal policy makers might provide.

"This is what we will talk about in February or March," Waugh said.

The education commission proposals heard Tuesday

included some changes for which the board already has voted, such as linking the framework of Kansas school policies to the federal so-called Common Core Standards that provide a similar framework on the federal level. Kansas adopted those in October, after failing in April to win federal funding in a nationwide competition for special Race to the Top education programs.

Other proposals, ranging from synchronizing secondary education more closely with Regents schools offerings to improving career training for students who don't plan going to

college and improving school accountability and transparency, also either have been offered before in Kansas or follow the outline of the U.S. Education Department's Blueprint for Change, a federal policy outline published in March.

The governor's commission, which includes 17 executive, legislative, judicial, higher and secondary education and public members, has been weighing a variety of carrot and stick proposals both to keep students involved in schools and to discourage them from dropping out, according to recent meeting minutes.

KU saw large spike in administrative costs over last five years

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - A new study of Big 12 schools has found administrative costs at the University of Kansas have more than doubled over the last five years.

The study, was conducted by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a Washington D.C. based think-tank that works with donors, trustees and university alumni to uphold high academic standards. The study showed that administrative costs at KU have gone up 120 percent or almost \$29 million from

2002 to 2008. At the same time, instructional costs increased by 79 percent, or almost \$163 million.

Meanwhile, the study said KU's bitter athletic rival across the state line, the University of Missouri, cut administrative costs by almost 40 percent, or \$14 million, while the increase in instructional costs was 48 percent or \$108 million.

The University of Kansas said it found faults with the study's data when compared to records the university keeps. Specifically, a KU spokesperson said when comparing university

data with the Big 12 study, it appears the study left out statistics from the University of Kansas Medical Center from the baseline costs in 2002, and added them back in 2008 to give the impression of a larger increase.

"The data at least in one spot is not accurate or is not apples to apples and I have no way of knowing if the other data was gathered in an apple to apples format," said KU spokesperson Jill Jess.

The university chose to not give further comment because they felt the term

"administrative costs" could not be understood because there are varying types and definitions of what goes into that category.

"I have no idea what they're calling administrative costs," Jess aid. "It's not a situation where I can say 'here's what they used and here's our numbers.'"

The University of Missouri could not comment on the accuracy of the study's data compared with their own statistics, but a university spokesperson did say they've been cutting costs.

"There have been several things we have done, including hiring freezes and freezes on certain types of expenses and further review on other expenses like travel and office expenses," said Missouri spokesperson Christian Basi. "We've asked each department to look at their operating budget to see if there are things they can cut back on such as printing materials. We left it up to each department because they know what best for their department."

The study said the reason many universities gave for

higher administrative costs was increasing technology expenses.

The average increase in administrative costs over five years in the Big 12 was 59 percent, with KU, Texas Tech and Oklahoma doubling expenses in that area. At the same time, Missouri, Iowa and Texas A&M cut administrative expenses.

The Kansas Board of Regents Kansas are asking the state for \$50 million more in their budget this year to partially restore what they say are previous spending cuts.

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Oversight panel pans sloppy reporting by Kansas health officials

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas Health Policy Authority on Wednesday awarded a contract to a Las Vegas medical auditing firm that the Kansas agency estimates will recover at least \$5.3 million in state Medicaid overpayments.

But at the same time, legislators on a joint Health Policy Oversight Committee, criticized top executives of the state's principal health programs agency, for offering what the lawmakers considered poorly prepared, slapdash answers to their questions about some \$12 million potentially saved if state Medicaid and other programs switched more brand name drug prescriptions to generics.

Agency executives pre-

pared a brief report, based on a fiscal 2011 legislative budget proposal, that indicated Kansas might save as much as \$12 million on Medicaid prescription costs if officials here increased the rate of generic drug prescriptions to levels similar to Oklahoma's program.

But under close questioning by state Sen. Vicki Schmidt, a Topeka Republican and the committee's vice chair, and by state Rep. Bob Bethel, an Alden Republican, agency director Andy Allison and other top executives said they couldn't immediately identify sources of the \$12 million savings estimate or how those potential savings were calculated.

The information presented to the committee was too vague and potentially con-

fusing to be useful, the legislators said.

"I'm a pharmacist and I don't know what you are saying," Schmidt said at one point.

And Bethel expressed concern that some of the information on which the estimate was based appeared to be from 2008 or earlier.

"We don't know if Kansas' (generic dispensing) rates now are higher than Oklahoma's or how they compare to five years ago," Bethel said.

"When we get misinformation like this at a committee meeting, it is totally inappropriate," he said.

Allison later told the panel that the estimates appeared to originally come from a study by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, an

Alexandria, Va., lobbying group. He also promised to try to avoid such misunderstandings in the future.

The contract awarded for recovering Medicaid payments went to HealthDataInsights (HDI), a Las Vegas firm that does similar medical auditing and collections work for both the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and many private medical services providers.

The contract calls for HDI to recover at least \$16.08 million in Kansas Medicaid overpayments between now and June 30, 2013, of which Kansas will keep \$5.3 million after reimbursing the federal government for its share of those costs. HDI will be paid 17 percent of the funds it collects, Allison told legislators.



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State budget woes increase next year, survey shows

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - State budget gaps such as those Kansas appears headed for are spreading across the nation, according to a new survey released by the National Council of State Legislatures.

And, as in Kansas, the biggest contributors to the spreading deficits are sharp reductions in federal stimulus fund payments coupled with projected increases in spending for K-12 education and Medicaid programs, the council reported this week at a meeting in Phoenix.

Fifteen states are reporting new budget gaps totaling \$26.7 billion in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30 in most states, the report said. The projected deficits 12 months later are expected to swell to \$82.1 billion in 35 states and Puerto Rico. Kansas' share of that total,

most recently calculated last month by the state's official Consensus Revenue Estimating Group, is projected to be \$59.9 million, before swelling to \$492 billion in fiscal 2012.

That larger projected 2012 deficit presumes Kansas will use state tax money to replace almost \$491 billion in federal stimulus funds that dry up July 1, Alan Conroy, the Kansas Legislative Research Department director, said when the state estimates were announced.

But incoming Gov. Sam Brownback and two key legislative leaders, Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal of Hutchinson and House Majority Leader Arlen Siegfried of Olathe all said they would rather cut spending to achieve state constitutionally required balanced budgets when the fiscal year ends.

State tax revenues in most capitols have been rising gradually from year-earlier levels since July, but the increases have been erratic, the national group's survey showed. Revenues individual capitols vary widely, however.

Sixteen states, notably including Connecticut and Iowa, collected more personal income taxes than they most recently projected for so far this year; 11, including Hawaii, New York and Oregon, collected less. Kansas is among 12 states where those taxes hit most recently projected targets. Kansas' most recently projected personal income tax estimates for this year, \$2.86 billion calculated in November, were set a relatively whisker-thin \$8 million lower than previously estimated in April, when legislators were writing the current budget.

Kansas retail sales tax revenues, recalculated in November to reach \$2.0 billion for the year ending June 30, so far are running 0.1 percent below levels need to reach that estimate, the state's Department of Revenue reported. Actual retail sales in Kansas appear to have run even lower than the reported rate because a 1 cent state-wide sales tax increase in July hiked tax rates on each transaction by about 19 percent. Legislative researchers are expected to release a more detailed report in a few days.

Altogether, 17 states are reporting lower than projected sales tax revenues, compared to 31 that are meeting or exceeding their most recent projections, the national legislators' survey showed

Kan. nurse pleads guilty to diluting patient drugs

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)

A Kansas nurse pleaded guilty on Monday to diluting morphine-based solutions prescribed to patients at a private nursing home

in Halstead.

Deborah Riggs pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Topeka to one count each of consumer product tampering and

adulteration of a drug. The 55-year-old Goddard nurse faces up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on the most serious tampering charge and up to three years in prison and a fine of not more than \$10,000 on the adulteration count.

Under the plea deal, prosecutors agreed to drop the remaining charges in the 10-count indictment against Riggs filed in September. The parties agreed to request a sentence within federal guidelines, with prosecutors further agreeing to recommend a reduction for acceptance of responsibility.

Her public defender, Marilyn Trubey, was not available for comment when her office was contacted by phone.

The Halstead Health and Rehabilitation Center has said no patients actually received the diluted medicine, which was taken from a seldom-used overflow area. Facility officials say they noticed broken seals on the bottles and sent the drugs for testing, then alerted federal authorities.

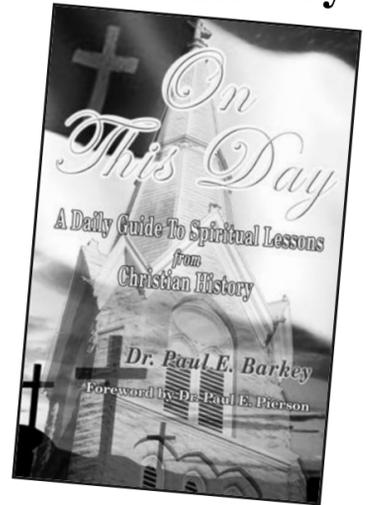
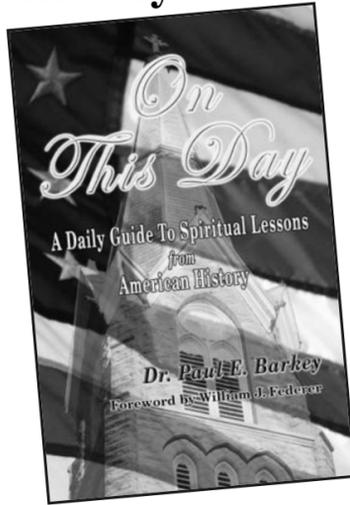
As narcotics charge nurse, Riggs had keys to the room and cabinet where patients' narcotic medications were stored. She acknowledged in her plea agreement with prosecutors that in December 2009 she diluted between 32 and 62 percent of some morphine sulfate solutions and replaced it with an unspecified substance.

