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Governor, GOP Leaders Work To Reform State

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, M.D., Senate President Steve Morris and House Speaker Mike O'Neal announced today how their respective branches of government will work together to implement structural reform to state government during a news conference in the Governor's office.

Governor Brownback pointed out the state faces serious financial crisis.

"Nearly 100,000 Kansans are out of work. The deficit of the 2012 budget has grown to $550 million. And even after we balance that budget, our state is still headed down a path of continued huge structural deficit," Brownback said. "We have a structural budget deficit We must grow our economy and restructure state government. It begins with addressing our approach to three core responsibilities that have a major impact on our state's budget – Education, KPERS and Medicaid."

Brownback said President Morris and the Senate will take the lead on ensuring the integrity and soundness of KPERS; Speaker O'Neal and the House will focus on defining what a suitable education is to ensure state government knows what our schools need; and Lt. Gov. Colyer will lead a sub-cabinet group to begin working to reform the state's Medicaid program to improve services and lower costs.

"As Gov. Brownback requested in his State of the State address last week, the Republican Senate Leaders have taken up the challenge to address the unfunded liability that has undermined the strength of KPERS, the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System," Senate President Morris said. "The problems facing KPERS have grown in severity over time, particularly with the soft economy over the past two to three years. Whatever remedies we recommend will not fix the problems overnight. Stabilizing KPERS for the long term will also require wise stewardship and will depend in part on an economic recovery. With KPERS funds being invested in interests worldwide, we must be responsible yet cautiously hopeful that an economic recovery will come not only for Kansas and the US, but for all foreign markets as well."

Speaker O'Neal said the House looked forward to working with the Governor and Senate on the structural reform.

"Today, in spite of the Legislature's efforts to provide for the equitable distribution of school funds in a tight economy, the state is again having to defend a second round of litigation over school funding. School children and the taxpayers of the state deserve a system that distributes school funds to the classroom, not the courtroom. To that end, Governor Brownback has called on the House to work this session on the "suitability" piece. That is, advance legislative policy that gives definition to the constitutional reference to making suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state."

Lt. Governor Colyer said the members of the sub-cabinet that will begin work on reforming the state's Medicaid program "We are asking stakeholders and citizens to submit pilot projects and reform ideas based on three criteria - improving quality of care of Kansans receiving Medicaid; controlling costs of the program; and long-lasting reforms of healthcare that improve the quality of health and wellness of Kansans," Dr. Colyer said.

O'Neal: Time For Permanent Reset Of State Government

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. – House Speaker Mike O'Neal said Friday the economic troubles facing government in Kansas are cause to permanently change the way it operates.

The Hutchinson Republican said in a meeting with media that the $500 million revenue shortfall projected next year is an opportunity for the new conservative governor Sam Brownback and a fresh coalition of Republican legislators to permanently change the way the state spends money.

House Speaker Mike O'Neal discusses the future of state government with reporters in his office Friday.

"The recession has been deep enough and lasted long enough that we will be hard-pressed to ever go back the way it was business as usual pre-recession," O'Neal said. "I think with crises come opportunities to look at government again, let's see if the mission of government has been expanded … get back to core function of government."

Even though O'Neal said he is optimistic that state revenue will be rebounding soon, he predicts many funding cuts in the coming years.

"We're showing some signs of an uptick in the economy and so I think those revenues will be back heading north, but they're not going to head north and get north soon enough to level out the playing field," O'Neal said. "So we're going to have a couple years where cuts are going to be the rule, and shrinking the government is going to be the rule."

House Speaker Mike O'Neal

But Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Democrat from Topeka, said although he's not sure what "permanent reset of state government" entails, the role of government is meant to change with the times as needed.

"Government has to respond to the problems of the time," Hensley said. "One legislature can't tie the hands of another legislature to make the appropriate decisions—hopefully wise and prudent decisions—for the problems of the time."

In December, revenue for the state fell short of consensus revenue expectations by about $22 million. Forecasters have predicted revenue will top $5.47 billion by the time the current 2011 fiscal year ends July 1, but collections in the first half of the fiscal year were $2.64 billion, or short of the halfway mark by about 5 percent.

Hensley said he thinks cuts will be needed to balance the budget, but since Brownback's budget just came out Thursday, he'll need a few days to analyze where he thinks they should come from.

Historic Cabin An Elemental Part Of Folk-Song History

BY BECCY TANNER
The Wichita Eagle

SMITH COUNTY — As the sun dips below the skyline and the bone-chilling cold of a long winter's night settles over Brewster Higley's cabin, all signs of the 21st century disappear.

No neon lights.

No electricity.

No whirring motors.

No sounds but hooting owls and howling coyotes from somewhere upstream on Beaver Creek.

It was from this postage-stamp-size patch of land nearly 140 years ago that a frontier doctor penned a six-verse poem he called simply "My Western Home."

It spoke volumes about his tiny home along the creek, of seeing animals on the ever-changing prairie and of a sky that often overtook and overwhelmed the bowl-shaped horizon.

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,

Where the deer and the antelope play;

Where never is heard a discouraging word

And the sky is not clouded all day.

In time, those words became a famous song.

Each month, about 100 visitors from across the country drive down the dusty lane in Smith County to walk in Brewster Higley's footsteps.

The guest register includes names from Florida, Tennessee, Colorado, Nebraska and Iowa.

But the fame of the song stretches far beyond the United States and far beyond this tiny cabin.

Go anywhere — Ireland, Africa, Russia and China — and people know the song.

"That song is the most famous cowboy song in the world," said Orin Friesen at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper near Benton. "When the Wranglers played in China, we played 'Home on the Range' and sang it in Chinese. If you look at the songs other states have — like the 'Tennessee Waltz' and put all the state songs on a list and ask people from across the world which ones they recognize, I bet 'Home on the Range' would be No. 1. It's the most famous state song of all."

