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## Kansas State Department Of Education Superintendents' Salaries

USD #	DISTRICT NAME	ACTUAL SALARY	CONTRACTED SALARY	FY10 PERCENT
		INCLUDING FRINGE	INCLUDING FRINGE	INCREASE/DECREASE
D0340	JEFFERSON WEST	125,036	126,001	0.8
D0341	OSKALOOSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88,203	91,025	3.2
D0342	MCLOUTH	97,484	95,294	-2.2
D0343	PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	102,658	103,900	1.2
D0344	PLEASANTON	88,560	91,206	3.0
D0345	SEAMAN	136,453	138,766	1.7
D0346	JAYHAWK	89,970	89,970	0.0
D0347	KINSLEY-OFFERLE	85,667	85,194	-0.6
D0348	BALDWIN CITY	130,390	126,926	-2.7
D0349	STAFFORD	86,680	87,890	1.4
D0350	ST JOHN-HUDSON	92,735	92,735	0.0
D0351	MACKSVILLE	73,000	76,420	4.7
D0352	GOODLAND	110,136	109,602	-0.5
D0353	WELLINGTON	102,798	102,798	0.0
D0354	CLAFLIN	83,000	79,000	-4.8
D0355	ELLINWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	89,856	89,856	0.0
D0356	CONWAY SPRINGS	93,090	115,840	24.4
D0357	BELLE PLAINE	106,210	106,210	0.0
D0358	OXFORD	90,167	91,619	1.6
D0359	ARGONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	77,416	77,416	0.0
D0360	CALDWELL	86,184	86,184	0.0
D0361	ANTHONY-HARPER	128,989	128,989	0.0
D0362	PRAIRIE VIEW	102,390	102,390	0.0
D0363	HOLCOMB	98,160	115,160	17.3
D0364	MARYSVILLE	113,697	100,624	-11.5
D0365	GARNETT	100,900	101,690	0.8
D0366	WOODSON	94,692	95,664	1.0
D0367	OSAWATOMIE	97,160	94,522	-2.7
D0368	PAOLA	117,261	117,261	0.0
D0369	BURRTON	53,612	51,000	-4.9
D0371	MONTEZUMA	55,126	55,750	1.1
D0372	SILVER LAKE	103,781	103,871	0.1
D0373	NEWTON	130,216	130,216	0.0
D0374	SUBLETTE	101,059	104,331	3.2
D0375	CIRCLE	108,645	94,884	-12.7
D0376	STERLING	98,476	99,076	0.6
D0377	ATCHISON CO COMM SCHOOLS	95,197	95,197	0.0
D0378	RILEY COUNTY	99,789	102,554	2.8
D0379	CLAY CENTER	106,875	107,258	0.4
D0380	VERMILLION	80,603	92,848	15.2
D0381	SPEARVILLE	93,205	90,086	-3.3
D0382	PRATT	108,410	108,842	0.4
D0383	MANHATTAN	156,085	157,340	0.8
D0384	BLUE VALLEY	80,259	82,569	2.9
D0101	ERIE	89,075	90,000	1.0
D0102	CIMARRON-ENSIGN	95,237	96,202	1.0
D0103	CHEYLIN	81,852	88,457	8.1
D0105	RAWLINS COUNTY	94,100	96,048	2.1
D0106	WESTERN PLAINS	80,233	75,458	-6.0
D0107	ROCK HILLS	87,800	87,800	0.0
D0108	WASHINGTON CO.SCHOOLS	102,596	103,064	0.5
D0109	REPUBLIC COUNTY	88,200	90,720	2.9
D0110	THUNDER RIDGE SCHOOLS	93,990	93,360	-0.7
D0111	DONIPHAN WEST SCHOOL	95,076	97,872	2.9
D0200	GREELEY COUNTY	62,733	62,733	0.0
D0202	TURNER-KANSAS CITY	130,000	130,000	0.0
D0203	PIPER-KANSAS CITY	125,100	127,172	1.7
D0204	BONNER SPRINGS	163,802	159,393	-2.7
D0205	BLUESTEM	94,080	94,101	0.0
D0206	REMINGTON-WHITEWATER	91,247	92,047	0.9
D0207	FT LEAVENWORTH	121,458	121,458	0.0
D0208	WAKEENEY	94,937	94,558	-0.4
D0209	MOSCOW PUBLIC SCH	97,901	100,687	2.8
D0210	HUGOTON PUBLIC SCH	109,830	110,004	0.2
D0211	NORTON COMMUNITY SCH	97,631	92,506	-5.2
D0212	NORTHERN VALLEY	77,245	78,044	1.0
D0213	WEST SOLOMON VALLEY	30,000	30,000	0.0
D0214	ULYSSES	121,070	124,634	2.9
D0215	LAKIN	101,941	104,408	2.4
D0216	DEERFIELD	84,880	91,720	8.1
D0217	ROLLA	79,796	80,096	0.4
D0218	ELKHART	105,820	109,737	3.7
D0219	MINNEOLA	90,553	91,401	0.9
D0220	ASHLAND	85,000	85,000	0.0
D0223	BARNES	95,120	92,115	-3.2
D0224	CLIFTON-CLYDE	76,220	85,000	11.5
D0225	FOWLER	103,282	107,077	3.7
D0226	MEADE	102,069	82,500	-19.2
D0227	JETMORE	78,509	78,794	0.4
D0228	HANSTON	11,487	41,400	260.4
D0229	BLUE VALLEY	304,092	274,229	-9.8
D0230	SPRING HILL	186,076	195,079	4.8
D0231	GARDNER-EDGERTON-ANTIOCH	210,766	215,181	2.1
D0232	DESOTO	173,299	172,000	-0.7
D0233	OLATHE	254,396	254,396	0.0
D0234	FORT SCOTT	106,489	106,489	0.0
D0235	UNIONTOWN	107,066	107,500	0.4
D0481	RURAL VISTA	82,240	82,240	0.0
D0482	DIGHTON	83,400	88,626	6.3
D0483	KISMET-PLAINS	108,748	114,353	5.2
D0484	FREDONIA	102,721	102,721	0.0
D0486	ELWOOD	45,821	47,264	3.1
D0487	HERINGTON	93,555	95,817	2.4
D0488	AXTELL	78,079	78,923	1.1
D0489	HAYS	155,783	157,017	0.8
D0490	EL DORADO	117,079	119,629	2.2
D0491	EUDORA	106,820	108,452	1.5
D0492	FLINTHILLS	86,500	90,000	4.0
D0493	COLUMBUS	116,877	120,400	3.0
D0494	SYRACUSE	95,103	96,360	1.3
D0495	FT LARNED	101,980	101,980	0.0
D0496	PAWNEE HEIGHTS	43,000	41,883	-2.6
D0497	LAWRENCE	159,654	160,000	0.2
D0498	VALLEY HEIGHTS	100,290	102,970	2.7
D0499	GALENA	104,002	105,598	1.5
D0500	KANSAS CITY	178,572	178,572	0.0
D0501	TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	200,000	200,000	0.0
D0502	LEWIS	90,282	90,600	0.4
D0503	PARSONS	116,684	117,352	0.6
D0504	OSWEGO	111,456	113,067	1.4
D0505	CHETOPA-ST.PAUL	95,480	89,879	-5.9
D0506	LABETTE COUNTY	115,525	111,493	-3.5
D0507	SATANTA	100,375	102,242	1.9
D0508	BAXTER SPRINGS	102,399	102,399	0.0
D0509	SOUTH HAVEN	58,954	58,394	-0.9
D0511	ATTICA	83,100	83,100	0.0
D0512	SHAWNEE MISSION PUBLIC SCH	243,958	254,627	4.4
	<b>STATE AVERAGES</b>	<b>103,258</b>	<b>104,032</b>	<b>0.7</b>

## Union Rejects Agreement

Usha Reddi, President of NEA Manhattan-Ogden, announced at the December 15 Board of Education meeting that the Bargaining Unit had rejected the tentative agreement with the USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden Board of Education, 46% to 54%.

"Naturally, the Board is disappointed that the union rejected what the Board considers a favorable offer in these economic times," said Pete Paukstelis, a board member on the negotiating team. He added, "Now the Board has to do what is in the public interest of the district, its employees, and its taxpayers."

The offer rejected by the Bargaining Unit included a total compensation increase of 1.8%, compared to an average statewide increase of only 1.5%.

The Board cut \$885,000 in order to balance the current year's budget, and could face an additional \$490,000 in mid-year reductions due to state budget issues. Unless additional state or federal funding is available in the next fiscal year, the Board will be faced with an additional \$2.2 million state-funding deficit next year.

The Board and Union had tentatively agreed to:

- Increased compensation of

each full-time teacher by \$400 for the 2010-2011 year

- Revised Teacher Appraisal Procedures
- Created a Sick Leave Pool of Teacher Personal Days
- Revised Length of Contract: Reduced 4 days for one year
- Continued \$200 Bottom Row Adjustment
- Raised Teacher Hourly Wage from \$15 to \$18
- Payout for Additional Student Enrollment
- Horizontal Salary Schedule Movement for Teachers
- Increased Health Insurance from \$359.73 to \$392.80 per month

## Kansas Keeps All 4 House Seats After Census Report

By JOHN HANNA

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas kept its four U.S. House seats after the release Tuesday of population figures from this year's census, but the state's incoming governor said it faces a potential loss of clout in another decade if it doesn't improve its economy and boost its population more quickly.

Gov.-elect Sam Brownback, a Republican who takes office Jan. 10, also said he expects legislators to rewrite congressional district boundaries so that the already sprawling 1st District of western and central Kansas grows significantly.

The U.S. Census Bureau said Kansas' population grew by 6.1 percent from 2000 to 2010, up almost 165,000 residents, to more than 2.85 million. The rate of growth was less than in most other states but still enough to keep Kansas from losing a seat in Congress, when neighboring Iowa and Missouri did.

The result was what most Kansas officials expected, though Brownback said during an interview with The

Associated Press that he had worries the state might lose a House seat.

"We get too close to the edge on this, and I don't want us to lose any representation in Washington," Brownback said. "You're on a likely trajectory to lose in 10 years, but that's why you've got to change the trajectory."

Kansas lost a single seat after the 1990 census, part of a decades-long decline in representation. Before the 1930 census, the state had eight House seats.

Congressional representation is important in making sure the state's needs are not overlooked. The census also determines how about \$400 billion in federal money will be divided among the states.

The Legislature will redraw the state's congressional districts for the 2012 election. Republicans are likely to make sure the districts remain geared to the GOP's advantage, and they have the clout to do so after winning all four congressional seats, large majorities in both

legislative chambers and control of the governor's office in this year's election. Republican Sam Brownback will succeed Parkinson.

But legislators still must account for changes in population within the state. Kansas officials believe data released later by the Census Bureau will show a continuing shift from rural areas to urban and suburban areas. Rural western Kansas seems particularly likely to have lost people, while the Kansas City metropolitan area has had significant growth.

The last census data for county populations, comparing figures for 2000 and 2009, showed that only 20 of the state's 105 counties had picked up population.

The 1st District is expected to expand to cover an even wider area, while the boundaries of the 3rd District, centered on the Kansas City area, will probably shrink. Through 2009, the fastest growing area has been Johnson County, home to affluent Kansas City-area suburbs in the 3rd District.

## Kansas Okays Sunflower Power Plant Construction

By Gene Meyer  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - State regulators formally issued an air quality permit Thursday that will allow construction of a controversial \$2.8 billion, 895 megawatt coal-fired electric power generating station in southwest Kansas near Holcomb.

The project has been on hold for five years, stalled by a fierce ongoing debate between environmentalists alarmed by the unit's potential effect on global warming, Sunflower Electric Power Corp., which wants to build the generator, and state and local businesses and lawmakers trying to spur economic growth and job opportunities in the area.

approval process for Sunflower's or anyone else's benefit and, on Thursday, John Mitchell, the department's acting secretary and Bremby's successor did also.

"We followed the law," Mitchell said at a press conference announcing the decision.

"The Sunflower proposed expansion meets all current state and federal requirements for issuing the permit," he said.

Rick Brunetti, the department's air quality chief, said Thursday that the scaled down version of the planned expansion will emit 40 percent less carbon dioxide than the plant Sunflower originally proposed. Operators of the new facility also will be required to generate 30 percent of the plant's output

using renewable wind energy and biomass fuels.

Brunetti and Mitchell also said that Sunflower will be required to meet tougher new environmental standards in 2011 and beyond in order to qualify for future permits that also will be needed to build and operate the planned facility. Project opponents say backers sought approval now in order to be exempted from those higher standards.

Sunflower, economic developers, labor unions and other proponents of what may be the largest construction project in Kansas history estimate building will create as many 1,900 additional jobs, with annual payrolls approaching \$121 million in the Garden City area.

## Unemployment Increases

By Rachel Whitten  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - The number of unemployed workers in Kansas rose slightly in November, to a seasonally adjusted 6.8 percent, the Kansas Department of Labor reported Friday.

That's up from the 6.7 seasonally adjusted rate reported in October and September.

Governments added 1,300 jobs during November, which is fewer than were reported the two previous months, but still more than any other single industry group except for trade, transportation and utilities.

Even with the increase, government employment is 900 jobs below year-ago levels, the department said. The largest jobs reductions from 12 months ago have occurred in local governments, the report said.

Trade, transportation and utilities added 2,600 jobs in Kansas, most of those from staff hired by retailers for holiday help.

According to Labor Secretary Jim Garner, the seasonal decrease of 1,400 construction jobs is not as bad as a typical year, and not as much as other states at present time.

# Obituaries

## Kenneth M. Alt

Kenneth M. Alt, age 87, of Wamego, Kansas, died December 19, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Center in Wamego after a year long illness.

Kenneth was born June 4, 1923 to Carl H. and Helen L. (Brey Meyer) Alt on the "Hundred and One Farm" northwest of Paxico, KS. He attended Greenwood District 33 grade school and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1941. He was baptized, confirmed, married and a life-long member of Immanuel Faith Community Church-Wells Creek.

On Sept. 30, 1945 he married Delta R. Abele and started farming southwest of St. Marys, KS. In 1950, he was able to find ground closer to home, south of

Wamego. Kenny was a proud farmer for 50 years.

He served on the Wabaunsee District School Dist. #1 Board, was a charter member of the Turkey Creek 4-H Club, a member of the Kaw Valley Heritage Club, Wamego Senior Citizen's Center and church council. In later years, he volunteered with Meals on Wheels and mowed the church cemetery.