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Wildcats Sail Past Aggies

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Taelor Karr scored 17 points and grabbed a career-high-tying 12 rebounds for the first Wildcat double-double this season, as the Cats beat the UC Davis Aggies 61-41 Sunday afternoon in Bramlage Coliseum. The game moves Kansas State to 8-1 on the season and a perfect 8-0 at home.

Karr's 17 points came on 6-of-9 shooting, including 3-of-5 from behind the arc. This was Karr's second career double-double after registering 16 points and 12 rebounds against Texas Tech on March 11, 2010.

Joining Karr in double figures were Branshea Brown and Brittany Chambers with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Brown has scored in double figures in six career games, which includes five game this season.

K-State (8-1) went on a 13-0 run in the first 6 minutes of play and never looked back. The Cats shot a season high 53.8 percent from the field in the first half and went into the locker room with a 35-22 lead. After the break the Wildcats continued to dominate and were leading by 23 after a layup by Mariah White with 5:01 to go in the game.

The Aggies (6-2) were not able to connect with the basket, shooting just 26.8 percent from the floor. UC Davis had only one player score in double digits, with Vicky Deely scoring 12 points on 4-of-10 shooting off the bench.

K-State had a presence in the paint outscoring UC Davis 28-18 inside and outrebounded the Aggies 45 to 32.

The Wildcats will go on a four-game road trip, beginning on Dec. 20 at UTSA. K-State will also face Middle Tennessee State in San Antonio, Texas on Dec. 21 before breaking for the holidays. The games can be found on the K-State Sports Network or you can listen live for free at www.kstatesports.com.

Head Coach Deb Patterson

Opening Statement...

"We are excited about that win. It was a good win against a very high quality opponent. I thought our defense continued to be very good tonight and highly accountable. I loved the attention that our

players brought individually to the scout. They just continued to show that they are committed to doing the jobs on the defensive end of the floor and I just really credit our focus. We are heading into finals and it would have been very easy for our kids to be distracted and they really did a nice job defensively tonight."

On the team's quick start to the game...

"I thought offensively we came into the game wanting to be aggressive with our mentality. I thought that we were far more aggressive and smarter in the first half than the second half. I am not sure we sustained that quality of intensity, purpose, and execution in the second half, but we definitely brought it in the first half. That was very important to our success today."

On the current assessment of the team...

"For a team that is starting three sophomores in the backcourt, I think we are doing very well. We are much improved mentally. I think we are tougher and more competitive than a year ago. Individually we have more maturity and our players are more focused in on what their team needs and what our system needs each possession up the floor."

Junior forward Branshea Brown On the quick start in the second half...

"As Taelor (Karr) was saying, we just had our team chemistry going and we were flowing together."

On what the team can do to improve...

"I think that rebounding is one of them. We also need to be more physical and finish shots."

Sophomore Guard Taelor Karr On her improvement and growth as a sophomore...

"Last year I knew Brittany (Chambers) and I were really overwhelmed with coming in and playing a lot of minutes. I feel as though both of us have really matured and figured out what we need to do. The game is starting to slow down for us. We have all been working hard this year and I feel like that is showing. We have a lot of team chemistry and it is going to keep getting better the rest of the



Kansas State's Stephanie Wittman (14) and Branshea Brown (34) jump and move to recover the ball. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

season."

On what the team can do to improve offensive scoring...

"We definitely need to work on the boards. We need to get a lot more offensive rebounds. We are not going to make every shot. We know that so we need to start getting ourselves some second and third chance opportunities. The defensive rebounds can always lead to transition and pushing the ball which is what we like to do. We also need to stay cool and strong on the defensive end and if we focus on that results in offense for us."

Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers

On the fast start to today's game...

"I thought that we paid a lot of attention to the details. We knew that they were going to trap zone and we worked the ball quickly which allowed our guards to get

open shots right away."

On the upcoming road games...

"We have been on the road before and the youngsters know how it feels to play in another gym. It is going to be about focusing on what we have to do and sticking together throughout the whole thing. You never know what to expect in another gym. It could be a dead gym or a super emotional gym. I think it is going to take a lot of leadership as it does in any road game."

UC Davis Coach Quotes

Head Coach Sandy Simpson

On tonight's performance...

"I was a little disappointed. I thought we came out a little bit flat, and Kansas State to their credit jumped on that and took the big early lead. We missed some shots that we normally make early and shot very poorly over the first eight or nine minutes of the game. By then I thought we settled down

fairly well throughout the rest of the half. I really felt that when Kelsey Hill hit that long three that put us down thirteen at half that it was a matter of who would respond at the start of the second half, and Kansas State came out and built the lead back up. Instead of us chopping at seven or eight we were looking at nineteen or twenty that was pretty much the ball game at that point. I am more concerned that we just played flat and did not play with a lot of energy. We have got to respond better than that on Tuesday to have a chance again Wichita, and I also have to commend Kansas State's defense because they did a great job against our triple penetration. I thought they boarded extremely well and took away our post play. We did not get much out of our posts and that is credit to Childs (Jalana) and Brown (Branshea). They did a terrific job."



Kansas State's JuliAnne Chisholm (21) gets ready to take a shot against UC Davis. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

No. 5 K-State Tops Loyola Chicago, 68-60

CHICAGO (AP)– Never mind all those familiar faces in the crowd, Jacob Pullen kept insisting this was just like every other road game.

Well, he did acknowledge one thing: This one meant a little more.

Pullen scored 19 points in a triumphant homecoming, and No. 5 Kansas State hung on to beat Loyola of Chicago 68-60 on Saturday.

The win was the fifth straight for the Wildcats (9-1), whose only loss was to No. 1 Duke.

In this one, they were out of synch in the first half and nearly blew a 14-point lead in the second - barely escaping against a team that hasn't beaten a top-five opponent in 26 years.

It wasn't an easy day for Pullen, a senior from nearby Maywood, Ill. His mom works as a database manager at Loyola, and with a large group of family and friends watching, he shot just 5 of 17 but pulled down nine rebounds in his

only college appearance in Chicago.

"This whole week, he was overburdened with just friends and family - whether it be tickets or they want to see him, do this or do that," coach Frank Martin said. "I had to kind of leave him alone because he had enough in his face this week. I'm happy that we scheduled this game, and I credit Loyola's administration and coach because it gave us an opportunity to bring somebody that's meant so much for our program back home."

Pullen was adamant he was not overwhelmed by it all, saying basketball is "the only thing" that doesn't make him nervous.

"Tests, all that other stuff, make me nervous, but I'll be all right with basketball," he said.

Even so, this was a special day for him. He had "over 100" family and friends in the stands, people "that had seen you growing up."

"It was a great experience," he said. "The opportunity to be in the

middle of the game and see some people that might have just done little things for you going through your lifetime, whether it was a sophomore coach in high school or a friend that played little league with you ... it meant a lot to me. It was a great thing that Frank was able to do, setting up a home-and-home with Loyola."

Martavious Irving scored 12 points and Curtis Kelly added 10 for the Wildcats, who won despite going 21 of 35 at the foul line and being outrebounded 45-38.

"We walked into exactly what I thought," Martin said. "Watching them on tape, I thought they were a real good basketball team. I tried to prepare our guys, made them understand that we know how good (Horizon League members) Butler and Cleveland State are from competing against them. We couldn't assume the Loyola team that we played against us early last year was the same one we were playing this time."



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Defense Spurs Comeback, 73-60 Men's Hoops Win

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -- With a roster full of new players, the pieces are only starting to come together for Oklahoma.

Freshman Cameron Clark scored 17 points to set a career-best for the second straight game and fellow newcomer Carl Blair set season-highs with 12 points and nine assists as Oklahoma overcame a hot start by Oral Roberts to rally for a 73-60 victory on Saturday.

But after following a five-game losing streak with back-to-back victories, coach Jeff Capel said his Sooners (5-5) are "constantly evolving" and haven't established an identity yet.

"For us, it probably will be all year," Capel said. "I'm not saying that's a bad thing. It's just probably what it's going to be."

Capel did find a defensive approach that works, deploying 1-3-1 and matchup zones to hold Oral Roberts scoreless for nine minutes in the first half and engineer an 18-0 run that put the Sooners ahead to stay.

"Being a young team with a lot of new players, we've got to find our niche," said Blair, who transferred from New Orleans.

Oral Roberts dominated early, rushing out to a 16-3 lead behind a pair of 3-pointers by Warren Niles and a three-point play by Steven Roundtree. Niles had half of the Golden Eagles' points as they built a 24-12 lead midway through the first half, but then everything fell apart.

The Sooners held Oral Roberts without a point for more than nine minutes and without a basket for the final 10 1/2 minutes of the first half while roaring back to take a 34-26 halftime lead.

Oral Roberts (4-5) then cut a 10-point deficit to 40-38 in the second half, but the Sooners put together an 11-1 run to regain control.

"I thought their toughness was the difference in the game - or our lack of toughness," Golden Eagles coach Scott Sutton said. "Maybe that's a better way to put it, because when things started going south on us there ... our guys didn't step up. They didn't handle adversity very well and missed a lot of easy shots."

"Guys can complain and say they got hit on the arm. You've still got to finish shots."

Niles led Oral Roberts with 22 points, and Dominique Morrison and Roundtree scored 11 apiece. The Golden Eagles shot 36 percent, breaking a string of five straight games when they made at least half of their shots.

Oral Roberts has lost 11 straight in the in-state rivalry and hasn't beaten the Sooners since 1977.

"I think we took a step back tonight. Our guys made a lot of strides the last three weeks, and that's why I'm so disappointed," Sutton said. "I really thought if we played the way we had in the last five games, we would have had a good chance to come here and win."

Steven Pledger scored 19 points, Andrew Fitzgerald added 14 and Cade Davis had 10 for the Sooners, who will play at Oral Roberts next season before concluding the three-game series the following season back home in Norman.