But in the fall of 1872, Brewster Higley's thoughts were simply written in poem form on a scrap of paper.

He tucked it away in one of his books.

The doctor

Brewster Higley was down on his luck.

At the end of his fourth marriage, Higley was seeking refuge and a little solace when he left Ohio in 1871 and homesteaded on the banks of Beaver Creek in Smith County, Kansas.

His first three wives had died from illness and injury. The fourth, Mercy Ann McPherson, a woman from Indiana, was temperamental, at best. He quickly left his three children with relatives in Illinois and moved far away from the matrimonial discord.

On the Kansas prairie, he found peace. To pass the time, Higley often played the violin and wrote poetry.

His first home was a simple dugout — dirt floors, roof and walls.

A year later, he built a cabin with three limestone walls; on the south wall, he put in logs.

He kept the dirt floor and added two small rectangular windows on the south and north walls and built a door with a latchstring lock.

Oh, give me the gale of the Solomon vale

Where life streams with buoyancy flow,

On the banks of the Beaver, where seldom if ever

Any poisonous herbage doth grow.

Two years later, Higley was treating a patient for a gunshot wound while another man waited — Trube Reese of Smith Center.

Reese began thumbing through Higley's books and came upon the poem.

He reportedly told Higley:

"This is plumb good, you should have it printed in the paper."

So, in 1873, the Smith County Pioneer printed the poem with verses such as this one:

How often at night, when the heavens are bright

By the light of the glittering stars,

Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed

If their beauty exceeds this of ours.

That same year, Higley presented the poem to Dan Kelley of nearby Gaylord who'd been a bugler during the Civil War and had enough background in music to give it a distinctive melody.

Kelley then gave the song to Judge John Harlan and his family, who first played and sang it publicly.

The Harlans added a chorus to the song:

A Home — A Home — Where the deer and the antelope play — where seldom is heard a discouraging word— and the sky is not cloudy all day.

None of the men attempted to copyright the song.

How Kansas almost lost out

The song spread like wildfire throughout the West.

It gained popularity along the cattle trails and in small-town dance halls where its melody and heartfelt words about home were quickly learned.

By then, with the cowboy influence, the chorus of the song had shifted to "Home, Home on the Range..."

Cabin under a blue sky.

Jim Gray, cowboy historian from Ellsworth and publisher of the Kansas Cowboy newspaper, said the song was simply the voice of the prairie.

"That song is stuck in our DNA," he said. "It is in the spirit of what it represents — it is not only the spirit of Kansas but the spirit of the Old West."

Kansas historian Thomas Averill said that sense of a home is interchangeable with Kansas.

"The word home is important to our identity," Averill said. "When Frank Baum wrote 'The Wizard of Oz' in 1900, Dorothy said 'There is no place like home.' Brewster Higley wrote 'Home on the Range' before that. By the 1930s, people were identifying Kansas as the home place — it was the center of the heartland."

Still, at the turn of the 20th century, that sense of identity — that sense of home — had come to mean almost anywhere "out there" in the Old West. And "Home on the Range" gained folk song status.

In 1910 it was published for the first time by John Lomax, a Texas college professor researching folk music of the Old West.

He labeled it "Home on the Range" and published it in the book, "Cowboy Songs and Frontier Ballads."

It was published as sheet music and the refrains of the song were heard everywhere from pianos and pump organs in home parlors to recording artists who recorded it for phonographs and sang it over radio airwaves.

And still, the song's popularity continued to grow, along with a number of variations — each claiming home ties with Texas, Colorado and other states.

In 1934 William and Mary Goodwin of Arizona claimed they wrote the song, "An Arizona Home," and filed a lawsuit against radio giant NBC and various publishing houses demanding damages and prohibiting the song from being played in public.

It was only after Samuel Moanfeldt, an investigative lawyer for NBC and the publishing houses, was hired to track down the roots of the song that the lawsuit was resolved and the melody could once again be sung in public.

Moanfeldt traced the song back to Kansas — to Higley publishing the poem in the Smith County Pioneer.

Moanfeldt interviewed an elderly Trube Reese, who told him about the Harlan family. Moanfeldt then asked Clarence Harlan, then 86, to sing the song. He sang it perfectly from memory — word for word as Higley had written it.

Since then, the song has been sung around the world and was popular enough for President Franklin D. Roosevelt to declare it his favorite song.

In 1947, the Kansas Legislature declared "Home on the Range" the official song of Kansas.

The inspiration for Higley's poem, though, remains uncertain.

A cabin's fate

In the early 1950s, the Smith County Rotary Club revamped Higley's cabin, putting in 1870s vintage logs where rotted logs once stood. In 1980, area farmers braced the stone walls with maintainer blades and rebar.

They were farmers' fixes.

"The good news was they didn't sell it; the bad news is that they didn't maintain it very well," said El Dean Holthus.

Holthus, whose aunt and uncle, Ellen and Pete Rust, owned the property for nearly 75 years, credits them for saving the cabin and keeping it standing in Kansas. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The land and cabin is now maintained by the Rust Family Trust.

Holthus, 78, remembers playing around the cabin as a small child: "We knew it only as a chicken house. It was a chicken house until 1947."

"It was general knowledge that Higley had built the cabin," Holthus said. "It was a known fact. But it did not become significant until the lawsuit."

The Rusts, Holthus said, recognized the significance of the cabin but were also farmers, practical folk who often were just getting by.

At least twice, people offered to buy and move the cabin from Kansas.

"You hear of Harold Warp, owner of Pioneer Village in Minden? He came down one night and talked to them about it. He signed a blank check and pushed it across the table," Holthus said.

"Uncle Pete said 'What are you going to do with it?'

Warp said "Move it to Pioneer Village."

The blank check was pushed back across the table.

Reportedly, Holthus said, Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif., made a similar offer.

Still, the Rusts held firm and the cabin remains in Kansas, privately owned, but open to the public.