In 1996, he and Delta retired and spent the next 12 years traveling to all 50 states as well as Germany, Alaska and Canada. He also enjoyed reading, going to see his Kream Kup coffee buddies and working in his woodworking shop where he gave away the majority of what he made. However, his favorite pastime was visiting - he never knew a stranger whether they were

babies or elderly - they all got his attention and a joke or story.

He was preceded in death by a baby sister, his parents and a special brother- and sister-in-law, Arnold and Wilma Abele.

He was a loving husband, good friend and a special dad and grandpa. He is survived by his wife, Delta, of the home; children, Doug (Sarah) Alt, Salina, KS and Debbie (Paul) Turpin, Kansas City, MO; grandchildren, Tony (Leslie) Alt, Tyler Alt (fiancé, Meghan Mohr), Paul Turpin III (Shelly and daughters, Ashley and Erica), Clay Turpin and Wes Turpin, all of Kansas City. His great grandchildren include Anne and Benjamin Alt and Paul IV, Remy, Brogan and Parker Turpin. He is, also, survived by an extended

family of four unofficially adopted grandchildren, Patti Johnson, Mark Werner and Becca and Dustin Hatfield.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Immanuel Faith Community Church-Wells Creek in rural Belvue, Kansas. Burial will follow at the Wamego City Cemetery. Mr. Alt will lie-in-state starting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego where the family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to the church memorial fund or the Capper Foundation supporting youth, and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at [www.campanella-funeral.com](http://www.campanella-funeral.com).

## Economy on mainstreet growing stonger

By Rachel Whitten  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas' rural economy is steadily improving, according to a monthly survey of banking executives.

The Rural Mainstreet Index, a gauge to measure the economic vitality in rural parts of 11 Midwestern states, showed Kansas' agriculture based economy improved to 59 from November's 57 and October's 51. An index of 50 is considered growth neutral.

"Very healthy farm income is rippling across the Rural Mainstreet economy. Businesses heavily dependent on the farm economy continue to experience very strong economic conditions," said survey founder and Creighton University Economics Professor Ernie Goss.

Meanwhile, the Farmland Price Index in Kansas rose to 78 from 70 in November, indicating an increased demand for agricultural property. When asked what the biggest economic threat to the rural economy in 2011, about a third of bankers surveyed said they see a bubble burst in farmland prices as the biggest possibility.

But for now, land is fetching higher prices.

"A land auction was held two weeks ago and land that would have brought \$2,500 an acre two years ago sold for \$5,000 to \$5,500 an acre," said Michael Johnson, CEO of Swedish American State Bank in Courtland Kan.

The rate of job growth stemming from the rural economy in the state grew at 2.1 percent over the last year.

## TYLER J. WHITE

Tyler James White, age 18, died on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. Tyler was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and moved to Manhattan, Kansas when he was two and one half years of age.

To describe Tyler, anyone who knew him knew that he was a passionate young man. Anything Tyler developed an interest in, Tyler excelled. Tyler joined the Boy Scouts when he was 13 years of age and within four years obtained his Eagle Scout

from Troop 74. Tyler was an amazing person who loved the out of doors and was a gifted hunter and fisherman.

Tyler is survived by his parents, Tim and Kelly White of Manhattan; his brother, Jamey; his grandparents Darrell and Pat Brensing and Vernon and Peggy White; uncles and aunts: Doug and Roxie Brensing, Leigh Ann and Randy Kloefkorn, Spencer White, and Grant and Mary White. He is also survived by his cousins Lane, Ben, and Rylee Downey, Brandon and

Tess Brensing, Tricia Brensing, Erika, Joseph, Mason, and Boden Lizotte, Gretchen and James Dreher, Heidi Kloefkorn, Jennifer and Jason Ronse, Thomas and Kelsey White, Ryan White, Andrew White, and Kaitlyn White.

We are grateful for the many others who impacted Tyler's life throughout the years.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 P.M. Saturday, December 18th, at the University Christian Church Family Life Center with Pastor Steve Ratliff officiating. The family will

receive friends from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. Friday at the University Christian Church Family Life Center.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial donations may be given to Boy Scouts of America Troop 74 Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

## Annabelle Smith

Annabelle Smith, 90, of Manhattan, passed away Monday, December 13th, 2010, at Mercy Regional Health Center.

Annabelle was born in Fayetteville, OH on February 7, 1920, the daughter of the late Frances Ethel (Leonard) and Thomas Bamber.

On Sept. 14, 1965 in Albuquerque, NM, she married Stanley James Smith. She moved to Manhattan from Idaho

Springs in 1982, they had also lived in Climax, CO.

Annabelle was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan. She was also a member of the 3rd Age Group of the church.

She worked as a claims adjuster for the United States Air Force in Denver, CO for 30 years.

She graduated from Manhattan High School in 1937.

Annabelle is survived by a step daughter, Linda Garofalo, two step sons;

Mark Smith and Kevin Smith, nephew, John Noland, four grandchildren; Jerod Layman, Sarah Layman, Carley Smith and Emily Garofalo, and many cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sisters; Beatrice Noland and Beulah Bamber, and Step father, Miles E. Leonard.

Memorial service will be held at 10:30 am, Friday, December 17th, 2010 at the St. Thomas

More Catholic Church, with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. The family will be receiving friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Inurnment will be at the Sunset Cemetery.

Family request donations to St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Manhattan or Flint Hills Bread Basket.

For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com)

## MARY JANE FRAZIER

Mary Jane Frazier, age 92, of St. George, died December 21, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born May 19, 1918, in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of John and Alice (Barnard) Munson, and had been a longtime St. George resident.

Mrs. Frazier worked for College Cleaners Shirt Salon for 20 years and then worked several different jobs prior to retirement.

She was a member of

the St. George United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary # 260 in St. George, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary # 1786 and the Eagles Auxiliary # 2468 both of Manhattan.

On December 5, 1936, in Manhattan, she was married to Marshall Frazier. Mr. Frazier preceded her in death in 1984. She later married Clyde Whitney in 1991, and he preceded her in death in 1992. She was also preceded in death by two sons: Richard and Bill; one daughter Rosemary; one brother, Clarence

Munson; and one sister, Dorothy Frazier.

Survivors include three sons: Jerry Frazier and his wife Kathy of Lindsborg, KS, Jim Frazier of St. George, and Ron Frazier and his wife Linda Collins of Manhattan; two daughters: Donna Cox and her husband Dennis Tobias and Shirley Boggs and her husband Charles both of St. George; 24 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home with Pastor Leslye Haller

officiating. Interment will follow in the St. George Cemetery at St. George, KS.

Friends may call anytime Thursday and prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Homecare & Hospice, Inc. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.



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# Red Tape Under the Tree: FCC Plans Internet Regulation for Christmas

By James Gattuso

We have two branches of government—Congress and the courts—expressing grave concerns with our agency becoming increasingly unmoored from our statutory authority. By seeking to regulate the Internet now, we exceed the authority Congress has given us, and justify those concerns.

—FCC Commissioner Meredith Atwell Baker[1] Should regulators in Washington, D.C., set the rules for the Internet? Julius Genachowski, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), thinks so. He has crafted a plan to impose so-called “net neutrality” rules on Internet service providers, setting an FCC vote on the proposal for next Tuesday.[2]

Details of the plan are not yet known outside the commission and will likely not be released until after the commission votes. It is reportedly based on a net neutrality plan floated a month ago in Congress. That plan, however, was soundly rejected by Congress. The Genachowski plan—which would end-run Congress—should be rejected as well.

What Is Net Neutrality?

Generally, “net neutrality” refers to the principle that owners of broadband networks should treat all traffic on their

networks equally.[3] This has long been an operational principle on the Web, although in practice there have always been exceptions, and the principle has never been enshrined in any law or regulation.

In 2005, the FCC took the first steps toward making the net neutrality principle mandatory, adopting a set of four “guidelines” regarding neutrality on the Web. These guidelines declared that consumers are “entitled” to run applications, connect to devices, and access content of their choice on the Web and enjoy a choice of broadband providers. While these guidelines were ostensibly non-binding, the commission relied upon them in an action against Comcast in 2008, when—in an effort to stop “bandwidth hogs” from interfering with Internet use by less intensive users—the Internet service provider slowed downloads rates for users of certain peer-to-peer software.

After Genachowski took over the chairmanship last year, the commission quickly moved to expand the guidelines, adopting a proposal to make them explicitly binding and enlarge their scope.

Lack of Legal Authority

In taking these steps toward neutrality regulation, however, the FCC faced an inconvenient obstacle: Nothing in any

statute gives the FCC authority to regulate the Internet. To get past this jurisdictional gap, the FCC relied on an odd legal theory known as “ancillary jurisdiction.” Under this doctrine, the FCC may regulate in areas where it has not expressly been granted power so long as such regulation is “reasonably ancillary” to areas where it does have authority. In other words, the argument went, as in a game of horseshoes, close is good enough for FCC jurisdiction.[4]

In April, however, a federal appeals court rejected this argument, finding that the FCC does not have “untrammeled freedom to regulate activities over which the statute fails to confer.”[5] While the court did not reject outright the concept of ancillary jurisdiction, it did allow it to be used only when necessary for the agency to achieve a goal explicitly mandated by law.

Legislation Rejected

Various proposals to provide the FCC with the missing authority have been advanced in Congress. Most recently, Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA) floated a proposal to allow the FCC to stop “unreasonable” discrimination.[6] This failed to get support, however, as has every other proposal to grant the FCC regulatory power over the Internet.

The proposal to be voted on

at the FCC on Tuesday is an attempt to move forward with regulation despite the absence of congressional approval. Like the Waxman plan, it is expected to forbid “unjust” or “unreasonable” discrimination, leaving the exact practices to be banned to case-by-case decision making.

Many hard-core regulation supporters are disappointed with the plan and are instead urging that the FCC ban discrimination outright. That would be dangerous, as there are many reasons that differentiation among different types of content could make economic sense or even be critical to managing a network. With increasing demands on the Internet, certain types of prioritization common in other industries—such as selling premium or discount access to content providers—could be beneficial to users. More immediately, growing use of the Web is making active management of that traffic (such as controlling bandwidth-hogging) critical.

While the FCC plan would not bar all discrimination, it would vest vast discretion in the FCC to determine what is allowed and what is not. Critical decisions as to what is permitted and what is not would be left to the political whims of five FCC members. At best, that will create an

unpredictable atmosphere, with firms left unsure whether their activities will be deemed acceptable. At worst, it will lead to abuse and political game-playing.

Level 3

Case in point: Earlier this month, communications provider Level 3 got into a business spat with Comcast over how much it will pay, if anything, Comcast to handle traffic from Level 3’s network. Such negotiations are common among networks, and the long-standing system of private interconnection agreements has worked quite well. Yet Level 3 claimed that Comcast’s request for payment to carry Level 3’s traffic violates net neutrality rules. The claim caused a political stir that promises to help Level 3 in its ongoing negotiations. The incident is likely a harbinger of rent-seeking to come under a net neutrality regime, as firms—as well as political advocates of all stripes—use vague neutrality rules to advance their interests.[7]

The overall result would be bad news not just for Web surfers but also for the economy as a whole. Investment in broadband today is one of the few bright spots of the economy, with providers expected to invest some \$30 billion per year in private capital into their networks annually for the next

five years, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs.[8] Neutrality rules would threaten that investment and those jobs by hindering efficient network management and creating uncertainty.

Strained Connections

At the same time, it is still unclear how the FCC will manufacture the necessary legal authority to do any of this. While the commission may point to various parts of the Communications Act that cover some aspects of broadband Internet service—such as regulation of cable TV and licensing wireless transmissions—the connections between these and regulation of the Web are tenuous and strained. As a result, whatever is voted on will likely be quickly struck down in court.

Yet it appears that Genachowski intends to ignore Congress, ignore the law, and ignore the potential damage to the economy and the Internet itself in order to impose regulation. Policymakers should not wait for the courts to strike down this ill-conceived regulation. The commission should vote it down on Tuesday. If it does not, Congress should use its power to intervene and nullify the rule.

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# Congress Should Block Union Transparency Rollback

By James Sherk

The Obama Administration recently rolled back union financial transparency reforms. New regulations will exempt many union trust funds, such as strike funds and apprenticeship programs, from financial disclosure laws. These regulations also end financial reporting for many government unions.

Financial transparency deters wrongdoing and enables union members to hold their officers accountable. Despite promising the “most transparent administration in history,” the President has reduced transparency for labor unions. Congress should not let this happen. It should use its powers under the Congressional Review Act to protect transparency for union members.

Union Transparency Reforms

Congress passed the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) in 1959 following hearings documenting links between labor unions and organized crime. The act requires unions to publicly disclose how they spend their members’ money. Congress believed that this would discourage malfeasance and enable union members to hold their leaders accountable.

Until recently, however, the act did little to achieve these goals. For four decades the Department of Labor (DOL) required only aggregated financial reports that provided no meaningful disclosure.

Union Trust Funds. Many unions operate trust funds for the benefit of their members, such as strike funds, training funds, credit unions, and apprenticeship programs. Until

the end of the Bush Administration, the government did not require most union trusts to disclose their finances. Only trusts wholly operated and funded by an individual union were required to file financial disclosure forms.[1]

These standards exempted large numbers of trusts. Trusts funded by employer contributions negotiated by a union did not need to disclose their spending—they were not considered wholly union funded. Neither did trusts operated jointly by several unions.

These loose standards enabled union officers to engage in questionable behavior without their members’ knowledge. For example:

One credit union for union members was almost entirely financed (97 percent) by members of one labor local. The credit union’s directors were all officers or employees of the local. Over 60 percent of the credit union’s loans went to just four people, three of whom were officers of the local. However, because other locals contributed a small amount of the credit union’s funds, it was not required to disclose its finances.[2]

Nepotism drained millions of dollars from a health and welfare fund operated by the Laborers’ International Union of North America. The fund paid the son-in-law of a board member \$119,000 a year to manage a scholarship program that gave out \$28,000 a year. A daughter of that board member earned \$112,000 as a “confidential secretary” who checked voice mail messages. One year she

checked just 109 messages—at a cost to union members of over \$1,000 per call.[3]

In collective bargaining, the United Auto Workers negotiated the creation of trust funds to retrain laid-off autoworkers. Reporters found that these training funds sponsored NASCAR racers, hosted a “Hollywood Showcase” at the 2000 Democratic Convention, and put on lavish conventions in Las Vegas.[4]

Government Union Disclosure. The LMRDA covers unions that represent private sector workers. Some government unions, such as the National Education Association, represent a small number of private sector workers (for example, teachers at a unionized private school). Their national headquarters must disclose their finances.