Fitzgerald had a three-point play and a putback during Oklahoma's big second-half run, and Pledger's fast-break layup restored the lead to 51-39 with 10:58 to play.

Oral Roberts got as close as 57-52 after Niles' 3-pointer from the right wing with 7:28 remaining, but Blair and Clark - two of nine newcomers on Oklahoma's roster - teamed up to score the next six points for the Sooners. Blair hit a jumper from the free-throw line and Clark followed with a jumper and a two-handed putback dunk on C.J. Washington's miss inside.

They also teamed up on a high-light-reel alley-oop for the second straight game, with Blair again delivering a pass from the halfcourt stripe as Clark soared to dunk along the right baseline.

"Cam's talented. If he keeps working, talent's going to take over. His ceiling is sky high," Blair said. "The alley-oop thing, there's more to come. That's going to be something that everybody's going to love to see. We're going to get one every game."

Sutton said Michael Craion, the Golden Eagles' top rebounder and second-leading scorer last season, aggravated a foot injury and will miss at least a couple weeks and possibly the rest of the season. Craion had a screw surgically inserted into his right foot in August, aggravated it in the preseason and didn't play in the team's first six games.

He returned to play a total of 17 minutes in the Golden Eagles' past two games, but sat out against the Sooners.

"The thing I don't want to do is waste his senior year on bringing him back and play two games and he aggravates it," Sutton said.

Kansas State Wildcats 2010-2011 Basketball SCHEDULE

Mens

| Date | Opponent / Event | Location | Time / Result |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 11/02/10 | vs. Newman TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 83 - 56 |
| 11/07/10 | vs. Washburn TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 90 - 44 |
| 11/12/10 | vs. James Madison TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 75 - 61 1-0 |
| 11/16/10 | vs. Virginia Tech TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 73 - 57 2-0 |
| 11/18/10 | vs. Presbyterian TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 76 - 67 3-0 |
| 11/22/10 | vs. Gonzaga TV | Kansas City, Mo. | 81 - 64 4-0 |
| 11/23/10 | vs. Duke TV | Kansas City, Mo. | 68 - 82 4-1 |
| 11/26/10 | vs. Texas Southern TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 84 - 60 5-1 |
| 11/29/10 | vs. Emporia State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 85 - 61 6-1 |
| 12/03/10 | at Washington State TV | Pullman, Wash. | 63 - 58 7-1 |
| 12/06/10 | vs. Alcorn State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 89 - 55 8-1 |
| 12/11/10 | at Loyola TV | Chicago, Ill. | 68 - 60 9-1 |
| 12/18/10 | vs. Florida TV | Sunrise, Fla. | 2:30 PM CT |
| 12/21/10 | vs. UNLV TV | Kansas City, Mo. | 8:00 PM CT |
| 12/23/10 | vs. UMKC TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 PM CT |
| 12/31/10 | vs. North Florida TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 1:00 PM CT |
| 01/03/11 | vs. Savannah State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 PM CT |
| 01/08/11 | at Oklahoma State TV | Stillwater, Okla. | 12:00 PM CT |
| 01/12/11 | vs. Colorado TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 8:00 PM CT |
| 01/15/11 | vs. Texas Tech TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 12:30 PM CT |
| 01/17/11 | at Missouri TV | Columbia, Mo. | 4:30 PM CT |
| 01/22/11 | at Texas A&M TV | College Station, Texas | 1:00 PM CT |
| 01/24/11 | vs. Baylor TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 8:00 PM CT |
| 01/29/11 | at Kansas TV | Lawrence, Kan. | 6:00 PM CT |
| 02/02/11 | vs. Nebraska TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 PM CT |
| 02/05/11 | at Iowa State TV | Ames, Iowa | 12:30 PM CT |
| 02/12/11 | at Colorado TV | Boulder, Colo. | 8:00 PM CT |
| 02/14/11 | vs. Kansas TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 8:00 PM CT |
| 02/19/11 | vs. Oklahoma TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 3:00 PM CT |
| 02/23/11 | at Nebraska TV | Lincoln, Neb. | 8:00 PM CT |
| 02/26/11 | vs. Missouri TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 11:00 AM CT |
| 02/28/11 | at Texas TV | Austin, Texas | 8:00 PM CT |
| 03/05/11 | vs. Iowa State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 12:30 PM CT |
| 03/09/11 | TBD | Kansas City, Mo. | TBA |

Womens

| Date | Opponent / Event | Location | Time / Result |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 11/04/10 | vs. Fort Hays State | Bramlage Coliseum | 91 - 25 |
| 11/08/10 | vs. Washburn | Bramlage Coliseum | 91 - 47 |
| 11/12/10 | vs. Grambling St. | Bramlage Coliseum | 67 - 44 1-0 |
| 11/13/10 | vs. St. John's | Bramlage Coliseum | 64 - 53 2-0 |
| 11/17/10 | vs. Indiana State | Bramlage Coliseum | 64 - 48 3-0 |
| 11/21/10 | vs. Western Illinois | Bramlage Coliseum | 63 - 53 4-0 |
| 11/27/10 | at College of Charleston | Charleston, SC | 56 - 46 5-0 |
| 11/30/10 | vs. South Dakota St. | Bramlage Coliseum | 56 - 51 6-0 |
| 12/05/10 | at Iowa | Iowa City, Iowa | 62 - 68 6-1 |
| 12/08/10 | vs. North Dakota TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 76 - 49 7-1 |
| 12/12/10 | vs. UC Davis | Bramlage Coliseum | 61 - 41 8-1 |
| 12/20/10 | at UTSA | San Antonio, Texas | 6:00 p.m. CT |
| 12/21/10 | vs. Middle Tennessee State | San Antonio, Texas | 5:00 p.m. CT |
| 12/29/10 | at Dartmouth | Hanover, N.H. | 6:00 p.m. CT |
| 12/30/10 | at Vermont | Hanover, N.H. | 4:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/09/11 | vs. Oklahoma State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 2:30 p.m. CT |
| 01/12/11 | at Oklahoma TV | Norman, Okla. | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/15/11 | at Texas Tech TV | Lubbock, Texas | 2:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/19/11 | vs. Missouri TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/22/11 | vs. Nebraska TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 1:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/26/11 | at Colorado TV | Boulder, Colo. | 8:00 p.m. CT |
| 01/29/11 | vs. Kansas TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 2:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/05/11 | at Missouri | Columbia, Mo. | 2:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/09/11 | vs. Texas TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/13/11 | at Iowa State TV | Ames, Iowa | 4:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/16/11 | vs. Colorado TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/19/11 | at Nebraska | Lincoln, Neb. | 7:05 p.m. CT |
| 02/23/11 | at Baylor | Waco, Texas | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 02/26/11 | vs. Iowa State TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 03/02/11 | vs. Texas A&M TV | Bramlage Coliseum | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| 03/05/11 | at Kansas TV | Lawrence, Kan. | 6:30 p.m. CT |
| 03/08/11 | Big 12 Championships TV | Kansas City, Mo. | TBA |

2010-11 Big 12 Conference Basketball Statistics

Men's Conference

(Through December 12) (All games)

Scoring Offense

| # Team | G | W-L | Pts Avg/G |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----------|
| 1.Kansas..... | 9 | 9-0 | 786 87.3 |
| 2.Missouri..... | 9 | 8-1 | 748 83.1 |
| 3.Colorado..... | 8 | 5-3 | 656 82.0 |
| 4.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 5-5 | 792 79.2 |
| 5.Texas..... | 9 | 7-2 | 707 78.6 |
| 6.Iowa State..... | 11 | 9-2 | 858 78.0 |
| 7.Kansas State..... | 10 | 9-1 | 762 76.2 |
| 8.Baylor..... | 6 | 6-0 | 454 75.7 |
| 9.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 9-1 | 735 73.5 |
| 10.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 9-1 | 723 72.3 |
| 11.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 5-5 | 692 69.2 |
| 12.Nebraska..... | 10 | 8-2 | 680 68.0 |

Scoring Defense

| # Team | G | Pts Avg/G |
|-----------------------|----|-----------|
| 1.Baylor..... | 6 | 324 54.0 |
| 2.Nebraska..... | 10 | 566 56.6 |
| 3.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 567 56.7 |
| 4.Kansas..... | 9 | 539 59.9 |
| 5.Iowa State..... | 11 | 672 61.1 |
| 6.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 616 61.6 |
| 7.Kansas State..... | 10 | 625 62.5 |
| 8.Texas..... | 9 | 564 62.7 |
| 9.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 675 67.5 |
| 10.Missouri..... | 9 | 643 71.4 |
| 11.Colorado..... | 8 | 583 72.9 |
| 12.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 790 79.0 |

Scoring Margin

| # Team | G | OFF | DEF | Margin |
|-----------------------|----|------|------|--------|
| 1.Kansas..... | 9 | 87.3 | 59.9 | +27.4 |
| 2.Baylor..... | 6 | 75.7 | 54.0 | +21.7 |
| 3.Iowa State..... | 11 | 78.0 | 61.1 | +16.9 |
| 4.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 73.5 | 56.7 | +16.8 |
| 5.Texas..... | 9 | 78.6 | 62.7 | +15.9 |
| 6.Kansas State..... | 10 | 76.2 | 62.5 | +13.7 |
| 7.Missouri..... | 9 | 83.1 | 71.4 | +11.7 |
| 8.Nebraska..... | 10 | 68.0 | 56.6 | +11.4 |
| 9.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 72.3 | 61.6 | +10.7 |
| 10.Colorado..... | 8 | 82.0 | 72.9 | +9.1 |
| 11.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 69.2 | 67.5 | +1.7 |
| 12.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 79.2 | 79.0 | +0.2 |