In the past two years, the Rust Family Trust repaired the roof on the cabin and removed dead trees that threatened to fall on the building. The trust is trying to raise money to restore the cabin.

Holthus estimates it may cost as much $100,000 to restore it to its original integrity.

He's hoping the people of Kansas will want to help save the iconic cabin.

But even beyond Kansas, there are others who care about the cabin's future.

"The song is a treasure of American heritage," said cowboy singer Michael Martin Murphey, who lives in Colorado. "Native-born Westerners like me consider it the anthem of the West, just as "The Star-Spangled Banner" is the national anthem of America."

How much 'Home on the Range' is left?

When Brewster Higley wrote his poem, the prairie was already rapidly disappearing.

James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok was marshal of Abilene; buffalo herds were being slaughtered by the thousands and the animals' carcasses left to rot on the prairie.

Tiny colonies of settlers sprung up across the state , carving chunks out the prairie into farms and towns as American Indians were displaced. And although there is some question whether Higley himself wrote this verse, which is part of the state song:

The Red man was pressed from this part of the west,

He's likely no more to return,

To the banks of the Red River where seldom if ever

Their flickering campfires burn.

That verse, Murphey said, "shows nostalgic sadness at the disappearing of Native Americans at a time when the Indian Wars were still going on, revealing that settlers were not always at odds with their Native American neighbors, and that many pioneers felt fondness for some Indians."

Karen Panter's house is within a stone's throw of the cabin. She's lived at the site for more than two decades.

She's seen white tail and mule deer along with flocks of turkey wander across her yard. There are signs of bob cats, pheasants, quail and owls.

"There's a feeling of pride that goes with living here," she said. "It represents the state. No matter where you go, people are familiar with the song."

Go to the cabin, she says, and the silence is calming.

As far as state symbols go, it rates right up there with the John Brown painting in the state capital building, said Jim Gray.

It is iconic enough for artists and singers to make pilgrimages.

Dave Zerfas, a western balladeer from Manhattan, is one of those people.

"It paints the hopes of people who came here searching for a new life," Zerfas said. "It is a snapshot of the idyllic prairie before the buffalo were all gone."

"To me, that song is the dream of Kansas."

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Read more: http://www.kansas-.com/2011/01/16/1676538/historic-kansas-cabin-an-elemental.html#ixzz1BJQZ4JAB

Inside the cabin.

P-20 Councils says Education has to Collaborate

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Reaping the full economic benefits of education in Kansas requires greater state supervision of how well all courses, from pre-kindergarten through college and beyond, are coordinated, a state-appointed study panel has concluded.

The panel, called the Kansas P-20 Education Council, recommends forming a permanent group very much like itself to provide that supervision.

"It would be a mistake not to recognize the profound impact an integrated and aligned educational system would have on building our state's economy," said Bill Wagnon of Topeka, former-State Board of Education Member and co-chair of the P-20 Council.

To prepare students to be work ready or college ready, the education system in Kansas needs to be more integrated, the council said in its final report. The group estimates that by the year 2018, 64 percent of all jobs in Kansas will require some type of post-high school education.

That means each stage of education, from pre-kindergarten through kindergarten, elementary, high school and beyond should not stand alone as its own entity, rather flow and mesh through collaboration and communication with all education entities in Kansas.

One of the chief recommendations of the council, which was established by former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to examine how education impacts the economy, is to make the committee permanent, and establish smaller ones across the state to address economic needs of the region.

"I believe pursuit of the Council recommendations, including a continuation of the work of the P-20 Council, will result in significant economic benefits for Kansas," Wagnon said.

The report did not address how such a change might affect the potential costs of educating Kansas students, which is a concern spoken of frequently last week both by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback in budget messages to the state legislature or by legislators themselves.

To cover the loss of now ended federal stimulus spending for education, Brownback last week proposed a transitional cut in of 5.8 percent base state for elementary and secondary students to help cover higher projected costs for underfunded teachers' pensions and repaying money borrowed for school construction and other capital improvements.

Kansas received low marks in the area of college and workforce preparation in a recent study by Education Week. However, the Education Department says since Kansas leaves many education decisions up to local school boards, the state never fares well in those types of studies.

Obituaries

JUDITH NEKUDA

Judith "Judy" Nekuda, age 71, of Manhattan, died Tuesday January 11, 2011 at the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan, Kansas.

She was born on March 9, 1939 in Horton, Kansas the daughter of Joseph Ray and Thelma M. (Jeffries) Noel. She graduated from Horton High School in 1957.

Judy worked as a shipping clerk for over 25 years at McCall Pattern Company in Manhattan.

On December 14, 1958 she was united in marriage to Joseph Nekuda, Jr. in Horton, KS. This union was blessed with four children: Joseph, Jerri, Jeffrey and Joyce.

She loved playing cards with her family and with her friends at the Senior Center. Judy enjoyed camping with the Good Sam Club and always having her cocker spaniels by her side. Her biggest joy came from being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Joseph in 1993; a infant son: Jeffrey L. in 1960; 2 unborn grandchildren; a sister: Dorothy Worth and a brother: Donald Noel.

Survivors include her son: Joseph Nekuda of Cibolo, TX; 2 daughters: Jerri Woodcock and her husband Frederick "Woody" of Laughlin, NV and Joyce Sloan and her husband Fred of Layton, UT; 2 sisters: Alice Cashman of Indiantown, FL and Betty Hamilton of St. George, UT. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday January 20, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Fort Riley Cemetery, Fort Riley, KS.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Keith Worthington Chapter of ALS in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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

PHYLLIS MANN

Phyllis W. Mann, age 83, of Manhattan, died January 18, 2011, at Meadowlark Hills.

She was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, on September 29, 1927, the fourth of four children born to Phillip G. Walsten and Laura Johnson Walsten. Both her Johnson and Walsten grandparents were either first or second generation emigrants from Sweden.