Previously the local chapters of these unions were not required to file. This allowed the national headquarters to sidestep disclosure by transferring money to locals without private sector members.

Chao Reforms: Transparency and Accountability

In 2003, the DOL under Secretary Elaine Chao instituted reforms to address these problems. She required all unions covered by the LMRDA to itemize their expenditures so their members could see exactly how their money was spent. She issued regulations clarifying that local chapters of government unions must file these reports.

Chao also created a new T-1 reporting form requiring trusts to separately detail their finances. The new T-1 closed

the loopholes that had previously allowed many trusts to escape scrutiny. Under the new rules any trust that received more than half of its funding from labor organizations—including multiple unions—or that had a majority of its members appointed by labor unions had to file. Contributions that unions negotiated with employers counted toward this funding threshold.

Union leaders did not welcome this new accountability. They fought the financial disclosure reforms in court, repeatedly filing suit to block their implementation. The courts ruled against union leaders in most cases, but the lawsuits bogged down the trust disclosure measures until after President Obama took office.

Obama Rolls Back Transparency

Barack Obama promised “the most transparent administration in history.” However, his Department of Labor has steadily rolled back the union transparency measures. In the first days of his Administration, the DOL delayed implementing the T-1 reforms. On December 1 of this year, the DOL finalized regulations eliminating the T-1 form altogether and ending disclosure for local chapters of government unions.[5] Under the new rules the loopholes that allowed many union trusts to avoid disclosure will return, and many government unions will once again be exempted from financial disclosure.

Congress Should Protect Union Transparency

Union members want this transparency: 89 percent of union members agree that unions should disclose their

spending. In part this is because 66 percent of union members believe their leaders mostly look out for themselves.[6] Transparency holds self-interested union officials accountable to the rank-and-file. Members of UFCW Local 7 in Colorado voted out their President after they learned he gave his children six-figure jobs on the union payroll.[7]

Congress already has the tools to prevent these reforms from being rolled back: The Congressional Review Act allows Congress to overturn newly issued federal regulations. Congress has only until early April to invoke this authority. Congress should force the President to publicly choose between union members and self-interested union leaders. Rank-and-file union members deserve to know where the President stands.

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# Kansas Board of Ed seeks dismissal from tax suit

By Gene Meyer  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas State Board of Education said Wednesday it will seek to be dismissed from a Johnson County lawsuit filed last week challenging a state cap on local school spending.

A group of Shawnee Mission Unified School District 512 parents filed the suit Dec. 10 in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan., claiming that Kansas’ local option budget caps violate their U.S. constitutional equal protection rights by limiting the use of their tax money to provide funding they want for their children’s education.

The suit named Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson and other state officials, including the board of education and Diane DeBacker, the state’s education commissioner as defendants.

The group filed the suit in part to prevent the district, which lies along the Kansas-Missouri state line in Johnson County, from closing three popular middle and elementary schools that have unusually low enrollments. Shawnee

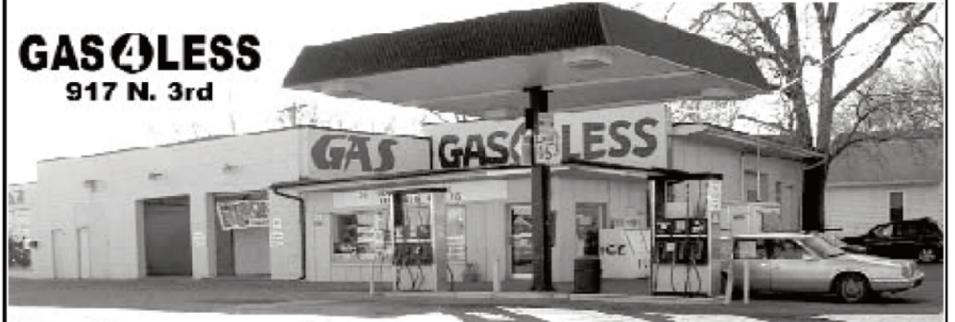
Mission board members voted Monday night to close the schools anyway.

Following the state board’s December meeting Wednesday, board chairperson Janet Waugh released a statement saying the board and DeBacker will ask the court to dismiss them as parties to the suit.

“While the Board will continue to express its support for existing law and the adequate and suitable funding of the educational interests in the state, it has no authority - either through the constitution or state statute - to alter, amend or change the (local option budget) cap,” Waugh said.

The Johnson County suit is separate from another suit, filed Nov. 2 in Shawnee County District Court in Topeka against the state of Kansas. That suit, brought by a group of 63 Kansas school districts, but not Shawnee Mission 512, contends recent budget cuts in state aid for public schools violate a Kansas constitutional requirement to provide sufficient funding to provide adequate education for Kansas students.

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# Thoughts From The Prairie

## The Rescue

This is a wonderful time of year and even more so for Jenny and me as we spend the season with our children and grandchildren in Oregon in the shadow of the Three Sisters Mountains. The area is blanketed with 17 inches of snow and it is truly a Winter Wonderland.

Last week we went as a family to volunteer to do chores at Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch nearby. Crystal Peaks is a nonprofit organization owned and operated by Troy and Kim Meeder that, "Rescues abused and neglected horses and pairs them with disadvantaged children, offering the children a place of safety, peace, and hope." The beauty of Crystal Peaks is that it simultaneously rescues abused horses and suffering children. Kim puts it this way: "Follow a horse where no one else can tread, through the minefield of pain that surrounds a broken child's soul. From a mistreated horse to an emotionally starved child and back again, a torrent of love revives their barren places...In the presence of unconditional love, a mute girl speaks for the first time. A defiant teenager teaches a horse to trust again...and opens his own heart to love. A rescued horse gives a dying man his last wish. A battered girl finds love and protection in the friendship of a battered horse."

The great stories of history are the stories of rescue, the emotionally charged battle to change tragedy into hope. These stories come from all over the world in every conceivable form. A shark attacked Surfer Todd Endris and was circling for the final kill. He was rescued from certain death by a pod of bottlenose dolphins that circled him and "escorted" him to shore.

A billion people around the world watched on live television as 33 miners, trapped for 69 days, were rescued from the San Jose copper-gold mine near Copiapo, Chile. Great elation reverberated around the globe as the last miner emerged from the Fenix 2 rescue capsule, the only way out, October 13, 2010!

The amazing characteristic



Dick Miller

of rescue missions is the risk eagerly taken by the rescuers. The movie, Saving Private Ryan, epitomizes this characteristic. The movie is based on the true story involving four Niland brothers serving at the same time in WWII. Tech SGT Robert Niland and 2LT Preston Niland were killed at Normandy. Tech SGT Edward Niland was captured in Burma and served as a POW in a Japanese POW camp until rescued in May 1945. Sergeant Frederick "Fritz" Niland fought all through Normandy. Upon the notification of the death of his brothers, he was returned to the States.

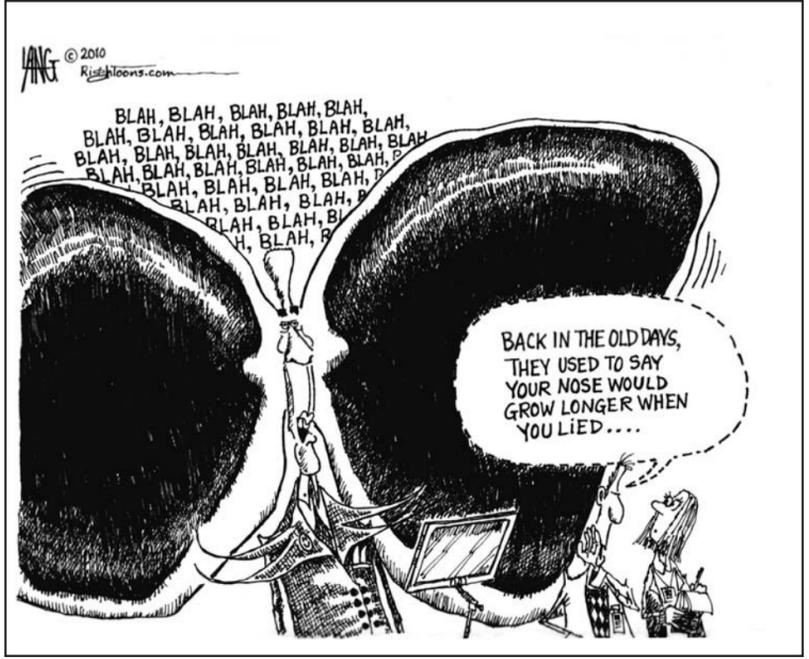
Saving Private Ryan opened with the Allied invasion at Normandy on D-Day. When the Army staff learned that Mrs. Ryan was to be notified on the same day of the death of three of her sons, they ordered a rescue mission to save Private Ryan and return him safely to his mother. CPT John Miller and a crew of eight are dispatched on the rescue mission with faint hope of finding Ryan alive. Several of the rescue team sacrifice their lives, but the survivors eventually locate Ryan who refuses to leave his unit! His squad of paratroops is tasked to hold a key bridge and Ryan insists on doing just that. CPT Miller and the surviving Rangers agree to help and in a

climactic battle scene, manage to hold off a German counter-attack. Mission complete!

Of a glorious rescue, J.R.R. Tolkien, in Book III, Return of the King wrote, "And before the Sun had fallen...out of the east there came a great Eagle flying, and he bore tidings beyond hope from the Lords of the West, crying: 'Sing now, ye people of the Tower of Anor, for the realm of Sauron is ended forever, and the Dark Tower is thrown down. Sing and rejoice, ye people of the Tower of Guard, for your watch hath not been in vain, and the Black Gate is Broken, and your King hath passed through, and he is victorious.'"

Tolkien's fable symbolically speaks to the cosmic rescue described by Donald Barnhouse in Act I and Act II of the Invisible War. In Act I the Old Serpent successfully deceived the inhabitants of the Kingdom of the Garden. Because of their rebellion, The King cast the inhabitants from the Garden, closed and locked the Garden Gate and pronounced chaos on the cosmos. In Act II, the same King who created the unconditional love to restore hope to battered horses and children at Crystal Peaks, also initiated a rescue mission of colossal proportions to rescue the inhabitants of the earth and restore the Kingdom of the Garden.

This rescue mission was first announced about 700 BC by Isaiah the Hebrew, then again 2,000 years ago by the angel Gabriel who said to Mary, "You will give birth to a son...and his kingdom will never end." A few months later an angel spoke to the shepherds on the hills near Nazareth and said, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." To this Son alone the King entrusted the key to the locked Garden Gate, "And he has passed through, and He is victorious." And so with the heavenly host we sing, "Hark! The Herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King." The great rescue has begun! Merry Christmas!



# Love, hate and a dry-eyed look at the future of the country

One reality of the 2010 midterm election is that voters have rejected the current agenda of President Barack Obama. Uncontrolled government spending with its repetitious forays into the private market has not settled well with the American people. The president's promise of decreased unemployment after huge government spending did not come to fruition as promised, and as expected, people began to grumble. For those that are fighting the liberal agenda of the Obama administration, between demented Democrats in denial on one hand and weeping Republicans on the other, it is hard to keep the full reality of what is taking place in perspective. However, since the last couple of years have brought home the truth that elections have consequences, we should be very accurate about the recent midterm election and what it means and what it does not mean for the future of the political parties and this country.

The historical rejection of Democrats can be seen as more than a product of liberal politicians' unwavering support of such plans as Obama's compulsory healthcare program, apocalyptic government spending, or even his backward mentality on national security issues. Yes, the American people opposed Democrats because their policies were bad for the country. However, they came out in droves and voted them out of office in historic numbers because of the Democrats' hostile stance toward anyone who questioned what they were attempting to do. As Barack Obama's policies moved further and further away from the traditional economic and moral blueprint of this country, the voice of the American people rose in opposition. It was then that Democrats decided to forcefully turn their backs on voters to push the liberal agenda of the Obama administration through.

Democrats guaranteed their midterm losses by modeling an appearance of arrogance and disdain toward voters. They projected a belief that the administration's policies were so perfectly constructed that they were beyond question, above scrutiny. The elitism that exuded from the democratic leadership heading up to the 2010 midterm may very well be historic from the perspective that it superseded the usual reflections politicians give to their own political survivability. In the end, Democrats lined up in mass numbers and fell on their swords for the ideological belief system they shared with Barack Obama. The question now is has anything changed? Is



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anything going to change, or will the country continue moving in the direction of the Obama agenda? Here in reality we have to take a really hard look at the Republican Party.

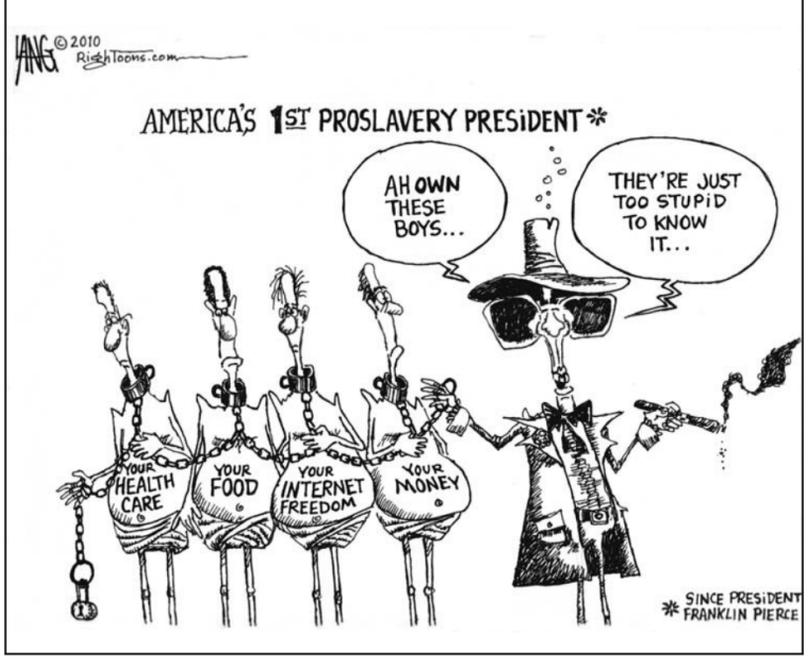
While it is only fair to allow the House of Representatives with its new Republican majority to settle in before they are judged on what part they will play in correcting the destructive misadventures the country has experienced since 2008, the psychological ramifications of the election are in the forefront and are worthy of evaluation. The first reality that Republicans must acknowledge and model through their direct actions following the aftermath of the midterm is that voters simply rejected Democrats, they did not embrace Republicans. The Republican Party has been blessed with an opportunity to get back into the political game. Opportunities come and go and thus are fleeting in duration. If the Republican Party wishes to gain back its former prominence and the presidency in 2012, they will have to model and articulate a fiscally and socially conservative message for the future. For the Republican Party, this has been much easier said than done.