Free Throw Percentage

| # Team | G | FTM | FTA | Pct |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1.Colorado..... | 8 | 168 | 217 | .774 |
| 2.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 176 | 236 | .746 |
| 3.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 125 | 172 | .727 |
| 4.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 166 | 233 | .712 |
| 5.Missouri..... | 9 | 135 | 191 | .707 |
| 6.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 166 | 237 | .707 |
| 7.Nebraska..... | 10 | 131 | 188 | .697 |
| 8.Iowa State..... | 11 | 137 | 200 | .685 |
| 9.Baylor..... | 6 | 89 | 134 | .664 |
| 10.Texas..... | 9 | 164 | 250 | .656 |
| 11.Kansas..... | 9 | 140 | 222 | .631 |
| 12.Kansas State..... | 10 | 139 | 256 | .543 |

Field Goal Percentage

| # Team | G | FG | FGA | Pct |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1.Kansas..... | 9 | 292 | 523 | .558 |
| 2.Baylor..... | 6 | 165 | 334 | .494 |
| 3.Nebraska..... | 10 | 247 | 513 | .481 |
| 4.Colorado..... | 8 | 222 | 466 | .476 |
| 5.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 248 | 529 | .469 |
| 6.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 259 | 553 | .468 |
| 7.Missouri..... | 9 | 272 | 589 | .462 |
| 8.Iowa State..... | 11 | 312 | 676 | .462 |
| 9.Texas..... | 9 | 246 | 537 | .458 |
| 10.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 283 | 618 | .458 |
| 11.Kansas State..... | 10 | 276 | 611 | .452 |
| 12.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 252 | 560 | .450 |

FG Percentage Defense

| # Team | G | FG | FGA | Pct |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1.Baylor..... | 6 | 121 | 335 | .361 |
| 2.Texas..... | 9 | 201 | 553 | .363 |
| 3.Kansas..... | 9 | 201 | 551 | .365 |
| 4.Iowa State..... | 11 | 235 | 640 | .367 |
| 5.Nebraska..... | 10 | 197 | 536 | .368 |
| 6.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 195 | 525 | .371 |
| 7.Kansas State..... | 10 | 215 | 558 | .385 |
| 8.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 207 | 536 | .386 |
| 9.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 233 | 529 | .440 |
| 10.Colorado..... | 8 | 199 | 443 | .449 |
| 11.Missouri..... | 9 | 225 | 492 | .457 |
| 12.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 289 | 618 | .468 |

3-Point FG Percentage

| # Team | G | FG | FGA | Pct |
|------------------------|----|----|-----|------|
| 1.Kansas..... | 9 | 62 | 153 | .405 |
| 2.Iowa State..... | 11 | 97 | 249 | .390 |
| 3.Missouri..... | 9 | 69 | 183 | .377 |
| 4.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 71 | 190 | .374 |
| 5.Baylor..... | 6 | 35 | 94 | .372 |
| 6.Colorado..... | 8 | 44 | 120 | .367 |
| 7.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 65 | 181 | .359 |
| 8.Kansas State..... | 10 | 71 | 200 | .355 |
| 9.Texas..... | 9 | 51 | 145 | .352 |
| 10.Nebraska..... | 10 | 55 | 166 | .331 |
| 11.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 50 | 160 | .313 |
| 12.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 39 | 134 | .291 |

3-Pt FG Pct Defense

| # Team | G | FG | FGA | Pct |
|-----------------------|----|----|-----|------|
| 1.Kansas..... | 9 | 44 | 173 | .254 |
| 2.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 50 | 177 | .282 |
| 3.Kansas..... | 9 | 41 | 137 | .299 |
| 4.Baylor..... | 6 | 37 | 123 | .301 |
| 5.Iowa State..... | 11 | 70 | 230 | .304 |
| 6.Nebraska..... | 10 | 74 | 234 | .316 |
| 7.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 58 | 183 | .317 |
| 8.Kansas State..... | 10 | 46 | 144 | .319 |
| 9.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 56 | 153 | .366 |
| 10.Missouri..... | 9 | 65 | 171 | .380 |
| 11.Colorado..... | 8 | 56 | 140 | .400 |
| 12.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 74 | 181 | .409 |

Rebounding

| # Team | G | Reb | Avg/G |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-------|
| 1.Kansas State..... | 10 | 424 | 42.4 |
| 2.Texas..... | 9 | 380 | 42.2 |
| 3.Baylor..... | 6 | 253 | 42.2 |
| 4.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 411 | 41.1 |
| 5.Kansas..... | 9 | 362 | 40.2 |
| 6.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 392 | 39.2 |
| 7.Iowa State..... | 11 | 423 | 38.5 |
| 8.Nebraska..... | 10 | 369 | 36.9 |
| 9.Missouri..... | 9 | 331 | 36.8 |
| 10.Colorado..... | 8 | 273 | 34.1 |
| 11.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 340 | 34.0 |
| 12.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 335 | 33.5 |

Rebounding Defense

| # Team | G | Reb | Avg/G |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-------|
| 1.Texas A&M..... | 10 | 288 | 28.8 |
| 2.Baylor..... | 6 | 178 | 29.7 |
| 3.Oklahoma..... | 10 | 298 | 29.8 |
| 4.Nebraska..... | 10 | 301 | 30.1 |
| 5.Oklahoma State..... | 10 | 307 | 30.7 |
| 6.Kansas..... | 9 | 290 | 32.2 |
| 7.Colorado..... | 8 | 264 | 33.0 |
| 8.Kansas State..... | 10 | 338 | 33.8 |
| 9.Missouri..... | 9 | 309 | 34.3 |
| 10.Texas..... | 9 | 320 | 35.6 |
| 11.Iowa State..... | 11 | 396 | 36.0 |
| 12.Texas Tech..... | 10 | 393 | 39.3 |

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Bufs Rebound With Dominant Effort Against Rams

CU Bufs Sports Information

BOULDER - Linda Lappe wasn't around last season to see the Colorado Buffaloes blow a 16-point first-half lead and suffer an embarrassing loss at Colorado State.

On Wednesday night, Lappe's first CU women's basketball team made sure she wouldn't witness a repeat performance.

Leading from buzzer to buzzer, the Bufs bounced back from their first home loss of the season and cruised past their in-state rival 73-49 at the Coors Events Center.

"Well, that was a whole lot of fun," Lappe said. "We were focused, we defended, we stayed with our game plan. It's kind of cliché, but it was a total team effort."

Sophomore point guard Chucky Jeffery led CU with 21 points and 12 boards, while senior forward Brittany Spears added 20 points and 9 rebounds. Sophomore forward Meagan Malcolm-Peck chipped in 14 points.

It was Spears' 33rd career 20-point game and Jeffery's sixth career double-double. Jeffery scored 19 of her points in the second half.

"I was just kind of off in the first half," she said. "We started playing defense, then my game got going. It picked up my energy."

The Bufs were dominant in almost every category. They finished with season-highs in total rebounds (51) and offensive rebounds (16), and committed a season-low 16 turnovers.

"We wanted to attack, to crash the offensive glass," Lappe said. "We set that tone of getting to the rim."

Equally vital to the Bufs was their defense, particularly on Rams

leading scorer Kim Mestdagh. She entered the game averaging 20.1 points, but 12 1/2 minutes into the second half she had managed just four points. Mestdagh, a 5-foot-10 junior from Ieper, Belgium, finished with a season-low 10.

For Lappe, one of the night's highlights was her team turning the page on its first home loss of the season. CU (7-2) was beaten 63-59 by Illinois on Saturday night, snapping a six-game home winning streak. CSU (5-3) saw its five-game win streak end Wednesday night.

The Bufs defeated the Rams for the seventh time in their last 11 meetings and increased their advantage in Boulder to 21-2.

The game's first 41/2 minutes were dominated by defense - or possibly nerves. Malcolm-Peck's three-pointer from the right wing put the Bufs up 3-0 at the 16:27 mark, and the Rams didn't score until nearly a minute later.

CU pulled away early on seven consecutive points by Spears - a short jumper, a layup and a conventional three-point play that gave the Bufs a 10-2 lead with 14:32 left in the half. Spears finished with 13 first-half points.

"It was very important (to come out fast)," Spears said. "Last year we gave it away."

The Rams caught up with an 11-4 run and closed to 14-13 on Mestdagh's first field goal with just under 8 minutes before intermission. During that CSU surge, CU was without Jeffery, who limped off the court at the 11:00 mark and stayed on the bench for the next 3:01.

She scored her only points of the half on a pair of free throws that

increased the Bufs' lead to 16-13, but they sparked a 9-0 run that gave CU the first of its pair of 10-point leads.

Over the final 7 minutes of the opening half, the Bufs outscored the Rams 10-3 and led 26-16 at the break - the fifth time this season the Bufs have held an opponent under 20 points in the first half.

Also, CU outrebounded CSU 29-17 in the first 20 minutes, with the Bufs total including an impressive 10 offensive boards.

Just as she did to open the game, Malcolm-Peck knocked down a trey to start the second half - and the Bufs followed her lead. Her basket sparked an 8-0 spurt that pushed CU in front by 18 points (34-16) and CSU Coach Kristen Holt needed a timeout.

But before the Rams could get their first points of the last half, they surrendered a layup to Jeffery and fell behind by 20 (36-16). Over the next 3 minutes, CSU managed a 5-0 run and got to within 39-23, but CU extended its advantage to 46-25 on a three-point play by Jeffery and was in command the rest of the night. With 4:24 to play, the Bufs were up by 30 (69-39) and back in the kind of groove was expecting.

"We're extremely happy with the win," Lappe said. "We'll get ready to go into finals and then go to USC."

After breaking for final exams, CU travels to Los Angeles on Dec. 18-19 to play in the Women of Troy Tournament. The Bufs' first game is against the host school at 5:30 p.m. MST on Dec. 18. Dayton and San Diego State round out the four-team field.