Phyllis enjoyed a well rounded elementary education in a one room country school in Reno County. She completed her high school education at Hutchinson High School in 1945. In 1946, along with the returning WWII veterans she attended Hutchinson JUCO, now Hutchinson Community College. Upon completing the pre-nursing program she went to the University of Kansas in Lawrence and Kansas City, Kansas, and received her bachelors of science in Nursing Degree in 1951, and was employed at the Kansas University Medical Center. She took a leave of absence in 1961 to further her education and earned her Master of Nursing from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Mrs. Mann enjoyed a wide variety of experience in the nursing profession. She was a Staff Nurse, Head Nurse, Nursing Supervisor, In Service Education Director and Acting Director of Nursing Service, all at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

On February 18, 1967, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri, she was married to John A. Mann, and moved to Martinsville, VA. She remained active in the profession and served as the Director of Nursing at the Martinsville-Henry County Memorial Hospital and later Director of the Nursing Program at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville. She achieved the utmost satisfaction in her career while she was shaping and directing the future nurses she educated in the nursing program.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, life member of the Kansas University Alumni Association, Kansas University Nursing Alumni Association, charter member of the Santa Fe Trail Association, and a member of the Oregon/California Trail Association. She had a wonderful alto voice and was very active in the choirs of Immanuel Lutheran and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, VA.

Phyllis and her husband John returned to Kansas and made Manhattan their home in 1985. Mr. Mann survives of Manhattan. Additional survivors include her step-son, Sandy Mann and his wife Kay of Carrollton, VA; one sister, Lucile Diedloff of West Windsor, NJ; four step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. Her nephew Bob Walsten and his wife Kathy of Manhattan, and their daughters Kristin and Ann and their grandchildren were very special to Phyllis. Five additional nephews Rich, Gary and Larry Walsten and Alan and Gary Diedloff, and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Mrs. Mann was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Alice Walsten; and one brother, Bob Walsten.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund or the First Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

DON REED

Donald W. (Don) Reed, age 74, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday, January 10, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born on November 26, 1936, in Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Leslie N. Reed, Sr. and Eleanor R. (Colony) Reed.

On March 15, 1958, he was united in marriage to the former Sue Hoss at the First United Methodist Church in Wamego, Kansas. They made their home in Manhattan where Don worked for Mayflower Transit for 24 years as a mover, truck driver and in the office. He was also a licensed cosmetologist and enjoyed working alongside his wife in the family business of Reeds Salon since 1963.

Don was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan where he taught Sunday school for 14 years. He also was a former Webelos Scout Leader and following his retirement enjoyed volunteering as a crossing guard at Marlatt Elementary School. He also loved the outdoors especially "Winnebago" camping, fishing and spending time at their lake cabin.

Those who knew Don benefited from his wonderful sense of humor, his ever present grin and smile and for being a selfless man. He was loved by his family who remember him as a loving husband, dad and granddad who will be dearly missed.

Don is survived by his wife, Sue Reed, of the home. Also surviving are his children: Elaine Reed, Richard Reed and his wife Deb, Michael Reed and his wife Jennifer, all of Olathe, Kansas and Chele Minor and her husband Bryan of Puyallup, Washington. One brother: Gary Reed and his wife Barbara of Topeka, Kansas, two sisters: Sharon Thompson and her husband Mike of Manhattan and JoAnne Helfferich of Branson, Missouri, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Charles R. Reed (1972), Leslie N. Reed, Jr. (2000) and one sister: Bonnie J. McAnarney (1987).

The family received friends during a visitation from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 17, 2011, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan with Reverend Kay Scarbrough officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

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

CHARLOTTE DAVIDSON

Charlotte Davidson, age 59, of Manhattan died Tuesday January 11, 2011 at the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan, Kansas.

She was born on May 28, 1951 in Detroit, MI the daughter of George and Wanda (Hall) Yontz. She was a Sales Associate at Wal-Mart and also was a Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, achieving Team Leader Status.

On May 28, 1970 she was united in marriage to Steve Davidson. Three children were born to this union: Kimberly, Matthew and Kristine. They were later divorced.

Charlotte loved reading, gardening, fishing, watching movies, collecting Santa Claus's and especially crafting. Making people laugh and to see the brighter side of the day was very special to her. Her biggest joy was being with her kids, friends and especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband: Howard Bierbaum of the home; 3 children: daughter: Kim Truman and her husband John of Manhattan, KS; son: Matt Davidson of Madison Heights, MI and her daughter: Kris Davidson and her fiancé: Tommie Allison of Shelby Township, MI. She is also survived by her father: George Yontz, Sr of Shelby Township, MI; two brothers: George Yontz, Jr. of Shelbyville, TN and Steven Yontz of Shelby Township, MI and a sister: Dawn Wockenfuss of Melbourne, FL; 5 grandchildren: Jared, Hope, Lexi, Jonah and Maverick.

A Celebration of Charlotte's Life was held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 14, 2011 at the Super 8 Motel Conference Center 200 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Manhattan with Kati O' Grady as leader. Private family inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Charlotte Davidson Memorial Fund in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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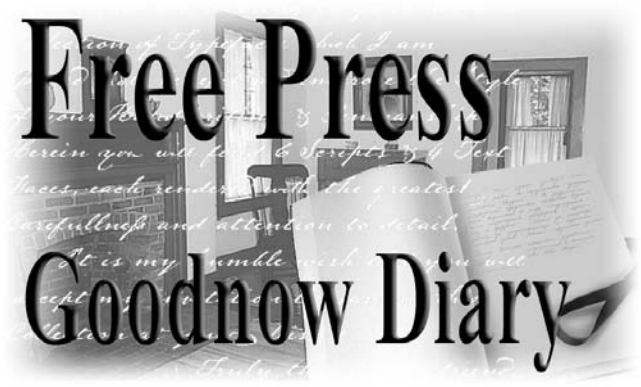

Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow for 1879.

Transcribed by the Riley County Historical Society from a copy of the original diary.