The GOP needs to put their nose to the grindstone and get back to thinking like free-marketeters, constitutionalists, and God-fearing Americans. They must get back to being the innovators and creators of positive ideas. They have a constituency, from the Tea Party to Americans across the country that eagerly wait for their votes to take on meaning. Some would say the GOP is doing that now. I would say if they are, then their marketing stinks. The components of political success for the Republican Party are to have a political vision that is superior to that of their opponents. Republicans have this won even

on a bad day, but vision alone will not save the country. To gain political success, the Party must articulate a message more clearly and more effectively than their opposition. Important political success is found with those who can balance the strength of their convictions with the ability to listen to others.

Here the Republican Party has great strides to make. Not only must Republicans come out of the gate in the new Congress with bold initiatives to cut spending, reduce government control and safeguard the Constitution from liberal attack, they must also show a purity of spirit and strength of will as they bring these issues to the forefront. Changing the Obama agenda will be an epic battle not for the faint of heart. In this instance, the success of the GOP and the country itself are tied together. The Obama administration will attempt to use the Republican majority in the House to their advantage and House leader John Boehner as well as the Republican leadership will be called upon to stand for conservative values in stopping more bad legislation from getting through Congress. Love it or hate it, this will not be a battleground of tears, but a dogged fight for the viability of the Republican Party and the future of the country.

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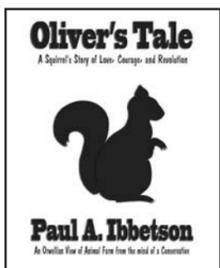
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# U.S. tax change drills bigger hole in Kansas budget

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TOPEKA, Kan. — Many Kansas taxpayers may benefit from an extension of Bush era tax cuts that President Barack Obama signed Friday, but the state's battered 2012 budget will take a \$60 million hit.

The legislation passed after contentious Congressional wrangling during the week, essentially stops a slew of income tax rates, tax credits, marriage penalty adjustments and other tax adjustments from automatically resetting back to 2003 or earlier levels for two more years. It also provides some payroll-tax relief for workers and a tax boon for businesses intended to help stimulate a still-sluggish

national economy.

Both of those changes will alter state revenue projections made just six weeks ago, said Steve Stotts, the Kansas Department of Revenue's tax director.

Based on federal tax legislation in effect when Stotts and other forecasters officially projected on Nov. 2, losing the nearly decade-old tax breaks next month would have helped lift Kansas income tax revenues 5 percent, to just more than \$2.7 billion, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Now the tax breaks won't be lost and consequently the tax revenues officials projected probably will be about \$10 million lower, Stotts said.

"But that's not the big

thing," Stotts said. "The big thing is the new stuff, and particularly the 100 percent expensing change, which we are still working on estimating."

Expensing is an accounting term for what happens when businesses are allowed to immediately deduct the costs of new investments in their enterprises instead of gradually deducting, or depreciating, them over longer periods of time. The new tax law allows businesses to immediately deduct the costs of capital investments made between Sept. 8, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2011.

Because state tax calculations in Kansas and many other states are closely tied to feder-

al tax calculations, this change alone likely will cost state capitals more than \$11.2 billion between now and 2013, based on U.S. Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation estimates, said Jon Shure, state fiscal project director at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington.

Kansas' share of that reduction, spread over three fiscal years, is about \$149 million, Shure estimated.

"That puts Kansas in about the middle of the states nationally, and that seems like a good deal if they help stimulate the economy," he said.

"We don't yet know for sure what the cost will be, but \$50 million, or a little more, a year seems about right for 2012,"

said Stotts at the revenue department.

While the total \$60 million drop in expected tax collections may not seem large in a potential \$6.2 billion state budget, the number is significant.

"Balancing a state budget without a tax increase won't be easy," incoming Republican Gov. Sam Brownback said as recently as Thursday.

The budget of which he spoke, for 2012, already appeared to be headed for a \$492 million gap before tax laws changed Friday. Now the projected deficit appears headed to nearer \$552 million.

Or it may not be. "A few of the new tax provisions may actually have a pos-

itive effect on Kansas tax revenue," said Mark Robyn, staff economist at the Tax Foundation in Washington.

Lower payroll taxes, extended unemployment benefits and business investment provisions in the bill will increase economic activity and, if successful, tax collections to higher levels than otherwise would happen, Robyn said.

His biggest concern? "Obviously the deal doesn't solve anything long-term, it just pushes the issue two years down the road," Robyn said. "It's likely we will once again be in the same situation two years from now, only then it will be a presidential election year."

# Iowa gaming company wins casino bid

By Rachel Whitten  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas regulators voted 6-1 to allow Iowa-based Peninsula Gaming LLC to develop a new state-owned casino south of Wichita.

Members of the state Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board picked Peninsula's bid — which includes a world class show horse arena, more than 1,300 slot machines, a 150-room hotel and multiple dining options near Mulvane — over a competing offer from Global Gaming Solutions of Ada, Okla., which proposed an automotive-themed casino and

recreational complex near Wellington.

The state of Kansas will receive 22 percent of the profits from the casino. Commissioners said a major factor in choosing Peninsula was the potential to make more money because of its location off I-35, about 18 miles south of Wichita. Global Gaming's casino would have been about 32 miles south of Wichita.

The next step for the Dubuque, Iowa based Peninsula is to undergo an extremely detailed background check by the Racing and Gaming Commission. The investigation will delve into

financial, criminal and personal histories of the business and key employees like the CEO and presidents.

"It's a very thorough and intrusive process," said Mike Deines, with the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.

Two executive employees of Peninsula were charged with misdemeanors in October for making illegal campaign contributions to the failed gubernatorial bid of former Iowa governor Chet Culver.

But the employees, Brent Stevens, Peninsula's chief executive, and Jonathan Swain, its chief operating officer, have

said they would remove themselves from the process of building the casino if Peninsula's bid was chosen.

The Kansas Expanded Lottery Act stipulates three automatic grounds for disqualification, which include felony convictions, gambling crimes, or crimes of moral turpitude by any key employees. In addition, commissioners are given broad discretion to reject the bid after the background check if there are other questionable or detrimental circumstances that arise.

The investigation is expected to be complete by the Racing and Gaming Commission's

next meeting on Jan. 14. That means the vote to give final approval or rejection of the bid will come then, and if approved, Peninsula will be in a binding contract with the state and not able to have its \$25 million privilege fee refunded should it pull out.

Two previous casino bids have stepped back from building in the south-central gaming zone because of the economic recession.

If the Gaming Commission gives final approval, developers say they would begin construction early next year. Their plan is to open an interim facil-

ity in 2011 and complete the \$160 million project within five years.

Revenue projections state that in 2014, the Kansas Star will earn generate \$192 million.

The first state owned casino that opened last December, Boot Hill Casino and Resort, has stayed on track with its revenue projections, bringing in almost \$35 million so far this year.

A second casino currently being built by the Kansas Speedway outside Kansas City, Kan., is expected to open sometime in 2012.

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**Rule would promote union rights**

WASHINGTON (AP)

Most private employers would have to display posters informing workers about their right to form a union under a proposed federal rule that is bound to please unions and draw the ire of companies trying to resist labor organizers.

The planned rule, announced Tuesday by the National Labor Relations Board, would require businesses to post notices in employee break rooms or other prominent locations to explain a worker's rights to bargain collectively, distribute union literature or engage in other union activities without reprisal.

The move to issue a broad rule signals a more aggressive posture by the labor board, which usually makes policy on a case-by-case basis in individual labor-management disputes.

It comes less than a year after President Barack Obama

made several recess appointments to give the board its first Democratic majority in a decade. Obama's appointments to the board were held up for months over GOP concerns that one nominee — former AFL-CIO counsel Craig Becker — would be too sympathetic to unions.

As unions struggle to pass pro-labor legislation in Congress, leaders are increasingly looking to the labor board and other federal agencies to help reverse what they view as an increasingly hostile atmosphere for organizing new members.

Unions are trying to reverse years of membership declines in the private sector, where just 7.2 percent of employees belong to a union.

In recent months, the labor board has expressed an interest in allowing electronic voting for union elections, a move that

business groups fear could compromise secret ballots. The board is also speeding up its review of cases where employees are fired during union organizing drives.

The rule would not take effect for at least 60 days, during which the agency is taking comments.

In a statement, the board said it believes many employees protected by the National Labor Relations Act "are unaware of their rights" under the law. The notices make clear that workers don't have to join a union and outline other legal protections against union intimidation or misconduct.

Similar posters are already required to be displayed in the offices of government contractors and subcontractors under a White House executive order that took effect in June. The directive was one of the first executive orders Obama signed

shortly after taking office last year.

Michael Lotito, a San Francisco labor attorney who represents employers, said the notices could make it appear that the government is sanctioning unions.

"It will stimulate interest and curiosity among employees as to why this happened, which will prompt them to make telephone calls to unions," Lotito said.

Michael Eastman, executive director of labor policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, questioned whether the board even has the legal authority to issue the rule. If it does go forward, he suggested the posters should be more balanced for those who don't want to join unions.

The AFL-CIO did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



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**Jack of all trades government careerist to head new Kansas office**

By Gene Meyer  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Dennis Taylor, a 61-year-old Topeka native who has held two state cabinet posts during a varied government career, has been chosen to hunt down and clean up needless government regulations in Kansas.

Incoming Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback on Thursday formally nominated Taylor, currently Topeka's performance management coordinator, to become the state's next Secretary of Administration and to head a soon-to-be created Office of Repealer.

As administration secretary, presuming the Kansas Senate

approves his nomination, Taylor would be the chief executive of an approximately \$69 million enterprise that provides payroll, accounting, personnel management and myriad other support services for state government.

As the state's chief repealer, which is a position that Brownback promised during his campaign to create if elected, Taylor would become something like a state ombudsman to whom Kansans and their local or state government representatives might turn for help when unneeded, outmoded or duplicative state regulations or policies seem to not make sense.

Or at least that is how the job was outlined at a Thursday press conference announcing the nomination.

"This is a process, not a weekly report, and not something that happens immediately or overnight," Taylor said.

"Changing how state government operates — making it more efficient, more focused on its core responsibilities and balancing the state budget without a tax increase — won't be easy," Brownback said.

"A proven problem solver, Dennis' 33 years of public management experience at various levels of government will help us ... get our state's economy growing and get the

nearly 100,000 unemployed Kansans back to work," he said.

Taylor, an attorney who, like Brownback, is a Republican, has worked at most levels of government during the last three decades. In addition to serving variously as Kansas' social and rehabilitation services secretary in the early 1990s and human resources secretary in the late 1980s, he has worked as former Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden's chief of staff, the Kansas Senate president's chief of staff, as a Shawnee County commissioner, county auditor and finance commissioner, a Missouri county manager, and juvenile justice system director in New Mexico.

He also has been a U.S. Agency for International Development advisor for eastern Europe and director of a USAID program in Poland.

**Kansas senate leader calls more college funding unlikely**

By Gene Meyer  
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas universities aren't likely to get \$50 million in additional funding they want this year, newly elected state Senate Majority Leader Jay Emler said Monday.

The expected revenue needed to support such an increase "simply doesn't exist," Emler said.

The Lindsborg Republican was chosen unanimously by

that party's caucus to succeed state Sen. Derek Schmidt, of Independence as the state senate's second highest ranking officer. Schmidt is leaving the senate Jan. 10 after being elected Kansas attorney general in November. Emler, an attorney, has served in the state senate since 2001 and most recently chaired its ways and means committee.

Kansas Board of Regents members earlier this year voted

to ask state legislators for an additional \$50 million in the year beginning July 1 to make up for some of the budget cuts that the system's 32 universities and community colleges experienced as state revenues collapsed during the last few years.

They are requesting money for deferred construction and maintenance on state campuses, for new initiatives to increase the number of engineering and nursing graduates in the state, and to provide financial assistance for students from families with incomes below a \$50,174 Kansas median.

Budget forecasters last month officially projected that Kansas' fiscal 2012 budget will run about \$492 million in the red if the state continues to fund programs at levels recently supported by federal stimulus funds. New federal tax legislation passed earlier this month to avert scheduled increases in individual and business income taxes may add another \$60 million to that projected deficit.

To make up those projected deficits as Kansas' constitution requires, the potentially \$6 billion budget on which lawmakers are expected to begin work next month, "will be austere," Emler said Monday.

Regents' spokesman Kip Peterson declined to speculate how the higher education funding requests might fare after the next legislative session begins in January. The \$50 million request is for money to meet urgent needs in the system and "not even half of what's been cut in the last several years," Peterson said.

"Legislators write the checks for education and they set the priorities," he said.

"And in the past, we've found that no matter what the fiscal situation looks like, where there is a legislative will, there is a way," he said.

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# Free Press Big 12 Sports

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## Rebels Run Past Wildcats

### KSU Sports Information

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A defensive battle that included a scoring drought of three minutes by both teams in the second half resulted in Kansas State suffering its third loss of the season 63-59 to the UNLV Rebels on Tuesday night in front of a sold-out Sprint Center.

The Wildcats trailed for the majority of the first half but flipped the script with 6:18 left in the first frame with the score 28-19. From that mark K-State went on a 15-4 run to close the half and took their first lead with 2:43 on the clock with a fast break layup by Martavious Irving, 29-28. In that stretch the Wildcat defense held the Rebels without a field goal, 0-of-9 from the floor. The first half ended with a half-court heave from Nick Russell that swished through the net to give K-State a 34-31 advantage into the locker room.

K-State stretched the lead early in the second half to 40-34 with baskets from Rodney McGruder, Irving and Jamar Samuels. UNLV responded with a 14-2 run over the next six minutes to hold a 48-42 advantage with 11:50 remaining. Trailing by two, 54-56, the Wildcats left Oscar Bellfield open for a 3-pointer from the wing to stretch the UNLV lead to 59-54 with 1:22 left on the clock.

The Rebels forced K-State into 11 turnovers in the second half turning that into nine points. Willis Tre'Von fueled the engine for the Rebels with eight of his game-high 16 points coming in the second half.

McGruder recorded his first double-double of his career with 11 points on 5-of-13 shooting and 10 rebounds. The sophomore recorded 29 minutes in the contest.