Big 12 Basketball Standings

Men's Standings

| | Big 12 | Pct | Overall | Pct |
|----------------|--------|------|---------|-------|
| Kansas | 0-0 | .000 | 9-0 | 1.000 |
| Baylor | 0-0 | .000 | 6-0 | 1.000 |
| Kansas State | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Oklahoma State | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Texas A&M | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Missouri | 0-0 | .000 | 8-1 | .889 |
| Iowa State | 0-0 | .000 | 9-2 | .818 |
| Nebraska | 0-0 | .000 | 8-2 | .800 |
| Texas | 0-0 | .000 | 7-2 | .778 |
| Colorado | 0-0 | .000 | 5-3 | .625 |
| Oklahoma | 0-0 | .000 | 5-5 | .500 |
| Texas Tech | 0-0 | .000 | 5-5 | .500 |

As of December 12, 08:39 PM CT

Women's Standings

| | Big 12 | Pct | Overall | Pct |
|----------------|--------|------|---------|------|
| Baylor | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Kansas | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Oklahoma | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Texas Tech | 0-0 | .000 | 9-1 | .900 |
| Kansas State | 0-0 | .000 | 8-1 | .889 |
| Nebraska | 0-0 | .000 | 8-1 | .889 |
| Oklahoma State | 0-0 | .000 | 8-1 | .889 |
| Texas A&M | 0-0 | .000 | 8-1 | .889 |
| Colorado | 0-0 | .000 | 7-2 | .778 |
| Iowa State | 0-0 | .000 | 7-2 | .778 |
| Texas | 0-0 | .000 | 5-3 | .625 |
| Missouri | 0-0 | .000 | 5-4 | .556 |

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Huskers Bounce Bears

Huskers Sports Information

Lincoln - Catheryn Redmon led three Huskers in double figures with 16 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots, as the Nebraska women's basketball team worked its way to a 66-53 win over Northern Colorado at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Saturday night.

With the victory, Nebraska improved to 8-1 on the season, while Northern Colorado slipped to 3-7 on the year.

Sophomore forward Katya Leick added a career-high 15 points to go along with six rebounds, while Jordan Hooper scored all 11 of her points in the second half, while matching Redmon with a team-high eight rebounds. Hooper played just four first-half minutes after picking up her second foul.

Senior guard Dominique Kelley also played just four first-half minutes after picking up her second foul, and like Hooper, played just 19 minutes in the game for NU. Kelley finished with seven points, two rebounds and three assists, while hitting both of her field goal attempts and all three of her free throws.

Freshman guard Kellie McCann-Smith gave the Huskers a lift off the bench by scoring six points while notching a career-high five steals. McCann-Smith also had two

rebounds and two assists in a career-high 20 minutes.

Sophomore forward Meghin Williams, who made her first appearance of the season at Creighton on Wednesday night, added four points and a career-high three rebounds in a career-high 11 minutes.

Nebraska led by as many as 19 points in the game, the last time coming on Leick's layup with 1:04 left to make it 64-45. In the last 32 seconds, with reserves on the floor, Northern Colorado forced four NU turnovers in fullcourt pressure and converted them into back-to-back Victoria Timm three-pointers to trim the lead to 11 with 16 seconds left.

Timm led the Bears with 16 points, while adding three rebounds and three steals. Lauren Oosdyke and Kaisha Brown each contributed nine points and four rebounds for the Bears.

Nebraska hit 24-of-55 shots from the field (43.6 percent), including 4-of-17 three-pointers, while hitting 14-of-22 free throws. NU outrebounded Northern Colorado, 45-34, but committed a season-high 27 turnovers. Nine of those turnovers came in the game's final 5:30. The Huskers forced 24 turnovers by UNC.

The Bears hit just 22-of-62 shots from the field (35.5 percent),

including 3-of-13 three-pointers. UNC also hit just 6-of-10 free throws.

Redmon provided the Huskers with a major presence inside in the first half, scoring 10 points and grabbing eight rebounds in the opening 20 minutes. Leick added six points off the bench, while McCann-Smith sparked the Huskers with four points and a career-high four steals in the half.

Nebraska carried a 30-19 lead into the locker room despite hitting just 10-of-29 shots from the field, including just 1-of-8 three-pointers. NU did outscore the Bears 7-4 at the free throw line, but hit just 7-of-13 attempts.

The Huskers held the Bears to just 7-of-24 shooting from the field, including just 1-of-7 three-point attempts. UNC also hit just 4-of-7 free throws and committed 16 first-half turnovers. NU also outrebounded the Bears, 22-19.

Nebraska will take a week off from competition for Finals Week, before playing three games at the Duel in the Desert Classic in Las Vegas, Dec. 18-20. The Huskers open the tournament by taking on Houston (6-1) at the Cox Pavilion on Saturday at 6 p.m. (central). The Huskers will play Marist on Sunday at 8:30 p.m., before facing Louisville on Monday, Dec. 20 at 8:30 p.m.

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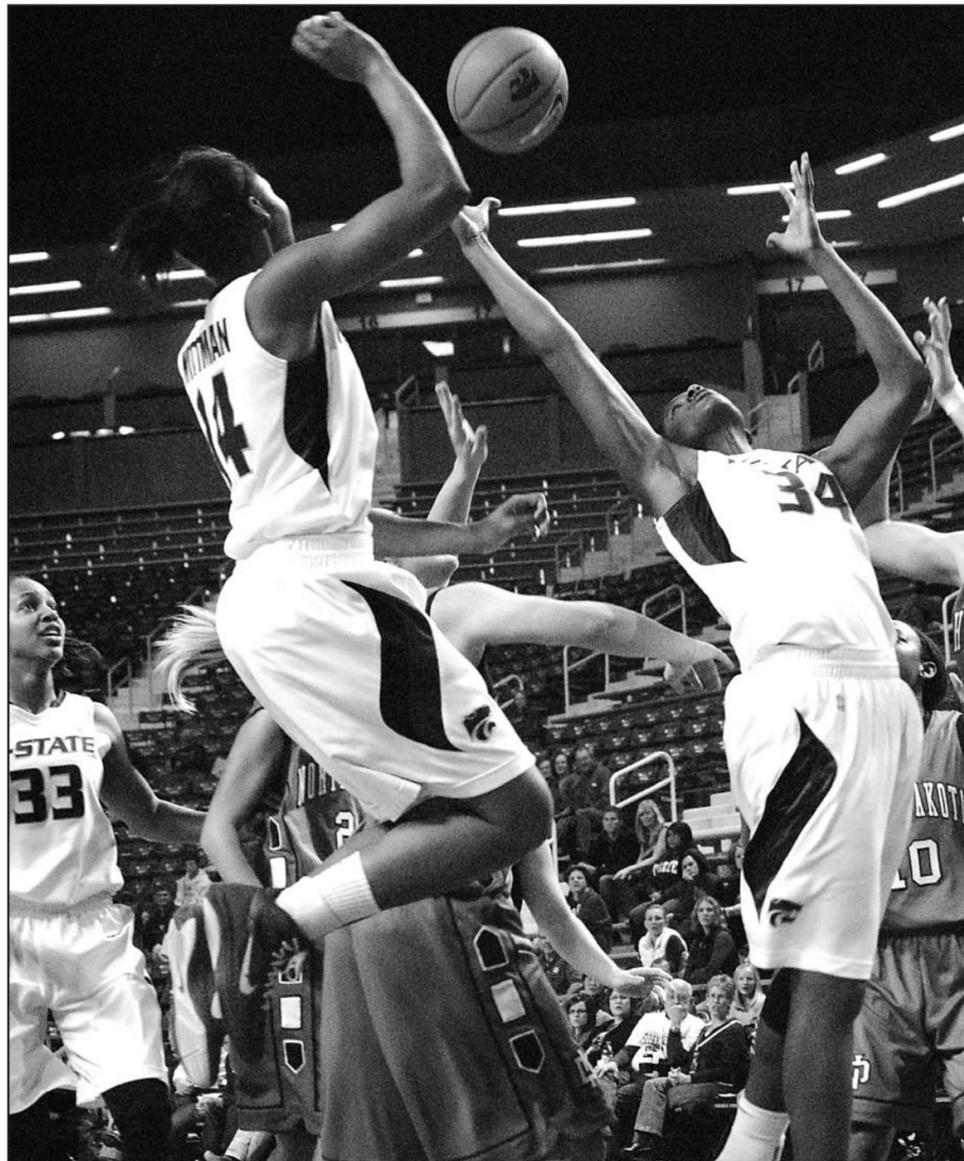
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K- State Basketball Undefeated at Home!



K-State's Taelor Karr (12) led the Wildcats with 16 points.



K-State's (14) and (34) jump high to keep the ball away from North Dakota.

Cats Defeat North Dakota to Stay Perfect at Home

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas State women's basketball team improved to 6-0 at home this season behind a true team effort, as nine different Wildcats scored at least five points in the 76-49 drubbing of North Dakota, Wednesday night at Bramlage Coliseum.

Taelor Karr led all players in scoring with 16 on the evening, as she connected on 7-of-8 field goal attempts on the evening, marking

the first time this season that Karr has led the Wildcats in scoring.

Branshea Brown was the only other Wildcat to score in double digits, dropping 10 on the Fighting Sioux on 5-of-7 shooting. Jalana Childs was just shy of the double-digit mark, notching nine points in the contest.

Both Alina Voronenko and JuliAnne Chisholm chipped in seven points off of the K-State bench, as the Wildcat bench regis-

tered a season-high 34 points. K-State also dominated down low, outscoring the Fighting Sioux 40-18 in the paint, while outrebounding North Dakota, 39-28.

Both teams struggled to connect from the field in the early going, with K-State taking a 12-5 lead on a Voronenko 3-pointer at the 10:52 mark. From there, the Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure to go on a 16-4 run and extend their lead to 19, 28-9, with 3:27 left in the first half. North Dakota was able to gain a little bit of momentum heading into the break, scoring seven of their 16 first half points in the last 2:14, but K-State was able to take a season-high 18-point advantage into the locker room, 34-16.