Isaac Goodnow's papers including his diaries are at the Kansas State Archives & Library in Topeka. Their website address is http://www.kshs.org/portal_state_archives_library

Note: Isaac Goodnow's handwriting is often hard to read. In the year following, the typewritten terms "P.C. & P.C.s to," refer to Postcard, & Postcard/s to. Brackets [ ] enclose missing punctuation or letters; (?) question marks indicate unsureness of written word/phrase.

Wednesday, January 1, 1879

At Junction City, Called on A.C. Pierce, James Humphrey. Drew $86.40 from Rizer & Co. Train to Manhattan at 11 ¼ A.M. Hiram down with Buggy to take me home. New Years dinner !! Present, H. Hougham & family, Mrs. Webber & Webster. S. Whitney, wife & Bertha & Jessie present. Colder. Yesterday, a Mild day! Today Cold! Dr. Young.

Thursday, January 2, 1879

Therm'r. Sunrise -5° Wrote J. Middleton, Margaret M. Merritt. P.C. W.B. Meeker & Co., N. Powell. Went to the woods with Hopkins. Called at Reynolds & Gists. Looked over papers &c. in the evening till 10 O clock. Letter to Bond for Pass, M.K.&T.

Friday, January 3, 1879

Thermometer -12° Sunrise. Wrote Geo. Denison, &c. A.C. Pierce. Went to Manhattan P.M. Sent off 14 Tax letters. Hungerford Sick. Hiram Chopped wood. Call from Cooper, Let him & Prall a job of Wood Cutting & hauling at halves. Thermometer 8 P.M. - 3°

Saturday, January 4, 1879

Thermometer Sunrise - 8°, Sunset - 8°. Hiram Chopped wood. I wrote letters with returned tax-receipts. Willie Whitney hauled load of wood. Still & Cool.

Sunday, January 5, 1879

Thermometer at Sunrise -5°. 1 P.M -2°, 10 P.M. -5°. 11 A.M. Sermon by Rev. Gill. Funeral of Mr. Shortridge at 1 P.M. Miss Donaldson & Dora & Hattie rode with me to Church. Read New York Tribune & in National Repository. Letter from Mrs. J.W. Taylor, announcing death of Mrs. Joel Wade of Colorado Springs.

Monday, January 6, 1879

Therm. Sunrise-3°, Sunset 20°. Read in Appleton & National Repository. Looked over the Orchard. Called on Prall— weak back. Gist Sick. Strong wind. P.M. Hiram Chopped. Wrote T.F. Oakes, G.S.

Tuesday, January 7, 1879

Therm. Sunrise, 22°. Wrote A.H. Sears. Went to town & settled taxes $564.06 + 12.00. Call from Dr. Vail, &c.

Wednesday, January 8, 1879

Therm. Sunrise, 5°. Wrote Mrs. G. Harris, $7.86. P.C. Morgan, Abbott. Wrote Pillsbury, Tax 11.88. A.S. Sommers. Called with Ellen at S.W.T., Wife Sick. Went to the woods; 3 men chopping. Went to town with Ellen and Hattie. Called on Crump & Burgoynes. Therm. 9 P.M. 8°.

Thursday, January 9, 1879

Therm. Sunrise, 0, 8 P.M.,16°. Wrote Novelty Truck & Rubber Co. for 3 neckties. Sent P. stamps 54 cts. P.C. A.M. Sommers. Rode to the woods with Hiram & then Went to town. Wilder Wareham. Evening Call from Allen.

Friday, January 10, 1879

Therm. 71/2 A.M. 20°. Wrote Mrs. G. Harris, Taxes 7.66. Mended Harry's fence. Made a call on Mrs. Platt; Afflicted in the loss of her Son!

Went to the Woods with Reynolds & Humphrey & gave them wood jobs. Cooper, pr. King, hauled 3 loads wood. French here. Went to town. Called on Wilder. Freight to Dundes 39 + 155.

Saturday, January 11, 1879

Wrote W.E. Woodward Tax-bills $12.50. H. Hougham hauled a load of wood. Cooper pr. King 3 Loads. Went to Woods with Humphrey & gave them jobs of wood.

Sunday, January 12, 1879

At Church with Hattie, Dorah Edmunston & Flora Donaldson. Sermon by Gill, "At ease in Zion". Wrote Ben H. Weeks & Sent map of Manhattan, &c. P.C. G. Denison. Therm'r. Sunrise 10°.

Monday, January 13, 1879

Therm'r. Sunrise 15°. P.C. L.T. Heritage, E.P. Webber. Letters M.S. Amidon, A.M. Sommers, Margaret M. Merritt, J. Poulson,. 1 yth, 1.00. Prohibitent. A M. Sommers, W.B. Meeker. P.C. Mrs. Van Norman. Went to town with Hattie. Saw Moseb, &c. Hiram experimented on Sugar & Syrup.

Tuesday, January 14, 1879

Therm'r. 8 A.M. 23°. Wrote Col. Goss, S.J. Gilmore. Read Tribune (N.Y.) H. & H. washed. Called at Gist's. He hauled load wood for me & 2 for Reynolds! Fixed bedstead with rollers. Went to town with Hiram & attended annual Bank Meeting. Cool chilly weather. Eve— read papers. Mrs. Whitney not So well.

Wednesday, January 15, 1879

Snowed last night, crust this Morning. Fixed Shelf in Pantry. Read papers &c. Willie took home Ella, her mother dangerous. Young Cole died this morning at Platt's. Fixed my gun & ammunition for Shooting. Reynolds Called.

Thursday, January 16, 1879

Therm'r. 10°. Beautiful morning. Wrote R.W. Randall, J. Humphrey, I.S. Lindsley. P.C. Mrs. G.S. Howe. Drs. Clark & Lynamin?, Consultation on Mrs. W. Mrs. S. Whitney dangerously Sick, Advised Consultation of Drs.