The Wildcats had three other players record double figures. Russell led the Wildcats with 12 points on 3-of-6 shooting and 5-of-6 from the charity stripe. Samuels chipped in 11 and Irving totaled 10.

This marks the second loss in the confines of the Sprint Center this season with a previous loss to Duke in the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

K-State returns to its home court

with a contest against UMKC at 7:00 p.m. Thursday.

### Kansas State Quotes

#### Head Coach Frank Martin

##### On being shorthanded...

"We lost, it was obviously not good enough. We are not about losing and having moral victories. It is not what we built our program on and it was not good enough."

##### On Jamar and Rodney's leadership...

"They tried and until this team does not find their character and leadership we are going to continue to flounder around."

##### On team free-throw shooting...

"I have been doing this for 26 years and I have been trying to figure out what to do. If we continue to line-up and shoot free-throws off the backboard it is going to be hard."

##### On having other people step up and make plays...

"We are immature. Somewhere along the lines our guys think that you can win basketball games without passing the basketball. We had six assists and 23 turnovers and all 23 were non-aggressive turnovers. It is frustrating to watch. We battled and fought and it was nice but now we had them on their heels and we have to play. They got a baseline drive and then we cut it to one. Dead-charge and Rodney (McGruder) got out of the way. And they got a three-point play. That is not a winning play and we have got to make winning plays."

#### Forward Jamar Samuels

##### On missed opportunities...

"We turned the ball over. If you turn the ball over then you lose. We did this to ourselves. We had a couple of chances that we could have easily scored and taken advantage of but we let it slip out of our hands"

##### On establishing a team identity...

"I think that it is minor. I think that as a whole this is the hardest that we have played as a team all year long. Everybody was on the floor, the bench was always up cheering guys on, but we lost on our home turf."

#### Guard Martavious Irving

##### On the team's energy level...

"As a team, we came out with a



Kansas State's Nick Russell (12) make a half court shot at the end of the first half giving K-State a 34-31 lead. (Photo by Ben Brake)

lot of energy. It was tough when we were down but we fought back as a whole. The people on the bench were enthused, the coaches were enthused and the everybody on the floor was into the game but certain things detoured us from getting this win like turnovers and free-throws."

##### On achieving a moral victory tonight...

"We are supposed to play basketball, we are supposed to go onto that court and play. Us playing hard is how we are supposed to play every day. There is no such thing as moral victory, there are only wins and losses in the wins and loss column."

### UNLV Quotes

#### Head Coach Lon Kruger

##### Opening statement...

"We knew coming in that Kansas State was going to do a great job defensively. We knew they were going to be physical and pretty good on the boards, so we tried to hold our own there. We did not quite get that done, but I am still proud of our guys. It was a great crowd and a great building. Frank (Martin) does such a fantastic job with his guys.

Obviously, they were a little short-handed and that made a little bit of a difference. There is no denying that, but I was proud of our guys. I look forward to cheering on the 'Cats the rest of the year."

##### On Pullen's absence...

"Most importantly, we did not want to approach it any differently. We knew they were going to be very physical and really good defensively, and the crowd was going to be really good so we just had to stay with the thoughts that we had as we were preparing for Pullen (Jacob) and Curtis Kelly. That made a difference for them. I think that it affected them more than it affected us. I thought they made a great run in the first half."

##### On future matchups between UNLV and Kansas State...

"I would like to see it continue. I have mixed emotions about it, but it is good for us. They came out last year and kicked our tails pretty good and that helped us in terms of becoming more physical. Whether it is in Kansas City or Manhattan, we know it will be tough, but it will

be a good environment. I have terrific respect for what Frank (Martin) is doing."

#### Guard Oscar Bellfield

##### On his late game block on Jamar Samuels...

"Usually the point guard has to get back so that is what I was doing. He was a foot ahead of me, but I put some effort into it, and I tried not to give up an easy bucket. I thought he was about to go up for a dunk, and I just gave it my all."

##### On his late game three point shot...

"We were kind of struggling to get points. I got the ball, and I did not even think about it; I just let it go."

#### Guard Tre'Von Willis

##### On their first half scoring drought...

"We pride ourselves on keeping our heads up and always bringing a fight. It was a great crowd, and we knew it was us against everyone else. We knew we had to stay together and try to accomplish the win."



Martavious Irving (3) gave K-State their first lead of the game. (Photo by Ben Brake)

## K-State Falls to Blue Raiders

### KSU Sports Information

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Kansas State looked to rebound from its opening loss in the UTSA Christmas Classic on Tuesday evening, but turnovers hindered the Wildcats as Middle Tennessee State secured the win, 63-49. This is the first time this season K-State has dropped consecutive contests.

Kansas State was led by Jalana Childs with 15 points, while Taelor Karr added 11 points. Karr was the only Wildcat to reach double figures in both games in San Antonio and has secured double digits in seven games this season.

The Wildcats (8-3) shot 38.9 percent from the field for the game, but were plagued by 21 turnovers which Middle Tennessee State turned into 18 points. K-State shot just four free throws on the night, while the Blue Raiders

carded 16 attempts and made 12.

The Blue Raiders (9-3) saw two players reach double figures, as Ebony Rowe tallied a game-high 19 points and Icelyn Elie scored 14, all in the second half.

K-State used a late 7-0 run to close to within three of the Blue Raiders at the half, 25-22. With 2:57 to play in the first stanza, the Wildcats' rally began on a Karr scooping layup. Following a K-State defensive stop, Childs registered two of her first-half leading eight points on a layup. An Emma Ostermann steal on the next Middle Tennessee State possession resulted in a Chantay Caron three-point field goal with 16 seconds remaining in the half.

The Wildcats shot 35.7 percent from the field in the first half, while holding Middle Tennessee State to 37.5 percent. K-State out-

rebounded the Blue Raiders in the opening frame, 18-16.

K-State drew even at 35 early in the second half on a Karr three-point field goal with 16:18 to play. Middle Tennessee State took a 10-point lead, 51-41, with 7:56 remaining on a Kortni Jones three-point field goal. The Wildcats were held without a field goal for over four minutes midway through the half, as the Blue Raiders held a 56-43 lead with 3:46 remaining.

Following a brief break for the holidays, Kansas State will return to action on Dec. 29-30 at the Big Sky Classic in Hanover, N.H. The Wildcats will face tournament host, Dartmouth, at 6 p.m. (CT), on Dec. 29. K-State will take on Vermont on Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. (CT). Both contests will air live on the K-State Sports Network and for free at www.kstatesports.com.



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## Wildcats Go Cold Against UTSA

### KSU Sports Information

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Kansas State held an eight-point lead in the first half at UTSA on Monday night, but the Roadrunners used a combination of strong shooting and a chilly effort from the field in the second half by the Wildcats to hand K-State its second loss of the season, 72-55.

After trailing by four at the break, K-State (8-2) evened the score at 37 with 15:47 to play on a free throw from Taelor Karr. UTSA was able to increase its halftime advantage and built it to eight with 11:41 to play. The Wildcats went without a field goal for almost six minutes in the early stages of the second half before Karr ended the drought with a layup.

The Roadrunners extended the lead to 54-42 with 9:37 to play following a Ijeoma Waturuocha layup and eventually built the lead to 19 in the latter stages of the contest.

For the game, K-State was frigid from the field shooting a season-low 25.0 percent from the field including 19.2 from beyond the arc. The Wildcats were led by Karr with 13 points and Brittany Chambers with nine and a game-high 11 rebounds. Karr pulled in seven rebounds and tallied a career-high five steals.

UTSA (4-6) had four players in double figures, led by Ashleigh Franklin with a game-high 20 points and Ashley Gardner with 12 points. The Roadrunners shot 46.2 percent from the field and were 20-of-28 (.714) from the foul line in the second half and 22-of-34 for the game.

K-State trailed at the half for just the second time this season, as the Roadrunners held a 35-31 edge. UTSA was bolstered by its performance from the field especially in paint, as they carded a 51.6 field goal percentage and 22 points in the paint in the opening stanza. The 35 points by UTSA in the opening half were the most allowed by K-State in a first half since March 6, 2010 against Nebraska.

K-State was boosted by its bench in the first half, outscoring the Roadrunners 17-2 in the category. The Wildcats were led off the bench by Chantay Caron with seven points, while Emma Ostermann and San Antonio, native, Stephanie Wittman each added a career-high five. Both Ostermann and Wittman carded their first career three-point field goals in the half.

Kansas State will conclude action at the UTSA Christmas Classic on Tuesday, as the Wildcats will face Middle Tennessee State at 5 p.m. The contest can be heard live on the K-State Sports Network and for free at [www.kstatesports.com](http://www.kstatesports.com).

## Kansas State's Jacob Pullen, Curtis Kelly suspended by NCAA against UNLV

### KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Preseason All-America guard Jacob Pullen, who had made 82 consecutive starts for No. 11 Kansas State, was suspended by the NCAA for three games just before the Wildcats' game against UNLV on Tuesday night.

In a statement, the school said Pullen and senior forward Curtis Kelly were being punished for receiving impermissible benefits in connection with the purchase of clothing at a local department store.

It said the length of Kelly's suspension had not been determined by the NCAA's student-athlete reinstatement staff.

Pullen and Kelly, the two top scorers for Kansas State, which went into the UNLV game 10-2. Their loss is certain to significantly weaken the Wildcats. Pullen, a four-year starting guard, will also miss games against Missouri-Kansas City and North Florida.

Pullen is the Wildcats' team leader and preseason choice as Big 12 player of the year. He's averaging 16.5 points and 3.8 assists and is the first Kansas State player selected to the preseason All-America team. He had played in 115 games and is a three-time team captain.

Kelly is averaging 10.3 points and four rebounds.

## 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.	44 - 57 9-2
12/21/10	vs. UNLV TV	Kansas City, Mo.	59 - 63 9-3
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	55 - 72 8-2
12/21/10	vs. Middle Tennessee State	San Antonio, Texas	49 - 63 8-3
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 21) (All games)

Scoring Offense	# Team	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G
1. Missouri.....	11	10-1	945	85.9
2. Kansas.....	10	10-0	856	85.6
3. Colorado.....	10	7-3	849	84.9
4. Iowa State.....	13	11-2	1033	79.5
5. Texas Tech.....	11	5-6	863	78.5
6. Texas.....	11	9-2	855	77.7
7. Baylor.....	8	7-1	601	75.1
8. Texas A&M.....	12	11-1	892	74.3
9. Oklahoma State.....	12	11-1	870	72.5
10. Kansas State.....	12	9-3	865	72.1
11. Nebraska.....	12	10-2	831	69.2
12. Oklahoma.....	12	6-6	814	67.8

Scoring Defense	# Team	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Baylor.....	8	431	53.9
2. Nebraska.....	12	647	53.9
3. Texas A&M.....	12	680	56.7
4. Iowa State.....	13	777	59.8
5. Kansas.....	10	607	60.7
6. Oklahoma State.....	12	744	62.0
7. Kansas State.....	12	745	62.1
8. Texas.....	11	688	62.5
9. Oklahoma.....	12	794	66.2
10. Missouri.....	11	768	69.8
11. Colorado.....	10	703	70.3
12. Texas Tech.....	11	872	79.3

Scoring Margin	# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Kansas.....	10	85.6	60.7	+24.9	
2. Baylor.....	8	75.1	53.9	+21.2	
3. Iowa State.....	13	79.5	59.8	+19.7	
4. Texas A&M.....	12	74.3	56.7	+17.7	
5. Missouri.....	11	85.9	69.8	+16.1	
6. Nebraska.....	12	69.2	53.9	+15.3	
7. Texas.....	11	77.7	62.5	+15.2	
8. Colorado.....	10	84.9	70.3	+14.6	
9. Oklahoma State.....	12	72.5	62.0	+10.5	
10. Kansas State.....	12	72.1	62.1	+10.0	
11. Oklahoma.....	12	67.8	66.2	+1.7	
12. Texas Tech.....	11	78.5	79.3	-0.8	

Free Throw Percentage	# Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Colorado.....	10	197	256	.770	
2. Texas Tech.....	11	189	255	.741	
3. Missouri.....	11	164	226	.726	
4. Texas A&M.....	12	212	295	.719	
5. Oklahoma State.....	12	218	304	.717	
6. Oklahoma.....	12	147	207	.710	
7. Iowa State.....	13	168	240	.700	
8. Baylor.....	8	137	196	.699	
9. Nebraska.....	12	154	222	.694	
10. Texas.....	11	198	299	.662	
11. Kansas.....	10	161	253	.636	
12. Kansas State.....	12	164	301	.545	

Field Goal Percentage	# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	10	313	577	.542	
2. Colorado.....	10	294	595	.494	
3. Nebraska.....	12	308	631	.488	
4. Baylor.....	8	211	435	.485	
5. Missouri.....	11	347	721	.481	
6. Iowa State.....	13	373	806	.463	
7. Oklahoma State.....	12	298	644	.463	
8. Oklahoma.....	12	291	637	.457	
9. Texas A&M.....	12	304	672	.452	
10. Texas Tech.....	11	310	686	.452	
11. Texas.....	11	298	668	.446	
12. Kansas State.....	12	312	718	.435	

FG Percentage Defense	# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Nebraska.....	12	225	657	.342	
2. Baylor.....	8	158	436	.362	
3. Iowa State.....	13	276	759	.364	
4. Texas.....	11	245	672	.365	
5. Kansas.....	10	224	602	.372	
6. Texas A&M.....	12	231	620	.373	
7. Oklahoma State.....	12	247	632	.391	
8. Kansas State.....	12	259	656	.395	
9. Missouri.....	11	259	607	.427	
10. Oklahoma.....	12	273	633	.431	
11. Colorado.....	10	246	561	.439	
12. Texas Tech.....	11	317	677	.468	

3-Point FG Percentage	# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Colorado.....	10	64	157	.408	
2. Kansas.....	10	69	171	.404	
3. Iowa State.....	13	119	301	.395	
4. Missouri.....	11	87	223	.390	
5. Oklahoma.....	12	85	234	.363	
6. Texas A&M.....	12	72	203	.355	
7. Baylor.....	8	42	121	.347	
8. Texas.....	11	61	176	.347	
9. Kansas State.....	12	77	231	.333	
10. Oklahoma State.....	12	56	169	.331	
11. Texas Tech.....	11	54	174	.310	
12. Nebraska.....	12	61	197	.310	