After the break, North Dakota found a little bit more rhythm on the offensive end, but it wasn't enough to muster a comeback attempt on the Wildcats, who never let the game get closer than 18 points.

K-State will conclude the home portion of its non-conference schedule on Sunday afternoon, when the Wildcats host UC Davis at 2 p.m. Fans can purchase tickets to the contest by calling the K-State Athletic Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS or by visiting www.kstatesports.com. The game can also be found across the K-State Sports Network.

Head Coach Deb Patterson

Opening statement...

"I think the greatest positive from our point of view of this game was that we had players come off the bench contributing. They were finding ways to score and making stops. It was a good overall win for our basketball team because we got the opportunity to go deep into our basketball team. Coming off that game against Iowa it was a priority for us tonight and exploit that opportunity for us in this game. I felt good about that in this win today."

On the defensive efforts



Kansas State's Brianna Kulas (13) fights back against North Dakota.



K-State's Alina Voronenko (32) and Chantay Caron (11) dive after the ball to keep it from North Dakota.

tonight...

"I thought our first half defense continued along the lines that we had been bringing to the floor. I was not exceptionally pleased with our transition defense; I thought we were a little compliant at times with that. We were allowing some things in early offense that is

important for us to limit. Overall I thought we had good defensive play in the first half. We made their shots difficult and rebounded well. We are going to have to be good defensively to be competitive in the Big 12, so every opportunity to take the floor starts and ends with our defense."

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Bufs Need OT To Pull Away From Rival Rams

CU Buffs Sports Information

BOULDER - In non-hoops lingo, what happened Wednesday night at the Coors Events Center closely resembled the making of sausage - an often unsightly, grind-it-out process that could have wound up being unpalatable for the Colorado Buffaloes.

They worked overtime to get the final product right, but it was worth it. The Buffs and their first-year coach, Tad Boyle, left their home court with a 90-83 OT win over their in-state rivals, the Colorado State Rams.

It was a savory end to a long night.

"I don't know where to start," Boyle said afterwards, "but we beat a really good team tonight. I've got all the respect in the world for Coach (Tim) Miles, the job he's done and the team we just beat out there."

Boyle called the contest "a grind-it-out type game. We talked about it at halftime. (CSU) was trying to grind it out on us . . . We've got opportunities to play a lot of different styles. Obviously, we want to get up and down, and we'll play an 80-point game. There may be times when we have to play games in the 50s or 60s."

But the bottom line for the Buffs, said Boyle, is this: "The resiliency, the pride and the toughness are starting to develop."

CU found all three in the final minute of overtime, getting four consecutive free throws by Levi Knutson and a pair by Marcus Relphorde, who added a "take that" dunk at the buzzer.

Just as important, the Buffs also got a crucial block by Austin Dufault on a layup attempt by the Rams' 6-foot-9, 245-pound Andy

Ogide that led to Knutson's last two free throws. Boyle called the block "key . . . it was huge."

Both coaches believed their teams should have won the game - which featured 14 lead changes and 10 ties - in regulation play. But Boyle's case might have been a little stronger than Miles'. In the final 2:00 of regulation, CU's Alec Burks and Cory Higgins missed four of eight free throw attempts, with the normally dependable Higgins going three-for-six.

"I wouldn't change it," Boyle said. "I'd take Cory at the line every day. I've got confidence in all the guys from the free throw line. We're a good free throw shooting team."

When they got a reprieve in the extra period, they proved it, avenging a 77-62 loss to CSU last season in Fort Collins and defeating the Rams for the 15th time in 16 games at the Events Center.

The Buffs (5-3) again were the beneficiary of balanced scoring: four players reached double figures, topped by Burks' 25. Behind him were Relphorde with 18, Higgins with 15 and Knutson with 14.

The Rams (4-2) were led by Travis Franklin with 19 and Ogide with 17.

After shooting only 34.5 percent from the field in the first half, the Buffs shot 65 percent in the second half and 60 in OT. CU trailed 33-30 at intermission and was fortunate to be that close. A three-point-er by Nate Tomlinson at the buzzer brought the Buffs to within three points and served as redemption for the Australian point guard.

After the Rams had gone ahead by as many as eight points earlier, the Buffs battled back to within

one (28-27) and had a chance to take the lead in the half's final minute.

Tomlinson found himself wide open for a trey attempt just to the right of the top of the key. After his shot just nicked the front of the rim, the Rams got a layup on a nice cut to the rim by Dwight Smith, then a three-pointer by Wes Eikmeier to move in front 33-27.

They missed a chance to extend the advantage to eight points when Jesse Carr missed the front end of a one-and-one with 4.9 seconds left in the half.

CU snared the rebound and Tomlinson hit his trey as the buzzer sounded.

Miles was more than miffed. "So an eight-point lead is down to three," he said. "That's how you lose . . . it's maddening. It makes me livid. It makes me furious."

The Buffs shot a paltry 34.5 percent (10-of-29) from the field in the first 20 minutes, while the Rams checked in at a torrid 63.6 percent (14-of-22). And still, CU trailed only by a trey when the second half began.

The Buffs cut their deficit to a point (35-34) on a pair of free throws by Higgins at the 18:44 mark, then took a 36-35 lead on Relphorde's foul-line jumper on their next possession.

This rivalry game was settling into a back-and-forth game.

Counting Relphorde's basket, there were six lead changes and two ties over the next 3 minutes, until Higgins hit four free throws to spark a 6-0 run and give CU a 46-41 lead with 13:30 to play.

CSU, however, wasn't close to cashing it in; the Rams tied the score at 46-46 on a basket by Will Bell and a trey by Carr.

Davis and Engelman Each Post 20-Point Games in Kansas' 79-57 Win Over Alabama

Kansas Sports Information

Sophomore Carolyn Davis posted her 10th career 20-point game, leading all scorers with 24 points as Kansas women's basketball defeated Alabama 79-57 in front of 2,231 fans in Allen Fieldhouse Sunday afternoon. Sophomore Monica Engelman also posted a 20-point night, her second of the season and third of her career, as she recorded 22 points to go along with a team-high six assists.

Junior Aishah Sutherland registered her fifth double-double of the season with 17 points and 12 rebounds, while freshman Keena Mays grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds and tied for the team lead with six assists.

Kansas improved its record to 9-1 with the victory, while Alabama fell to 8-2. The Jayhawks also improved to 8-0 in Allen Fieldhouse for the fourth consecutive season.

Tierney Jenkins recorded a double-double for the Crimson Tide with 17 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out. Ericka Russell was the only other Alabama player in double-figures, scoring 11 points in the game.

Kansas began the second half with a 13-1 run in the first five minutes to take a commanding 47-30 lead and never let the Crimson Tide get closer than 12 points for the remainder of the game. Davis scored five-straight points to cap off the run while Engelman made two consecutive baskets for KU during the stretch.

Kansas pulled away in the final 2:40, going on an 8-0 run to coast to the 22-point final margin. KU shot 58.8 percent from the field and had 19 assists as a team. The Jayhawks outscored Alabama 48-18 on points in the paint. Defensively, Kansas held Alabama to 26.6 percent field goal shooting, including 15.8 percent (3-19) from three-point range.

In the first half, KU only trailed for nine seconds. After a Jasmine Robinson three-point play gave Alabama its first lead of the game, 19-17, with 7:42 remaining in the period, Davis made a layup with 7:33 on the clock to tie the game.

That layup sparked a 7-0 by the Jayhawks, which included an Engelman three-point play to give KU a 24-19 lead. Kansas' largest lead in the opening frame came with 4:05 left when a Sutherland

jump shot pushed the Jayhawk lead to seven, 28-21. KU took a five-point advantage into the break, 34-29.

For the half, Kansas shot 55.6 percent from the field while holding Alabama to 22.6 percent. KU also dominated points in the paint, 24-8. Davis led all scorers with 12 points in the first 20 minutes, while Sutherland contributed 10.

The game also offered the opportunity for fans to receive free admission with the donation of an unopened toy to Douglas County Toys for Tots. KU gathered 130 toys and raised \$350 in cash donations for Toys for Tots as part of the promotion. Kansas fans can continue to donate unopened toys between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Booth Family Hall of Athletics until Dec. 17. Fans who donate will receive a voucher for two free tickets to an upcoming men's and women's basketball game.

Kansas will look to continue its perfect mark at home when it plays its next game against SIU-Edwardsville in Allen Fieldhouse Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010. That game will begin at 2 p.m. and be televised in the Lawrence area on Sunflower Broadband channel 6.

Jayhawks Use Second Half Surge to Pull Away From Colorado State

Kansas Sports Information

The Kansas basketball team used a balanced scoring attack on its way to a 76-55 win over Colorado State in the M&I Bank Kansas City Shootout at the Sprint Center. Junior Markieff Morris recorded his fifth career double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, including a career-high six offensive boards.

The win makes KU 9-0 on the season for the second straight season and the fourth time in the Bill Self era. KU is now 10-2 all-time at the Sprint Center. Colorado State dropped to 4-3 on the year and 0-2 all-time versus Kansas.

Junior Tyshawn Taylor also scored 12 points to lead the team, while adding recording a team-high six assists. Senior Tyrel Reed was the third Jayhawk to finish in double figures with 11 points. In all, 10 different Jayhawks scored in the game.

Senior Brady Morningstar tied a career-high with four steals. The Jayhawks received another strong performance from sophomore Thomas Robinson as he finished with seven points, eight rebounds

and three blocks in only 17 minutes of play.

Colorado State scored the first five points of the game before Taylor scored four straight to put KU on the board. The Jayhawks then got the lead on a put-back dunk by Markieff Morris. KU would never trail in the game after that.

Kansas had to go a majority of the first half without junior Marcus Morris. Morris left early in the game with a leg injury and would only play a total of six minutes in the first half, but returned with less than four minutes to play until halftime.