Friday, January 17, 1879

Mrs. Solomon Whitney died this morning at 3 O clock of Typhoid fever. Rode to town & then over to Solomon's with Ellen. Again with Hattie 5 P.M. & then to town to See Dr. Clark for Kitty W. Who is Very weak from her Sickness with fever. Harry at tea & then took over Medicine to Kitty. Therm. 8A.M. 22°.

Saturday, January 18 1879

Therm'r., Sunrise, 18° Wrote B.H. Weeks & R. Hamond with Deed + 8 Ps., J.D. Brown, A.M. Sommers. P.C. J. Middleton. Called at Dr. Vail's with Hattie & got flowers for the Corpse of Mrs. Whitney. Went to S.W.'s with Ellen. Brot home H. Hougham & wife. Read papers &c.

Sunday, January 19, 1879

Therm. Sunrise 5°, 8 ½ P.M. 30°. 11A.M. Sermon by Rev. Mallory. 2 P.M. funeral of Mrs. S. Whitney. Large attendance; Remarks by R.D. Parker, Prayer by Knipe. Age 49 yrs, 9 months. Heavy loss to the family!

Monday, January 20, 1879

Therm'r., Sunrise, 25°. P.C. F. Goodnow. Hiram chopped wood. Went with Ellen to Solomon's. Afternoon, rode to town, got the Mail & 5 Bu. Potatoes. Ella & the Children Spent the day with us. Warmest day for 6 weeks.

Tuesday, January 21, 1879

Therm'r. 7 ½ A.M. 30°. Beautiful Morning & day. Rode to E. P. Webber's, 8 miles & Visited. Sick; gave him Special advice. Home by dusk; calling on S.W., on the way, a few moments. Snow Melting. Pair of Plymouth Rock fowls. Ella &c. still here.

Wednesday, January 22, 1879

Wrote S.H. Whitney & E.P. Webber. Fixed Coop for pair of Plymouth Rock fowls. Ella Hougham & children went home. Hiram to town. Cool damp wind. Walked to the woods, Prall trespassing. Therm. 9 A.M. 36°.

Thursday, January 23, 1879

Therm. 22°. P.C. to M.A. Redpath, G.W. Sturtevant, T. Sanders, W. Tyler. Humphrey hauled 1 load wood, Prall 3 loads. Experimented on Syrup. Long talk with H.S.D. on Cane Seed. Pleasant day. S. Whitney Called.

Friday, January 24, 1879

Wrote A.M. Sommers & W'm. Bond. Went to town, Miscellaneous business. Humphrey hauled 1 load wood. Gave him more to cut, also Prall. Getting muddy. Went to J. Brown for H. Hougham. Warmer.

Saturday, January 25, 1879

Wrote R. Allyn, R.W. Randall. P.C. G. Denison. Carried Squash up Stairs. A. Donaldson took me to town. Called at Bank on Crump, Pipher, on Elliott –has Sold ¼ Section land for Wm [or Wr].in Washington Co. Went to Junction City. Called on Judge Humphrey. Put up at Pacific House. to bed at 10 P.M. after reading newspaper.

Sunday, January 26, 1879

Wrote R. Allyn- Statistics. Returned to Manhattan & attend Babtist Church. Home at 1 P.M. Read N.Y. Tribune & Times Herald & N. Repository. Revival at M.E. Church.

Monday, January 27, 1879

Made out Bond & Note, Charles Patrie N.S. 28-2-3. & Went to town. Call on Elliott & at Bank. Worked on Road. Put up wall, Dearbon place. Trimmed apple trees. Called on Gist. Looked at Old Library, &c. Called on Platt & H. Hougham. Wrote J. Denison on Sawyer. Moderate weather, Cloudy.

Tuesday, January 28, 1879

Gist hauled 4 loads wood. Trimmed trees in orchard. Hiram experimented on Syrup. Eve— Call from Mr. Clark & wife. H.S.D. Went to town & got lost coming home. Went after him. Telegram, Kenny & Miller, for all of our Cane Seed, Sold! To bed at 10 ½ P.M.

Wednesday, January 29, 1879

Wrote H.S. Willard. P.C. B. Pillsbury Sent 2 Coupons to Sommers $60. Draft $59.20 on A/c M.M. Merritt. Trimmed apple trees. Went to town & bot 36 bags for Cane Seed. Ben Miller & wife & baby spent the Night. Call from Clark on Lot. Hiram put up Cane Seed &c. Clear evening.

Thursday, January 30, 1879

Very foggy morning. Fixed up brush pile for clothesline! Worked on hen yard. Went to town. French, &c. Senatorial excitement, Topeka. Hiram worked on Cane Seed. Ben Miller & wife went home. Wet toward evening. Marked 300 Lots red on Map of Manhattan.

Friday, January 31, 1879

Foggy morning & cloudy day. King hauled 2 loads wood for . Marked lots on Manhattan Map, Blue -for Lots Sold East. Hiram worked on Cane Seed, & I 1 ½ hours. Disagreeable Chilly wind most of the day. Helped Hattie wring out the clothes &c.

Saturday, February 1, 1879

Hiram measured Cane Seed & put in Bags. Went to town & got 33 Bags. Took draft of Elliott from Emmons $479. Washington Co. Bank on Hettierington & Co., Atchison on A/c N.E. ¼ [28?]+2-3. Post to Riley Co. Before Collecting. Made hen yd. for Plymouth Rock fowls. Clark Called in the evening on A/c of Lot.

Sunday, February 2, 1879

A.M. Sermon by Rev. Gill. "All things are Yours". Took down Hattie, Flora & Dora. 2 P.M. Funeral of Col. Barrier, Masonic Burial, Imposing. Congregation & good Sermon by Gill. Pleasant day. Therm. 7A.M. 25°, 9P.M. 32°. Read Eve—

Monday, February 3, 1879

Took Seed to Depot [7-720?]lbs. 4 loads. King hauled two, Hiram two. Dined at Hotel with Miller. Called on H. Hougham— better. P.C. Whitney. Hattie, Flora, & Hattie Donaldson took us. Hiram & [?] off to the woods to [too illegible to transcribe]. Put up at Pacific House. P.C. [?]. Read papers. Wrote M.M. Merritt.