3-Pt FG Pct Defense	# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	10	51	188	.271	
2. Texas.....	11	47	164	.287	
3. Nebraska.....	12	83	289	.287	
4. Texas A&M.....	12	63	219	.288	
5. Iowa State.....	13	77	257	.300	
6. Kansas State.....	12	51	167	.305	
7. Oklahoma State.....	12	64	206	.311	
8. Baylor.....	8	46	145	.317	
9. Missouri.....	11	75	212	.354	
10. Colorado.....	10	63	172	.366	
11. Texas Tech.....	11	62	168	.369	
12. Oklahoma.....	12	83	218	.381	

Rebounding	# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Texas.....	11	471	42.8	
2. Texas A&M.....	12	499	41.6	
3. Kansas State.....	12	499	41.6	
4. Baylor.....	8	328	41.0	
5. Kansas.....	10	401	40.1	
6. Iowa State.....	13	513	39.5	
7. Nebraska.....	12	460	38.3	
8. Oklahoma State.....	12	452	37.7	
9. Missouri.....	11	398	36.2	
10. Colorado.....	10	354	35.4	
11. Texas Tech.....	11	376	34.2	
12. Oklahoma.....	12	406	33.8	

Rebounding Defense	# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G</
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# Dick Edwards Kansas State - Fan Hunt



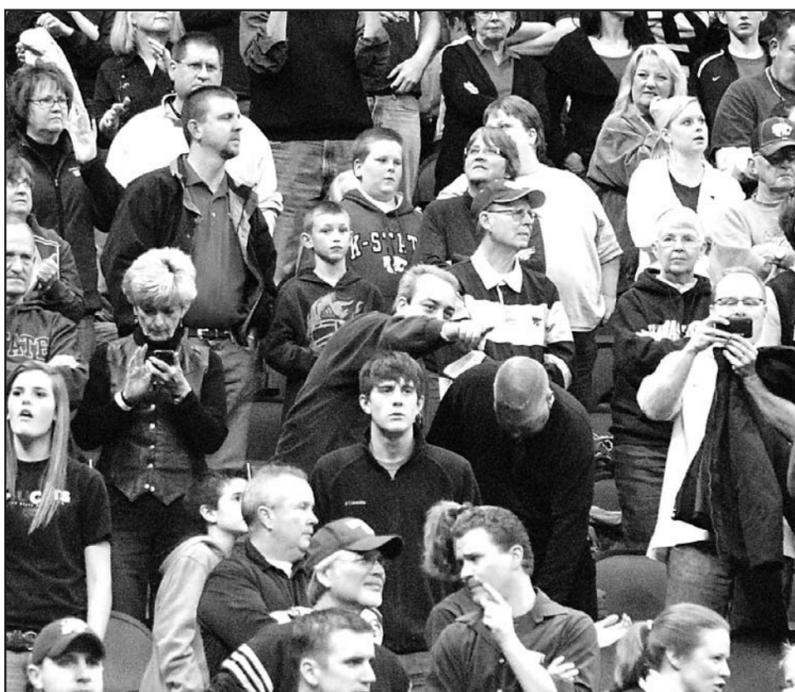
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## Joseph's shot helps No. 22 Texas beat UNC 78-76

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)

Texas coach Rick Barnes spent the first few games of the season pressing Cory Joseph to be more assertive and to keep looking for his shot.

The freshman is obviously listening. With the game on the line against North Carolina, he wasn't going to give the ball to anyone else.

Joseph hit a turnaround jumper over Dexter Strickland with 1.4 seconds left to help the 22nd-ranked Longhorns beat the Tar Heels 78-76 on Saturday, giving them their third straight win.

Joseph had a season-high 21 points for the Longhorns (9-2), while Jordan Hamilton had a team-high 24 points. The Longhorns trailed for most of the second half before rallying in the final 3 minutes against the Tar Heels (7-4), who were playing in front of an in-state crowd that fell silent shortly after Joseph's basket.

"I thought our guys were really tough in the last 4 minutes," Barnes said. "We had a lot of different guys step up and do some things. But I just told the team that from top to bottom, this is as good of a team win as we've had in a long, long time."

Joseph's shot offered a measure of late-game redemption after he fell short in a similar situation almost exactly a month ago. With his team trailing Pittsburgh by two in the final seconds of the 2K Sports Classic championship game, Joseph drove the baseline and could only manage an off-balance heave that had no chance of going in to seal the Panthers' 68-66 win.

This time, he knocked down the shot—even though Barnes wanted Joseph to drive to the basket and draw a foul.

After Harrison Barnes had hit a tying 3-pointer with 12.7 seconds left, Joseph drove to the top of the key against Strickland and pump-faked to get the sophomore airborne. Then, he spun to his right and lofted a shot that dropped cleanly through the net and sent the Texas bench into celebration.

"Going back to the Pittsburgh game, I felt like I rushed it," Joseph said. "I had to ... take my time and try to get to the free-throw line and just pull up."

Senior Gary Johnson was having flashbacks to the Pitt game, too.

"I was hoping he took a good shot and had a good look at it," Johnson said. "I still don't think it was a good look, but it was a good shot."

Strickland could only credit Joseph for making a tough shot.

"I could've did a better job of not going for the first shot and the pump fake, and staying down and contesting the shot even better," Strickland said. "But it was a tough shot, he's a great player and he got a bucket."

Still, the Tar Heels had a chance to answer. They inbounded the ball to halfcourt and called a timeout to set up a play, but Kendall Marshall managed only a desperation 3 that hit all backboard as the horn sounded.

Strickland matched his career-high with 18 points for North Carolina, while Barnes had 16 points. Tyler Zeller, the team's leading scorer, had 14.

It was a good win for the

Longhorns as they enter a tough stretch of nonconference games. Next up is a trip to No. 14 Michigan State on Wednesday followed by a home game against No. 4 Connecticut three games later before opening Big 12 Conference play against Texas Tech.

As for the Tar Heels, they fell just short in adding another marquee victory to their resume. They edged Kentucky two weeks ago at home, but had played just two games since during exams and couldn't quite pull this one out when things got tight late.

Texas led by 10 points in the first half before North Carolina finally stood up to the Longhorns' physical play inside and kept them off the offensive boards. North Carolina rallied to take a 33-32 halftime lead, then led by as many as seven points three times to charge up the blue-clad crowd before seeing it slip away.

Texas shot 53 percent in the second half to win the fourth straight meeting in the series.

Tristan Thompson's dunk over Zeller gave Texas a 74-73 lead with 45.4 seconds to play. Then, after Zeller missed a hook shot on a good look with about 30 seconds left, J'Covan Brown hit two free throws to push the margin to three. Barnes answered with a confident catch-and-shoot 3 over Dogus Balbay from the left wing to tie it, only to see Joseph top him on the next possession.

"We are not a very confident team right now," coach Roy Williams said. "We are a very ticked off team right now. We had some chances."

## No. 13 Missouri routs Central Arkansas 116-63

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Central Arkansas coach Corliss Williamson and Missouri coach Mike Anderson both learned the "Forty Minutes of Hell" from longtime Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson.

The No. 13 Tigers did the better impression on Saturday night. Marcus Denmon scored 21 points and Laurence Bowers added 20 on 8-of-9 shooting to lead Missouri to a 116-63 victory.

"It brought back a lot of memories to see (Williamson) down the bench and a lot of emotion at the same time," Anderson said. "I'm proud of him and I think he's going to do a great job but I thought those kids were kind of rattled early on."

Williamson played for Richardson at Arkansas while Anderson was an assistant coach there. The two won a national championship in 1994 and were runners-up in 1995.

Both have adopted Richardson's trademark up-tempo style that emphasizes full-court defense. The Tigers forced 24 turnovers and held Central Arkansas to 31 percent shooting.

"It was one of the reasons I put this game on the schedule," Williamson said. "We wanted to play a team that has mastered the style of play we are trying to emu-

late."

The 116 points were the most scored in Mizzou Arena since its inception in 2004. The previous record of 107 had been achieved twice in the last two seasons.

Missouri, which shot 66 percent, opened the game with a 15-2 run and put up a season-high 54 points in the first half. The Tigers finished with seven players in double figures for the fourth time in school history and first since Dec. 2, 1995 against Chicago State.

"We shared the basketball tonight," Anderson said. "The thing I like about it is when you talk about 33 assists on 45 field goals. That's being pretty efficient."

The Tigers were without starting point guard Michael Dixon, who was suspended indefinitely on Wednesday for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

After the game, Anderson said the sophomore would be allowed to practice for the first time on Sunday but did not specify whether Dixon would be available for the team's game against No. 16 Illinois on Wednesday in St. Louis.

"He's keeping his head in it and he's one of our biggest cheerleaders right now," Bowers said. "Mike's doing great and he'll be back with us soon."

Phil Pressey started in place of

Dixon for the second consecutive game and scored a career-high 15 points and tied a school record for assists by a freshman with 11.

If Pressey gets the start on Wednesday, his teammates say they have full confidence the youngster won't be affected by the atmosphere of a big game.

"Phil's been playing great and personally I think he can play even better," Bowers said. "The guy has 27 assists over the last three games and I think he can do the same thing against Illinois."

Mike Pouncey scored 11 points for the Bears (3-8), who were without starting guard Dewan Clayborn, who was sidelined because of an ankle injury.

"It just seemed like they were unconscious tonight," said Williamson. "No matter what defense we ran they were knocking down shots and that makes it very difficult."

The win pushes Missouri's non-conference home win streak to 54, with all but seven of those coming under Anderson. The 10-1 start is the Tigers' best in Anderson's five seasons as coach.

Missouri also announced Saturday that reserve forward John Underwood, who saw limited playing time in his two years, was leaving the program due to undisclosed personal issues.

## Big 12 Basketball Standings

### Men's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Kansas	0-0	.000	10-0	1.000
Oklahoma State	0-0	.000	11-1	.917
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	11-1	.917
Missouri	0-0	.000	10-1	.909
Baylor	0-0	.000	7-1	.875
Iowa State	0-0	.000	11-2	.846
Nebraska	0-0	.000	10-2	.833
Texas	0-0	.000	9-2	.818
Kansas State	0-0	.000	9-3	.750
Colorado	0-0	.000	7-3	.700
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	6-6	.500
Texas Tech	0-0	.000	5-6	.455

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### Women's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	0-0	.000	12-1	.923
Texas Tech	0-0	.000	11-1	.917
Kansas	0-0	.000	10-1	.909
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	9-1	.900
Oklahoma State	0-0	.000	8-1	.889
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	9-2	.818
Iowa State	0-0	.000	8-2	.800
Kansas State	0-0	.000	8-3	.727
Texas	0-0	.000	8-3	.727
Nebraska	0-0	.000	8-4	.667
Colorado	0-0	.000	7-4	.636
Missouri	0-0	.000	7-4	.636

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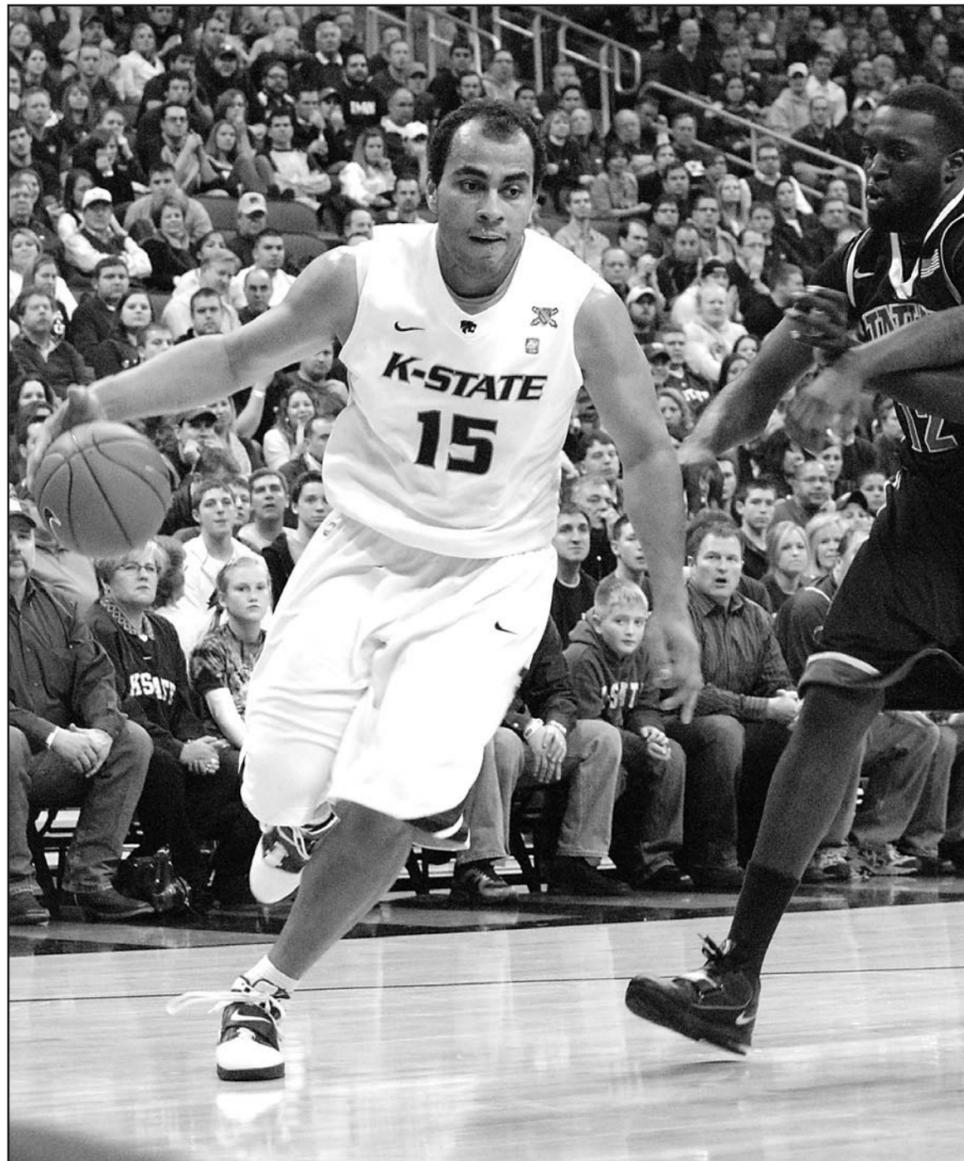
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## K-State Fights Hard Against UNLV



K-State's Martavious Irving (3).



K-State's Freddy Asprilla (15) move quickly around UNLV.

### Florida Ends K-State's December Streak, 57-44

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)

Kenny Boynton rediscovered his shooting touch, while the Kansas State Wildcats misplaced theirs.