Colorado State was able to keep it close for a majority of the first half as KU led 41-34 at the halfway mark. Markieff Morris led all Jayhawks with nine first half points. Taylor chipped in eight points and three assists.

Colorado State cut the lead down to five just three minutes into the second half. Sophomore Elijah Johnson hit the first of two three-point baskets with 16:15 left extending the lead back to eight,

47-39. The basket sparked a 12-0 Jayhawk run, which was capped by a Marcus Morris break-away dunk with 10:52 remaining.

The Jayhawks used a 17-4 run halfway through the second half to extend the lead to 61-43. From there KU would never look back as they cruised to a 76-55 victory.

The Jayhawks tied a season-high with 10 blocks in the game. KU struggled again from the free throw line shooting just 58 percent for the game, including 42 percent in the second half. KU dominated the glass as they out-rebounded the Rams 50-30. Seven different Jayhawks recorded at least four rebounds in the game.

Andy Ogide led the Rams with 12 points, while Lawrence-native Dorian Green chipped in with 10. Travis Franklin also pitched in 10 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Kansas will be back in action next Saturday Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. when Kansas hosts USC in Allen Fieldhouse on ESPN2. It marks the long-awaited debut of freshman Josh Selby.

And it was back to back-and-forth.

From that point there were nine lead changes and a pair of ties, with the Buffs finally getting a sliver of separation on Knutson's trey with 5:12 to play. His shot put CU up 66-62 - the biggest lead by either team since the half's opening minute.

CU's advantage went to six (70-64) on a pair of free throws by Knutson with 4:02 to play, but a pair of strong inside moves by Ogide brought CSU to 70-68.

After Boyle called timeout at 2:12, Burks made one of two free throws then hit a layup after Tomlinson forced a CSU turnover on an in-bounds play.

CU led 73-68 with a minute remaining, and students seated at opposite ends of the arena began trading insults, er, cheers.

Dorian Green's short runner with 27.7 seconds left cut the Buffs' lead

to 73-70 - and the Rams began fouling. Before and after a layup by Carr, Higgins hit two of four free throws and CU took a 75-72 lead.

But Green's pair of free throws with 10.3 seconds to play cut the Buffs' advantage to 75-74. After Higgins again could hit only one of two free throws, Carr drove by him at the other end to tie the game at 76-76 with less than a second remaining and force the overtime.

Boyle said his team's defense "got really soft, really porous at the end of regulation. We kind of let them come down, drive it in the lane and get easy buckets. Obviously, our guys don't want to foul, but we have to be a little bit more sound than that."

Knutson called the win "great for us, not just because it's an in-state rivalry but going into Christmas break, we have a couple of home games then head to Vegas. I think

Huskers' Hot Shooting Takes Down TCU

Huskers Sports Information

Lincoln - Toney McCray had a season-high 15 points, including four 3-pointers, as Nebraska downed TCU, 70-56, Saturday afternoon at the Devaney Center.

McCray posted his first career double-double with 15 points, on 4-of-6 shooting, and a career-high 10 rebounds, as Nebraska improved to 8-2 on the season and extended its win streak to six games, its longest win streak since the start of the 2008-09 season.

The junior forward came off the bench to hit all four of his 3-point attempts, as the Huskers took control with a 13-0 second-half run, turning a one-point lead into a 59-45 lead with 6:38 remaining. McCray had 12 of his 16 points in the second half, as the Huskers shot 57.1 percent from the floor, including 5-of-8 from long range after halftime.

McCray and Lance Jeter tied for team-high honors with 15 points, while sophomore Jorge Brian Diaz had 13 points and a career-high 12 boards, as Nebraska enjoyed a 38-26 advantage on the glass and held TCU to its second-lowest offensive total of the season.

Jeter keyed an early run for the Huskers, as he connected on back-to-back 3-pointers as Nebraska ran off nine straight points, turning a 9-7 deficit into a 16-9 lead after a 3-point play by Jorge Brian Diaz. The Huskers, who shot 44 percent in the first half, including 5-of-9 from 3-point range, eventually made it a 26-15 lead after an Eshaunte Jones 3-pointer with 8:53 left in the half and took a 33-24 halftime lead.

The Huskers' advantage would be short lived, as TCU opened the second half with a 12-0 run, taking a 36-33 lead after a 3-pointer by Garlon Green before Diaz ended the run with a short jumper. The teams would battle back and forth until McCray's 3-pointer triggered the Huskers' decisive run. Jeter and McCray combined for 11 straight points before Drake Beranek's layup pushed the lead to 59-44.

TCU (7-4) pulled to within 62-51 after Sammy Yeager 3-pointer with 5:20 left, but would get no closer, as a McCray's 3-pointer and a steal and a dunk by Jeter made it a 16-point lead with 3:04 remaining, ending TCU's comeback hopes.

Ronnie Moss' 14 points led TCU, while Green finished with 13 points, including three 3-pointers.

Following the Huskers win over TCU, the Huskers continue their 10-game homestand Saturday, December 18th against Eastern Washington at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting Huskers.com

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Aggies Outlast No. 21 Washington, 63-62

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - When Washington's Isaiah Thomas got a steal with five seconds left and his team trailing by one point to Texas A&M, Aggies' coach Mark Turgeon had one thought.

"I hope they miss a shot," Turgeon said.

David Loubeau made sure they did. Loubeau blocked a desperation shot by Thomas as time expired and Texas A&M held on for a 63-62 win over No. 21 Washington on Saturday.

"David just made a smart play," Turgeon said. "Instead of going to his man, he came and played the shot. That was a big time block. It was clean."

The Aggies (9-1) led by seven with about four minutes to go before the Huskies (6-3) scored six straight points to pull to 63-62 with about 1 1/2 minutes remaining. Texas A&M's Khris Middleton missed a 3-pointer and C.J. Wilcox missed one for the Huskies with 17 seconds left and Washington knocked the ball out of bounds.

The Aggies got the ball down the court before Thomas stole the ball from Nathan Walkup and raced back for the shot. But Loubeau knocked it down to give Texas A&M the win.

"The crowd was going crazy and everybody was into it and it was like a nail-biter," Loubeau said of the last few seconds. "As soon as he went up, I just put my hand up and got the ball."

Turgeon couldn't believe Washington didn't foul as soon as

Texas A&M threw in the ball. Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said they were trying to.

"We didn't quite get that done, but it worked out," he said. "Isaiah busted his tail and got the steal. As things were spread out we kind of slowed it down a little bit and we had two guys jump out on him. By then it was too late."

Middleton led the Aggies with 17 points and Loubeau added 15 points and nine rebounds.

The win is Texas A&M's sixth straight and its 70th consecutive regular-season non-conference win at home.

It is the third loss of the season for the Huskies, whose previous two were to No. 17 Kentucky and seventh-ranked Michigan State.

"We're still I think trying to find ourselves, but defensively we were better than we have been all year," Turgeon said.

Washington entered the game leading the nation in scoring with almost 96 points a game and had scored 100 four times this season. Their 62 points and 37.7 percent shooting were both season lows.

"They pretty much clogged up the middle and everything we got we had to work hard for," Romar said. "You're kicking yourself because you lose by 1 point and shoot 6 of 22 from the 3 and we lead the nation in 3-point shooting."

They were led by Thomas who had 13 points and Abdul Gaddy added 10.

Justin Holiday, who entered the game averaging more than 14 points, scored just four after getting into early

foul trouble. He fouled out with about four minutes remaining.

"He's our smartest player and has been playing probably the best all-around basketball on our entire team," Romar said. "So if you lose somebody like that it definitely has an impact."

The Aggies were up by five points before Wilcox and Darnell Gant hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to give the Huskies a 47-46 lead with about 12 1/2 minutes remaining.

Texas A&M scored the first six points of the second half to take a 35-32 lead with about 18 1/2 minutes remaining.

These teams also met last year in what ended up being a difficult loss for the Aggies three days before Christmas. Washington won 73-64 and the Aggies lost top defender Derrick Roland for the season when he broke both his tibia and fibula in a grotesque injury that ended the senior's collegiate career.

The Aggies were up by six points in the first half before Washington went on a 9-1 run to take a 19-17 lead about eight minutes before halftime. Washington trailed by two points near the end of the first half before scoring five straight points to take a 32-29 halftime lead. Texas A&M's Dash Harris was called for a technical after a block by teammate Ray Turner and Thomas hit both foul shots to get that run going.

It was unclear why he received a technical.

Both teams shot under 38 percent in the first half and the Huskies' 32 first-half points were a season low.

No. 7 Texas A&M Rolls to Easy 91-66 Victory Over TCU

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Texas A&M's Danielle Adams sat out of last year's two-point loss to TCU with a concussion.

Aggies' coach Gary Blair told her before Sunday's game against the Horned Frogs that she owed him one for missing that game.

She scored a career-high 33 points and leading No. 7 Texas A&M to a 91-66 victory over TCU on Sunday.

"I told him ... that was his paycheck game from last year," Adams said.

It was the 18th straight double-figures scoring game for Adams and she had seven rebounds for the Aggies, who picked up their second win since a 61-58 loss to No. 5 Duke on Monday.

"She's special. We better enjoy her while we can," Blair said of the senior. "She's got more confidence this year on her shot, anywhere, anytime she just feels like she's open."

The Aggies trailed in the first three minutes of the game before taking a big lead and didn't let TCU get closer than nine points in the second half.

Texas A&M (8-1) was ahead by 11 points with about 15 minutes remaining before using a 12-5 run over the

next four minutes, that included 3s by Sydney Colson and Adams, to extend its lead to 68-50.

Helena Sverrisdottir had 23 points for the Horned Frogs (5-5) and Emily Carter added 19.

The Aggies scored 25 points off 19 TCU turnovers and outscored the Horned Frogs 36-10 in the paint.

Colson had 10 points and tied a career-high with 11 assists, while Sydney Carter added 15 points and Tyra White had 13.