Tuesday, February 4, 1879

Took M.K.&T. Train at 5 ¾ A.M. L.R. Elliott aboard. Went to Parson Sedalia, & then took M.P.R. for St. Louis at 10 P.M. Rain from 1 P.M. till 9 P.M. then Snow. 11.30 tickets, 2. 10 cts.

Wednesday, February 5, 1879

Arrived in St. Louis at 6 ¾ A.M. Put up at St. James Hotel. Washed up & went to Cane Growers Convention, 10 A.M. Organized & got ready for business. 1 ½ P.M., Met again & at 5 P.M. adjourned. Made Some remarks. Met C.F. Miller of Minnesota. 20+

Thursday, February 6, 1879

Went to Hedge's 2117 Broadway & visited his refinery & Sugar Machinery. A good Mechanic & Scientific gentleman. 9 A.M. Convention met, Animated discussions. Adjournment to Belcher's Sugar refinery, 35 of us. Evening Session: Sugar Cane Class Meeting! Spoke for Kansas.

Friday, February 7, 1879

9 A.M. Sugar Cane Meeting again. Met Stewart of Penn. Talk with Hedge on refining Molasses &c., special floor to us. Took M.P. RR to Sedalia with H.S. Denison. Reclining Seat Chairs.

Saturday, February 8, 1879

Sedalia at 5 ½ A.M. Parsons at 1-50 P.M. N. Falls 5 P.M. Supper, Emporia 7-20 P.M. Put up at F. Goodnow's. H.S. Denison went on to J. City.

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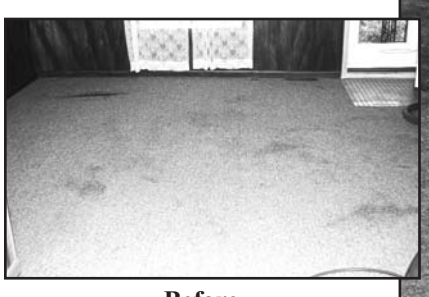
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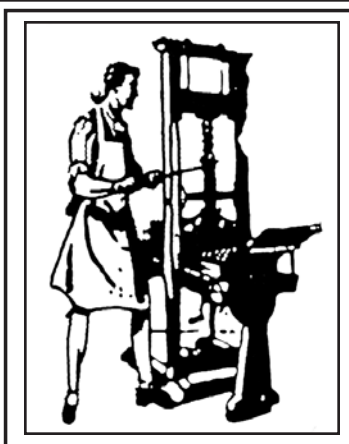

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Education versus Indoctrination

Education is one of the major contributors to our community, both economically and culturally. From the beginning of America, education has played a vital role in our becoming a great nation, but the emphasis then was quite different from now. Prior to mandatory education, the literacy rate was exceptionally high and the institutions of higher learning, such as Harvard, Yale and Columbia, were primarily seminaries begun by Christian denominations. Even the textbook for elementary grades incorporated frequent excerpts from The Bible. Now, most institutions of learning are secular, reference to Christianity is forbidden in most classrooms and scientists who claim to be Christians and Creationists are discredited.

Dr. Francis Collins, the leader of the Human Gnome Project, a multibillion-dollar project in which he and his colleagues mapped out the 3 billion letters of the human genetic code imprinted into each of our cells. An article in National Geographic declared, "Collins is among the worlds most important scientists." This caused quite a stir within the "scientific community," at least the one to which Ashley Montagu the renowned paleontologist belonged. Dr. Collins is a Creationist and Dr. Montagu wrote that a Creationist "remain(s) nothing but a glorified technician…"

In 2007, the Kansas State Board of Education reversed the definition of Science for the fifth time in eight years. The revised definition protects evolution from objective evaluation and excludes other options for the origin of the universe. This debate is not about better ways to educate our children; it is an ideologi-

Dick Miller

cal confrontation. This debate has no impact academically but it does enhance the argument that the public schools are the primary training ground for Secularism.

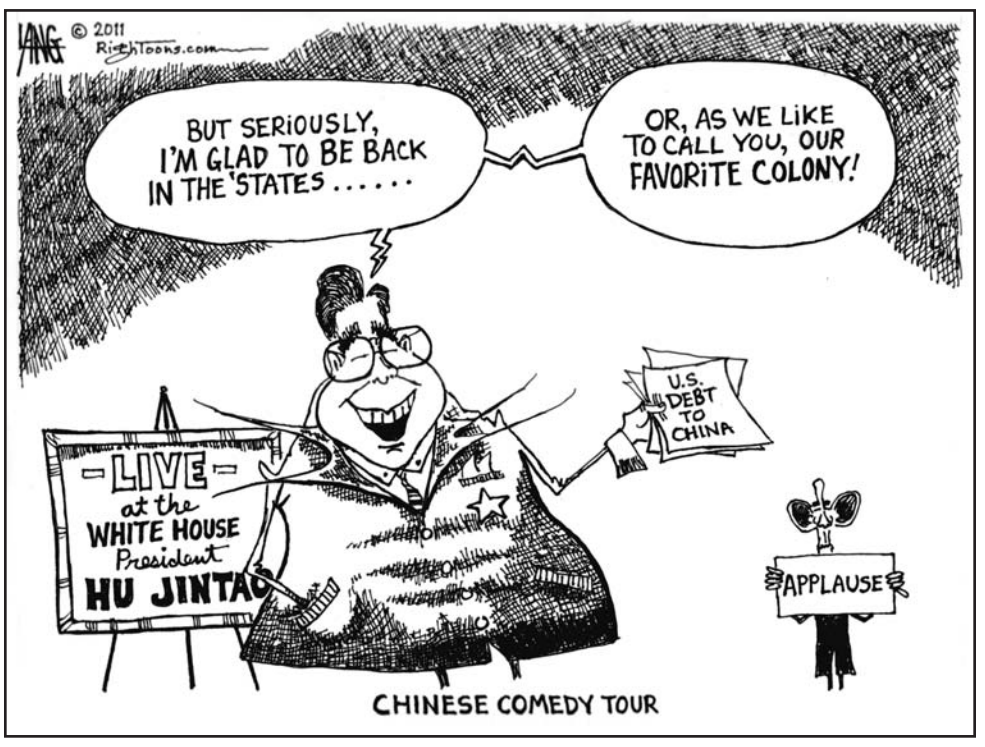
Dr. Isaac Asimov, past president of the American Humanist Association, in an article in the New York Times Magazine, wrote that "It is only in school that American youngsters in general are ever likely to hear any reasoned exposition of the evolutionary theory…Church and family can easily censor printed matter...Only the school is beyond their control." Hidden in this statement is the grand strategy of the Secular Humnanists formulated in the early 20th century by educators such as John Dewey, Dr. George Counts and Dr. Harold Rugg all associated with Teachers College at Columbia University.