Boynton shook a slump with 15 points Saturday for the Florida Gators, who held No. 6 Kansas State to 27 percent shooting for a 57-44 victory in the one-day Orange Bowl Classic.

Boynton had missed 18 of 21 attempts in his past two games.

"To get the shots to fall, it felt good," he said.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats went cold.

They missed 19 of 20 during one stretch, and their point total was their lowest in Frank Martin's five seasons as coach.

"We were executing and getting shots and doing the things we talked about trying to do, and the ball didn't go in the basket," Martin said. "And then it broke our spirit."

After the Gators fell behind 20-8, they outscored Kansas State 42-13 to take control. Boynton went 6 for 12 from the field and was voted the game's most valuable player.

Florida (8-2) ended a streak of 14 consecutive December victories for Kansas State (9-2) dating to 2008.

"It's a great win," Gators coach Billy Donovan said. "That's a team everybody has a lot of respect for. But it's only one win."

The result meant an unhappy homecoming for Martin, who grew up in nearby Miami, and two players who have South Florida roots—Martavious Irving and Freddy Asprilla. Martin said he was nonetheless grateful for the chance to make the trip.

"It's something I'll remember the rest of my life," he said.

Kansas State made only one basket during a span of 18 minutes midway through the game, as Florida rallied to take a 36-27 lead. Three consecutive baskets by Boynton—two of them 3-pointers—boosted the margin to 50-33 with 6 minutes left.

"It was certainly good to see Kenny Boynton do what he did in the second half," Donovan said. "He opened up the game."

Erving Walker added 13 points for the Gators, who won despite tying a season-high with 18 turnovers. Vernon Macklin had 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Gators shot 60 percent in the second half, when they scored the first eight points to surge ahead.

"All season we've had problems coming out in the second half with intensity," Boynton said. "We just wanted to come out and build our lead."

"In the second half we played like the team we should be playing like the whole year," teammate Chandler Parsons said.

Jacob Pullen had 19 points to lead Kansas State in scoring for the ninth time this season, but he shot only 6 for 17. The rest of the starting lineup went 3 for 18, and the entire team went 3 for 19 from 3-point range.

The Wildcats' scoring total was their lowest since a 57-42 loss to Nebraska in January 2006.

"We did a lot of things to hurt ourselves," Pullen said. "We missed a lot of easy shots. Defensively we were getting lost. We didn't stick to our game plan. Toward the end of the game we fell apart with it."



Kansas State's Rodney McGruder (22) got his first double-double of the season against UNLV.

The Gators committed six turnovers and missed four shots before they finally scored 7 minutes into the game after falling behind 9-0. Pullen's 3-pointer built the Wildcats' lead to 20-8, but they went 1 for 10 over the final 9 minutes of the half and led only 23-20 at halftime.

Then the Wildcats missed their first 10 shots of the second half.

"They actually got decent shots," Donovan said. "I can't say our defense was that stifling that they couldn't get shots off. They missed a lot of stuff around the basket."

The Wildcats had won their past five games, but Martin said they haven't been playing well lately.

"We will regroup," he said, "or guys won't be wearing our uniform."



Nick Russell (12) was in the starting lineup for the Wildcats.

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## No. 8 Texas A&M beats Rutgers 79-50 in New York

NEW YORK (AP)

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair believes Danielle Adams has been flying under the college basketball radar because of where she plays.

The 6-foot-1 senior got a chance to showcase her skills on one of the game's biggest stages Sunday, scoring 24 points and grabbing 12 rebounds to lead No. 8 Texas A&M to a 79-50 victory over Rutgers in the Maggie Dixon Classic.

"It's an honor for me to get to play in Madison Square

Garden, and to be in New York for my first time," Adams said.

Adams came in averaging almost 22 points and over eight rebounds a game, had 18 points and eight rebounds at the half.

"Danielle Adams is definitely one of the top 10 players in this country," Blair said. "I just hope people recognize it. She's been under the radar since she played in junior college."

Texas A&M led 38-20 at halftime and was never really challenged.

Sydney Carter added 18 points and Tyra White had 15 of her 17 in the second half for the Aggies (9-1).

Erica Wheeler scored 13 points for Rutgers (7-5) and April Sykes had 10.

Texas A&M, which came in outscoring its opponents by an average of over 25 points, held Rutgers to 27 percent shooting and just five first-half field goals.

Rutgers took a 5-4 lead 5 minutes into the game thanks to two jumpers from Nikki Speed. The rest of the team

was 0 for 11 from the floor at that point, and it was the Scarlet Knight's only lead.

Speed went to the bench with two early fouls and Texas A&M went on an 11-2 run, capped by a layup and free throw from Adams.

"There is no question in my mind that (Texas A&M) is a Final Four team," said Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer. "We let them think that, 'Yeah, OK, yeah you are how good you think you are.'"

Rutgers was just 5 of 33 from the floor in the half and 13 of 49 for the game. They had 27 turnovers.

"I think we gave them pretty good trouble," Carter said. "That's what we try to be is aggressive on defense."

The Scarlet Knights' Khadijah Rushdan hobbled off the court in the second half with what appeared to be a left knee injury. She came back later in the half with the knee wrapped and limping noticeably.

Stringer said Rushdan will have some tests done.

"I'm going to pray that it's not (bad)," Stringer said. "Because she's had surgery twice on that knee. She missed her freshman year."

This was Rutgers' third game against a ranked opponent this season. The Scarlet Knights lost to No. 3 Stanford 63-50 and beat No. 20 Georgetown 70-53.

The tournament is in its fifth year of honoring Maggie

Dixon, the former Army coach who died of a congenital heart ailment in 2006 at the age of 28. Her death came just weeks after leading Army to its first NCAA tournament.

Her brother, Pittsburgh men's coach Jamie Dixon, is amazed by the growth of the event.

"Our goal was to make this the premier women's basketball event, and to bring awareness to the issue of heart health, and by filling up Madison Square Garden, I think we've done that," he said.

A portion of the proceeds from the classic will go to benefit C.A.R.E. an organization that works to fund research and raise awareness of sudden cardiac death.

## No. 25 Texas A&M beats old rival Arkansas in OT

DALLAS (AP)

Stuck in the middle of a bench-clearing scuffle, Texas A&M standout Khris Middleton held his arms high above his head trying to stay out of the fray — and make sure the referees knew he was.

Once everything got sorted out and play resumed, Middleton and the rejuvenated 25th-ranked Aggies overcame a nine-point deficit and went on to a 71-62 overtime win over Arkansas on Saturday for their seventh straight victory.

"It woke us up mainly," Middleton said. "It let us know we weren't going to let these guys push us around."

The first meeting between the old Southwest Conference rivals in 20 seasons got feisty when the Aggies (10-1) were calling a timeout after Arkansas scored the first seven points of the second half for a 42-33 lead.

Middleton scored 19 of his 31 points after that, including the go-ahead free throw in overtime.

The scuffle began when A&M's Dash Harris was knocked to the ground when fouled by Jeff Peterson as he was crossing midcourt just as Aggies coach Mark Turgeon was calling a timeout.

"We were sleepwalking," Turgeon said. "(The scuffle) seemed like it really changed the game for us."

After Middleton tried to help the players up, one of his teammates got pushed into Peterson after Arkansas players were already coming off the bench to greet their teammates for the fast start. The pushing and shoving then escalated at mid-court near the scorer's table though no punches were thrown.

It took the officials more than 10 minutes to sort out the situation. They looked at several replays, taking notes on a piece of paper. Arkansas' Marvell Waithe and Kourtney Roberson of Texas A&M were ejected for coming off the bench and getting involved in the fracas.

"I don't know if something changed," Arkansas coach John Pelphrey said. "We had to sit there as long as they did."

Soon after play resumed, Harris had a steal and was heading to the basket when he passed to Middleton trailing him for a basket. Rotnei Clarke responded with a 3-pointer for the Razorbacks, giving them their biggest lead at 45-35.

Texas A&M finally caught up when David Loubeau's free throw with 4:17 left in regulation tied the game 58-all. The next score was Middleton's two free throws with 2:05 left that gave A&M its first lead of the second half.

Arkansas' last field goal of regulation came when Mardracus Wade had a breakaway layup for a 58-52 lead with 6:43 left. The Razorbacks forced overtime when Julysse Nobles made two free throws with 1:06 left.

"It came down to two defensive teams that couldn't score and we made more free throws than they did," Turgeon said. "Our defense the last 10 minutes of the game was tremendous."

The scuffle only added to an ugly game that included 42 turnovers, 51 fouls and no field goals for either team the rest of regulation after Middleton had consecutive baskets for the Aggies, the last with 5:42 left.

Arkansas missed 12 free throws in the game. That included two misses by Clarke, a career 86-percent shooter, when the Razorbacks could have grabbed the lead midway through overtime.

Middleton's free throw with 3:48 left in overtime broke the 60-all tie, and put Texas A&M ahead to stay. There wasn't another score until Loubeau hit a short jumper after taking an inbound pass from Middleton with 2:10 left.

Middleton was 10 of 16 from the field

"You could see it early, he felt it," Turgeon said. "We ran a lot of plays for him. He was fantastic. He just didn't have any help."

Nathan Walkup had 15 points and was the only other player in double figures for the Aggies, who played for the first time since entering the AP Top 25 for the first time this season last Monday.

Clarke had 14 points with

four 3-pointers to lead Arkansas, which had won four straight. Nobles scored 12 points.

Texas A&M had led throughout most of the first half until Nobles drove for a layup to give Arkansas a 35-33 at the halftime buzzer.

"It hurts to get this close and not be able to pull it off," Pelphrey said.

Texas A&M, which has won 10 of its last 14 games away from home, played its first regular season neutral-site game in Dallas since playing TCU at then brand-new Reunion Arena during the 1980-81 season. The site of that since-demolished building is just down the road from the American Airlines Center, where the Aggies played Saturday.

The schools played for the 148th time, the first time since a SWC tournament game at old Reunion Arena in Dallas in March 1991. Arkansas had won the last six meetings, and nine of 10, and has won 96 times in the series.

"This was a big game for Arkansas," Turgeon said. "We've got a bulls-eye on our backs and that's OK."

## Colorado routs Longwood 104-59

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

Alec Burks has grown accustomed to leading the team in scoring. The Colorado sophomore doesn't mind sharing the wealth among his teammates, either.

"It means I don't really have to do everything," Burks said after Colorado outgunned Longwood 104-59 on Sunday. "Everyone is scoring and we're a good, balanced scoring team right now."

Cory Higgins scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half to lead the Buffaloes (7-3), who have won five straight. Levi Knutson added 17 points and Burks — the leading scorer in five of Colorado's 10 games — had 15.

Six Buffaloes finished in double figures. "Overall, everybody just feels comfortable," said freshman Andre Roberson, who chipped in 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The five-game winning streak is Colorado's longest since 2005-06. The Buffaloes are 7-0 at home and have won 19 straight nonconference home games.

"I think we are starting to feel each other and feel for each other on the floor," said Colorado coach Tad Boyle. "We're executing at a high level offensively, moving the ball well and sharing the ball."

Antwan Carter led Longwood (3-10) with 16 points. Jeremiah Bowman had 15 for the Lancers, who have lost eight in a row.

Longwood played without guard Durann Neil, who suffered a hamstring injury in Friday's loss at New Mexico.

Colorado made 6 of 8 3-pointers and had a 16-0 run in the first half to take a 47-26 lead at halftime.

Carter had two layups and Bowman made a basket off a loose ball as Longwood grabbed an 8-6 lead a minute into the game. It would be its last.

Burks' tip-in gave the Buffaloes their first lead at 10-8, and he had a 3-pointer in a 16-0 run that put Colorado up 32-12 at the 8:07 mark of the first half.

"We've had these kinds of things before, especially against high-profile teams, where we have that run that goes against us," Longwood coach Mike

Gillian said. "That's something that in order for us to compete, we can't have that."

Three baskets by Carter in the paint kept the game under 20 points, but the Buffaloes took a 21-point advantage into the break, getting a 3-pointer by Marcus Relphorde and a three-point play from Higgins.

Things didn't get much better in the second half when the Lancers made only 11 of 34 shots. It didn't help that Carter fouled out with 10:58 left in the game.

"When he's removed from the game, then a high-percentage scoring option is not on the court," Gillian said. "It puts a little more pressure on our outside shooting and that makes it tougher as well."

Despite eight points from Bowman early, the Lancers trailed 62-40 with 13:48 left. Higgins took over from there, scoring Colorado's next 11 points to pad its lead to 73-43.

Colorado sat its starters down for the final eight minutes.

The Buffaloes' last 100-point game was March 6, when they beat Texas Tech 101-90 in the Big 12 tournament.

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## Nebraska prevails 72-42 for 7th straight win

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)

Nebraska cruised by Eastern Washington 72-42 Saturday night, holding its seventh consecutive opponent under 60 points en route to its seventh straight win.

"The teams we're holding under 60 against other teams are scoring good," said Nebraska coach Doc Sadler. "How good are they, I don't know. But they (Eastern Washington) are averaging 75 points a game. To hold them to 42, you're doing something good. ... You're looking at a pretty good defensive team."

The streak of seven straight teams under 60 is a first for Nebraska in the 35-second shot clock era. The last time the Huskers matched that defensive mark was in 1981-82.

The seven-game winning streak is Nebraska's longest since 1997-98.

Nebraska (9-2) held Eastern Washington (3-7) to just four field goals in the game's first 16 minutes. The Huskers opened their first double-digit lead on Jorge Brian Diaz's put back with 6:54 left and went up 25-11 on Drake Beranek's 3-pointer 40 seconds later.

Eastern Washington hit just 6 of 16 shots in the first half to trail 33-22 at intermission. The Eagles got no closer in the second half, scoring only four points in the first eight minutes of the period. Nebraska used a 9-0 run to go up 47-26 on Andre Almeida's short inside shot with 11:44 remaining.

Eastern Washington struggled from the floor the entire game, shooting 21 percent. The 42 points are the fewest Eastern Washington has scored this season.

"I thought we played hard defensively," Eastern Washington coach Kirk Earlywine said. "We caused them some problems with our pressure. But it was the same old story. Our turnovers continue to be a problem. We were down 11 at halftime and they had 11 points off turnovers."

Eastern Washington committed 17 turnovers — the same number it averages per game.

"When we have the number of small players on the floor that we do that can handle the ball, I don't understand why we continue to turn the ball over as much as we do," Earlywine said. "Then we come out after halftime and have seven turnovers in the first eight minutes of the second half."

Kevin Winford was the only Eastern Washington player in double figures with 14 points.