"Colson was such a key to this game because she really delivered the ball where it needed to be," TCU coach Jeff Mittie said.

Blair agreed and raved about Colson's performance.

"She's going to jam it down your throat while you're getting back and feeling good about yourself on defense after you've scored," Blair said. "She's just doing a good job right now."

The 33 points by Adams were the fourth-most in A&M history and the most since 2001. She was playing with a sprained thumb and a stuffy nose, but said she feels better than ever because she's the slimmest she's ever been.

"I feel good going up and down the

court. I want to get lower, as low as I can," she said of her weight.

Texas A&M was up by 19 points late in the second half before Adams had a 3-pointer followed by a layup to make it 87-63 with about three minutes left. She went to the bench to a standing ovation after her last layup.

TCU cut the lead to nine points early in the second half before Adams scored six straight points to make it 54-39 with about 17 minutes remaining.

Texas A&M had pushed its lead to 18 points about five minutes before halftime before TCU used a 16-6 run capped by a 3-pointer by Sverrisdottir to get within 43-35. White hit a 3-pointer for A&M at the end of the first half to put A&M ahead 46-35.

Mittie got a technical foul with about 12 minutes remaining in the first half for yelling at the officials after a 3-second call on his team.

"I thought the key to the early part of the game is that we didn't come with any physicality at all," Mittie said.

It was Texas A&M's last game before the Aggies take a week off for final exams then travel to New York to face Rutgers in the Maggie Dixon Classic next Sunday.

No. 25 Men's Basketball dominates Bobcats, 101-65

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- Game by game, Cory Joseph is finding his offensive rhythm for the Texas Longhorns.

The freshman guard scored a career-high 19 points and No. 25 Texas ran its non-conference home winning streak to 24 games with a 101-65 win over Texas State on Saturday.

Joseph was slow to develop a scoring punch early in the season - he had just two points on 1 of 4 shooting in a 68-66 loss to Pittsburgh - but has been surging of late, averaging more than 13 over Texas' last five games.

"I'm just taking open looks," Joseph said. "I was taking them before, I just wasn't hitting them."

J'Covan Brown added 18 points for the Longhorns (7-2), who shook off a lackluster defeat at USC a week earlier with six first-half 3-pointers against the over-matched Bobcats.

Joseph was 5 of 8 from long range and Brown went 4 of 5 as Texas tied a season high with 11 3-pointers. The Longhorns had five players score in double figures in reaching the 100-point mark for the first time this season.

Texas hasn't lost a non-conference game at home since a 67-66 loss to Wisconsin on Dec. 29, 2007.

Tony Bishop had 12 points and eight rebounds for Texas State (2-5), which lost its fourth straight.

Texas State tried to slow the Longhorns with a zone defense that challenged sometimes streaky shooters to take and make shots. But Texas kept hitting from the outside (11 of 19 on 3-pointers) and pushed the Bobcats around under the basket for 19 offensive rebounds when they missed.

"We went with a bigger lineup than we're used to ... and they still killed us on the boards," Texas

State coach Doug Davalos said. "They got second shots and that relaxes the shooters a little bit."

Joseph and Gary Johnson each scored 10 points for the Longhorns in the first half. Texas State made its first five shots before going 5 of 25 over the final 15 minutes of the half.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Brown and another by Joseph put Texas up 20-12. The Bobcats pulled to 23-20 before Texas closed the half with a 15-4 run. Johnson was 5 for 8 shooting in the half, finding an easy shooting spot from 10 feet on the baseline on either side of the basket.

That midrange jumper can be a deadly weapon for the Longhorns - if Johnson can keep making it.

"I've been hesitant," Johnson said. "I feel like when I'm knocking that shot down, it's going to open up things for Cory and J'Covan."

Kentucky transfer A.J. Stewart's alley-oop slam and 3-point play early in the second half cut the Texas lead to 42-31 before Joseph made a 3-pointer. Johnson hit two free throws and Joseph hit again from long range to put the Longhorns ahead by 19.

Jordan Hamilton, Texas' leading scorer this season, was held to 12 points by USC and was having another quiet night until a steal at midcourt with 13 minutes left led to a behind-the-back dribble and dunk that put Texas up 62-37.

Hamilton finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Texas needed a big win after the dispiriting loss at USC a week earlier, Joseph said.

"In the last three games, we let the other team set the tempo," Joseph said. "We definitely wanted to come out from the jump and play hard."

Oklahoma St. Falls to No. 5 Duke 73-45

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - After bringing in another stock of top-notch freshmen, Joanne P. McCallie has No. 5 Duke loaded with depth and talent.

Oklahoma State felt the full force of it for a half and left with its first loss of the season.

Karima Christmas scored 16 points, Allison Vernerey added a season-high 12 and Duke deployed a ravenous pressure defense to rout the previously unbeaten Cowgirls 73-45 on Sunday.

The Blue Devils (11-0) forced 17 first-half turnovers and rushed out to a 29-point halftime lead on their way to their sixth road win this season.

"That first half was as dominant of a half as we've played all year, a fantastically intense and immediate 20 minutes of basketball," McCallie said. "I'm really proud of our team for that."

Oklahoma State (8-1) was especially vulnerable to the full-court press with two freshmen taking over at point guard for departed second-team All-American Andrea Riley, the Big 12's all-time scoring leader. It was also the team's first game against a ranked opponent this season, and Duke was the highest-ranked nonconference team to play in Stillwater since 1989.

"We prepared for it all week. Just being a young team, we came out with our eyes wide open and scared to death," Lakyn Garrison said. "But you learn from these kind of games."

Garrison tied a school record with six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 20 points for the Cowgirls, who had a 48-game non-conference winning streak at Gallagher-Iba Arena snapped. Oklahoma State has been a regular in the Top 25 in recent years, but is rebuilding after losing Riley and Tegan Cunningham - who made up the highest-scoring tandem in the nation last season.

Coach Kurt Budke started three freshmen, and they got knocked back almost from the start.

After committing two quick turnovers to fall behind 3-0, Duke simply overwhelmed the inexperienced Cowgirls with a full-court press to spark a 17-0 run. Oklahoma State committed 13 turnovers while getting only three shots off in the first 9 minutes of the game.

"You just wanted them to get at it. Particularly on the road, a nice crowd coming out, you want to be very focused as a team. I just think it was a team energy, great leadership

across the board really," said McCallie, who rotated in 10 players in the first half. "I just think everybody was trying to get ready to do what they do."

"For that first 20 minutes, we were a very deep team."

Garrison hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to finally break a nearly 10-minute scoring drought, and Tiffany Bias added another 3 when she found herself open in transition after a steal. But even as the Cowgirls started getting shots off, they still weren't falling.

Oklahoma State didn't score again for the final 6 1/2 minutes before halftime, with Duke reeling off another 13 straight points to go up 38-9. The Cowgirls were only 3 of 21 in the first half.

"I think it's something that it's always going to be in the back of our minds. We don't want to do this again. We don't want to perform like this," Garrison said.

"When coach tells us something, we have to take it in and just buy into what their plan is for it, and we didn't really do that."

Budke said he thought the Cowgirls had bought into the game plan, but were overcome by nerves - and the Duke defense.

"I guess they just kind of forgot everything. You go into a little bit of a panic mode, is what we went into," Budke said. "And when you go into panic mode, it's just 'Get the ball out of my hands. Who wants it?' That's kind of how we went."

Tricia Liston added 11 points and Chelsea Gray had 10 points and set new career-highs with eight rebounds and seven assists for Duke.

"It's been a real tough schedule just being away from our home crowd a lot, but we handle it the way that we do any other game," Christmas said. "We just come out, try to be focused, play our game and try to stay together."

The Blue Devils led 62-23 when Liston connected on a jumper from the left corner with 10:05 remaining to finish another stretch of eight straight Duke points.

Garrison finally provided a lift for the Cowgirls, hitting four straight 3-pointers during a 12-0 run as Oklahoma State found success with its own pressure defense.

The Cowgirls had been the third-stingiest defense in the nation, but easily allowed their highest point total of the season - 20 more than they had in regulation in any other game - despite forcing 25 turnovers. **AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** -- Tennessee's

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Kansas State's Alina Voronenko (32) gets into position against the Aggies.



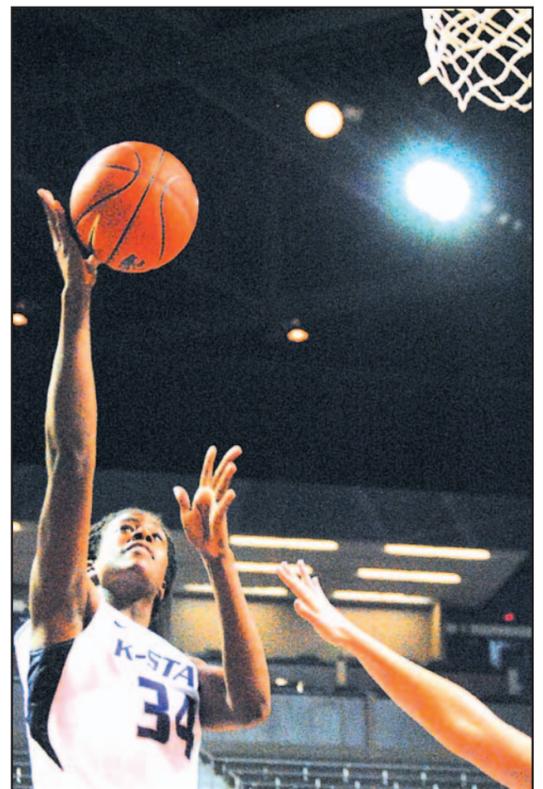
K-State's Kelsey Hill (10) passes to Wildcat Jalana Childs (33).



K-State's Mariah White (22) maneuvers around UC Davis.



K-State's Brittany Chambers (2) take a shot and scored 10 points against UC Davis.



K-State's Branshea Brown (34) scored 13 points for the Wildcats.

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