Diaz led Nebraska with 14 points, 12 of them in the first half. Lance Jeter added 11 points and Caleb Walker had 10.

"Tonight we had a really big advantage inside," said the 6-foot-11 Diaz. "We tried to get the ball inside and if we didn't have a shot, we'd kick it back to the guards. We're getting a lot more comfortable with the offense. We're getting that rhythm."

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## Selby scores 21 in debut, No. 3 Kansas beat USC

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

Is it too soon to call him the legendary Josh Selby?

Flashing more poise and grit than even his most ardent admirers had a right to expect, the most heralded Kansas freshman since Danny Manning made his collegiate debut Saturday in stunning fashion, drilling a go-ahead 3-pointer with 26 seconds left and lifting the third-ranked Jayhawks past a scrappy USC 70-68.

"Now I think my team trusts me more and my coaches trust me more," said the 6-foot-2 guard who spent the first nine games on the bench, serving an NCAA-ordered suspension while the Allen Fieldhouse crowd chanted, "Free Selby! Free Selby!"

"I wasn't really worried about my individual (statistics)," said the soft-spoken Baltimore native, ranked by most recruiting services as the No. 1 prospect in the nation. "I was focused on my team."

Selby, a point guard who played off the ball the entire game, wound up with a game-high 21 points.

"It was wonderful just to be out there playing along with my teammates, playing for the fans and the coaches," said Selby, whose mother sat near the Kansas bench with tears in her eyes. "It was a great environment."

The Jayhawks (10-0) held a seemingly comfortable 10-point lead early in the first half before Donte Smith led USC (6-5) on an 11-0 run. After Jio Fontan, making his debut for the Trojans after transferring from Fordham, hit two free throws to put

USC on top 68-66 with 1:36 left, the Jayhawks showed how much faith they have in their freshman prize.

After Marcus Morris put up an air ball, his twin brother Markieff rebounded and threw the ball back to Marcus.

Then the 6-9 Marcus threw the ball to Selby. With the game and the team-record 64-game home winning streak on the line, the junior who's led the Jayhawks in scoring all season chose to put the ball in the hands of a freshman playing his first college game. And the freshman did not disappoint.

"There was no way he was passing that last one," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "That ball was going up."

USC called time out with 20.7 seconds to go and then inbounded the ball. But Fontan stepped out of bounds right in front of the USC bench and Kansas inbounded with 6.4 seconds left in just about the most harrowing of the wins during the streak.

"I'm sure he stepped out," USC coach Kevin O'Neill said of Fontan. "It's his first game of the year. He got a little too close to the sideline."

Selby, also ordered by the NCAA to pay a \$4,607.58 fine for accepting impermissible benefits, came off the bench about 4 minutes into the game and got thunderous applause from the capacity crowd of 16,300 when he hit his first two from beyond the 3-point arc. He had a team-high 10 points when Kansas went into halftime with a 31-20 lead.

Smith had 20 points for USC. Alex Stepheson added 18 and Fontan 15.

"He won out there," Fontan said of

Selby. "It's as simple as that. No matter how many points he had or how many I had. He hit a big 3. Josh Selby played really well today. I just hope we can walk away and understand that we're right up there with those guys."

After Selby's 3-pointer, Tyrel Reed made a free throw for the final margin as Kansas extended its home-court winning streak to 65 games.

"We had our chances," O'Neill said. "We were a couple of offensive rebounds away from winning the game. Kansas really hung in there and played well."

Selby immediately showed off his smooth, pretty jump shot by making his first two 3-point attempts. He also showed a few defensive lapses and fumbled the ball out of bounds under the Kansas basket the first time he touched it.

Kansas held a 39-30 rebounding edge over the Trojans, who had outrebounded their first 10 opponents.

Self said Selby would continue to play off the ball and let Tyshawn Taylor play the point for now.

"I think he was nervous. I don't think he was as nervous as his mom," said Self, who has often praised the family for the gracious way they've handled these past difficult months.

There was some question whether Selby would be declared ineligible for the entire season.

"They said mom was crying when they ran out for pre-shooting before the warmups," Self said. "But their family's been through a lot. She's done a remarkable job. This was a special day for them."

## Cowboys Topple Cardinal, 79-68

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)

Keiton Page made a key 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer and then scored the rest of his 23 points in the second half to lead Oklahoma State past Stanford 79-68 Tuesday night for its seventh straight win.

After putting the Cowboys ahead just before halftime, Page hit two more 3s early in the second half as Oklahoma State outscored the Cardinal 20-7 to take control of the game.

Stanford (6-4) cut a 14-point deficit down to six in the final 2 minutes, but Page hit another 3-pointer and the Cowboys (11-1) were able to close it out from the free-throw line.

Josh Owens matched his career-best with 21 points to lead the Cardinal, Jeremy Green scored 17 and Aaron Bright added a career-high 12 points

off the bench.

Ray Penn added 14 points, Marshall Moses scored 13 and Jean-Paul Olukemi had 12 for Oklahoma State.

Olukemi had seven points, including a 3-pointer, as Oklahoma State pulled away in the first 10 minutes of the second half. His basket on a Stanford goaltend made it 54-40 with 10:06 to play.

Owens had a pair of two-handed dunks and seven points during a 13-6 comeback by the Cardinal, with Green's transition jumper cutting the deficit to 60-53 with 4:56 remaining. Stanford got within 67-61 when Owens scored the final four points in a 6-0 push by the Cardinal, but Oklahoma State was able to protect its lead down the stretch.

Penn and Green exchanged free throws, then Page hit another big 3 - pumping twice to create an opening

before knocking it down to make it 72-63 with 58 seconds left.

Stanford didn't score for the first 6 minutes but only fell behind 7-0 before charging back to take the lead. Anthony Brown and Green had consecutive 3-pointers to finish a spurt of eight Cardinal points that put Stanford ahead 12-10 with 11:10 left before halftime.

The run came to a quick end after a clock malfunction led to a delay of about 10 minutes following Green's 3-pointer, and Markel Brown hit a jumper on Oklahoma State's next possession.

Stanford led 29-23 after a run of seven straight points, spurred on when Cowboys coach Travis Ford was called for a technical foul for protesting a call against Reger Dowell. Bright hit the two shots for

## No. 24 Texas A&M Tops Wagner 86-51

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)

Texas A&M had no problem keeping its focus against Wagner on Tuesday night.

David Loubeau scored 16 points and the No. 25 Aggies used a big first-half run and topped Wagner 86-51.

The game was tied 13-13 in the first half when the Aggies (11-1) went on an 11-0 run including consecutive baskets by Loubeau - to surge past Wagner (4-7).

"This is one of those games that scares you as a coach, because it's right before Christmas," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "Just keeping their attention is tough."

After the first seven minutes, it wasn't a problem. Texas A&M led 40-20 at the half, on the strength of outscoring Wagner 22-4 in the paint over the first 20 minutes.

The Aggies have won eight consecutive games, while the Seahawks have lost four straight.

B.J. Holmes added 12 points for the Aggies. Chris Martin led the Seahawks with a game-high 17 points.

Texas A&M outrebounded Wagner 47-20, including 16-3 on the offensive end.

"We were bigger and stronger, so we should have outrebounded them like that," said A&M forward Nathan Walkup, who got his second consecutive double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. "No matter who we play it's one of our goals to dominate the glass. If you win the battle on the boards, that gives you a chance to win each night."

Texas A&M also has won 71 consecutive nonconference regular season games at home. Texas A&M's bench outscored Wagner's 34-4, and the Aggies handled Wagner in second-chance points 19-1.

"They're physical and well-coached," Wagner coach Dan Hurley said. "They're by far the best team we've played. They present a ton of problems."

With 14:12 remaining in the game, Texas A&M's Kourtney Roberson and Wagner's Clayell Harris became entangled, spun toward the sideline and fell into members of the Aggie Dance Team, who were sitting on the floor to the left of the basket.

No one was hurt. Roberson and Harris received technical fouls. Harris then received another as he was walking away, and was ejected from the game.

"Their arms got locked up and no

one was going to let it go," Turgeon said.

Roberson was also ejected from Saturday's 71-62 overtime victory over Arkansas in Dallas for coming off the bench during a brief skirmish.

"He pleaded innocence on Saturday and he pleaded innocence today," Turgeon said of Roberson. "But I told him where there's smoke, there's fire."

**TEXAS A&M POSTGAME NOTES**

**TEAM**

- The Aggies out-rebounded Wagner, 47-20, their largest margin of the year ... the 27-board advantage was A&M's largest since besting Louisiana-Monroe by 27 rebounds on January 3, 2004 ... tonight was A&M's second-highest rebounding total this season (52 vs Alcorn State).

- A&M has out-rebounded every team this season ... the Aggies are 75-13 under Turgeon (11-1 this year) when matching or out-rebounding their foes.

- The Aggies' shot 53 percent from the floor, a season high.

- A&M's 86-point output matched its second highest of the year (88 vs Alcorn State, 86 vs A&M-Corpus Christi).

- Texas A&M won its eighth straight game, the Aggies' longest streak since the 2008-09 season (10 straight to end non-conference play).

- The game was A&M's 200th all-time at Reed Arena ... the Aggies are

146-54 all-time in the facility.

- The Aggies won their 58th straight non-conference home game and 70th consecutive regular-season, non-conference home game ... A&M has now won 25 of its last 26 home games, including 10 of its last 11 in Big 12 play.

- A&M has won 23 straight home games against unranked opponents.

- Wagner shot just 35 percent from the field ... A&M has held 8 of its 12 opponents under 38 percent shooting ... under Mark Turgeon, the Aggies are 48-4 (8-0 this year) when holding opponents under 40 percent shooting.

- Wagner's 10 points in the paint were an opponent season low.

- Wagner's 20 first-half points matched a season low by an Aggie opponent ... Texas A&M International also scored 20 in the first frame in a loss to A&M on Nov. 19 ... the Aggies have outscored their opponents 429-310 in the first half this year.

- The Aggie senior class won its 86th career game, moving it into fourth all-time in the school annals ... the Class of '11 trails only the 2010 (100), 2009 (98) and 2008 squads (95) in victories.

- Tuesday marked the first-ever meeting between the schools.

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Senior Nathan Walkup recorded the second double-double of his career (10 points, 11 rebounds) ... it was his second in as many games (15 pts/12 reb vs Arkansas on Saturday).

## Iowa State gets defensive in 2nd half of 71-42 win

AMES, Iowa (AP)

With a week off for finals, Iowa State's Diante Garrett did some of his studying in the gym.

Coach Fred Hoiberg, a former Cyclone star who knows a thing or two about shooting, had Garrett make a couple of minor changes in his form, and they paid off in a big way.

Garrett scored 27 points to surpass 1,000 for his career and Iowa State held Dartmouth to 15 second-half points in a 71-42 victory on Sunday.

"I just looked for my spots where I could score," said Garrett, the 28th Iowa State player to reach 1,000. "It was flowing through our offense, and I was picking it apart trying to find out where I could go to get my baskets and create for my teammates. It went through today."

Needing 10 points to get his milestone, Garrett made 10 of 16 shots with four 3-pointers to run his total to 1,017. He also handed out six assists and made two steals.

Garrett had made only 11 of 38 shots in the two previous games. Hoiberg, who scored 1,993 points at Iowa State, said Garrett was leaning backward on his shot and was a little off balance.

"The one guy this week that really benefited was Diante because he was able to get in the gym and get up extra shots and work on his technique a little bit, work on his form," Hoiberg said. "I'd seen a couple of things I wanted him to work on and he shot the heck out of it all week at practice."

Freshman Bubba Palo added a season-high 11 points for the Cyclones (10-2), who trailed by as many as four in the first half and led just 28-27 at halftime.

Palo also provided a spark with his defense in the second half, when Iowa State extended its pressure and traps and forced Dartmouth to miss 21 of its 25 shots.

"They were executing well, but I feel like in the second half we just buckled down, the crowd gave us a little energy, we started getting some buckets and that just fed our defense," Palo said. "We just got out and ran, which we weren't able to do (earlier) because we weren't getting stops."

Ronnie Dixon and Clive Weeden scored seven points each to lead the Big Green (3-7), who missed their first seven shots of the second half and didn't improve much after that.

Iowa State scored the first nine

points of the second half, and Dartmouth didn't get a basket in the half until David Rufful hit a short jumper with 12:42 left, cutting the lead to 37-30. A little more than four minutes later, a 17-2 run had bumped the lead to 22.

The right-handed Palo slid down the lane for a double-pump, left-handed layup and Garrett, Scott Christopherson, Palo and Jamie Vanderbeken then hit consecutive 3s for a 51-30 lead.

After Kirk Crecco interrupted the run with a bucket for Dartmouth, Palo buried yet another 3 to give the Cyclones a 54-32 advantage. They ended up scoring on 10 straight possessions and led by as many as 31 in the final minute.

"With our numbers, we don't press as much as we'd like to, but we had to change something up," Hoiberg said. "We extended out, we tried to playing the passing lanes. That led to some turnovers and that got us out running. And once you get some layups, that opened up the 3."

Dartmouth took a 17-13 lead midway through the first half and, after Iowa State tied it, led three more times, the last at 27-26 on Dixon's driving shot with 1:55 left in the half.

The Big Green appeared on the verge of increasing that lead when Jabari Trotter swiped the ball and went in for a breakaway layup. He didn't see Melvin Ejim hustling after him, however, and the 6-foot-6 freshman blocked the shot, drawing a roar from the crowd.

Moments later, Garrett drove for a layup to give him 14 points for the half and Iowa State its one-point lead heading into halftime.

Garrett came out looking as though he wanted to get the 10 points he needed to reach 1,000 in the first couple of minutes. He made his first two shots, a 3-pointer and a jumper, and nailed another 3 at the 15:58 mark to hike his total to 998.

But it took almost 13 minutes before he got the next two points, finally notching them with a floater in the lane for a 24-23 lead. He followed that with a fadeaway that put the Cyclones up by three, but Dartmouth came right back with four straight points to take what would be the Big Green's final lead.

"It's great for Diante to be part of that," Hoiberg said. "He works his tail off every day. He's the energizer bunny for us and he never gets tired. It's very well deserved."



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Kansas State's Will Spradling (55) guards against UNLV.



K-State's Jordan Henriquez-Roberts (21) jumps high over UNLV's Derrick Jasper(5).



K-State's Freddy Asprilla (15) goes for the net against UNLV.



K-State's Martavious Irving (3) scored 10 points.



Nick Russell (12) led the Wildcats with 12 points against UNLV.

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