Dewey was an atheist and socialist and co-authored Humanist Manifesto I in 1934. Manfesto I spells out the religion of Secularism Humanism as belief in no God, evolution not Creationism, socialism not capitalism. The strategy of using the public schools to create the new order was masterminded by Dr. Rugg and outlined in his books in 1932 and 1933. In The Great Technology, he wrote, "A new public mind is to be created…through the schools of the world we shall disseminate a new conception of government-one that will embrace all the collective activities of men; one that will postulate the need for scientific control and operation of economic activities in the interest of all the people." Socialism by any other name is still socialism.

Dr. Counts published his monograph, Dare the School Build a New Social Order? in 1932 in which he wrote, "The teachers should deliberately reach for power and then make the most of their conquest…and they will definitely and positively influence the social attitudes, ideals and behavior of the coming generations."

The strategy was brilliant and the timing was perfect. With American parents distracted by the Depression and WWII, and the urbanization of society, the family unit began to fracture and the church began to snooze. As in nature that abhors a vacumn, the Secular Humanists were delighted to fill the void with public education that replaced both the parents and the church. The success of the strategy of Dr Counts and Dr. Rugg is astounding with secularism now being a predominant worldview.

In a few weeks an election for School Board members will determine the oversight philosophy of the Boards in Riley County. It behooves each one of us to thoroughly evaluate each candidate to determine whether or not they believe academic achievement in the classroom is paramount and that critical thinking processes are essential.



Democrats look to dupe GOP at State of the Union address

The Democratic Party, if anything, is consistent with their actions. They took advantage of an ideologically weak Republican Party that failed to rein in spending in 2006. Democrats managed to place one of their most liberal politicians into the office of president in 2008 and then proceeded to pass bill after bill that would expand government control by monumental leaps in the hopes of fundamentally transforming the nation.

If we are honest with ourselves, even in this current environment of Obama-buyer's-remorse, in a best-case scenario only a fraction of the damage this administration has brought upon the country will be nullified. Unfortunately, that is the sunny account at best. Why? Because the Republican Party has become notorious for failing to consistently frame the political landscape that all are asked to play on. Equally as detrimental to the country, when an agenda does exist, Republicans have lacked true convictions that motivate others to join the cause.

Compared to the modern-day Republican Party, Democrats work with great efficiency. Foremost has been their ability to frame the political landscape. Consistently through his administration Obama has used a majority vote to ram his agenda through. Democrats have initiated the most socialistic national restructuring program in American history and claim it is emergency help for the middle class. While pushing their liberal agenda, they have framed Republicans as being the heartless party of "No." When Democrats have found one of two liberal Republicans to vote their way the story is framed as a Democrat victory with strong bi-partisan support. The recent past has been a repetition of Democrats initiating and Republicans reacting.

Even the current environment with its potential for a sweeping shift in political power has not been the product of the Republican Party pulling Americans toward the Constitution's call of freedom and conservative values. Far from it—the first round of victories against the Obama machine were made by regular Americans who formed their own meeting tents under which to congregate and strategize for the future of their country. Republicans have been painfully slow to embrace what are for all intents and purposes their base supporters. Groups like the Tea Party and their equivalents defeated Democrats in historical numbers in the last mid-term and literally dragged the Republican Party into the winner's circle. This is not accept-

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able nor is it repeatable.

There is hope for the GOP; in fact, major victories are more than attainable if they will simply consolidate the party as the place where true conservative values are found. Oh yes, they will also need to have a backbone in conjunction with a well-developed and disseminated message. As important, they will have to avoid allowing Democrats to set the tone for the new Congress and in the ensuing days to the next election. Democrats can see the writing on the wall and they will most certainly attempt to control a Republican surge toward 2012. The next framing of the political landscape will most likely push off with the upcoming State of the Union address. The message from Obama will be for compassion and cooperation with the subtle implication that groups like the Tea Party and other constitutionalists are promoting hate and violence. The Arizona shooting incident, ironically framed in its aftermath by another liberal in Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, will be marked as recent proof of how dangerous life can be when we do not all get along (translation: to be more liberal is to be more reasonable).

David Jackson from USA Today reports that Democrat Charles Schumer of New York and Republican Tom Coburn of Oklahoma say that they will sit together during Obama's annual address in the hopes that congressional colleagues will follow suit. This call for unity is not done because love is in the air. It is a ploy by Democrats to set the stage for the political future because they are losing ground on all fronts. So, while it was full steam ahead with their political agenda when Democrats had a majority vote, now that they can be blocked in the House and potentially routed in 2012, it's time for us all to come together and put the partisan, if not deadly, vitriol as spun by Sheriff Dupnik, away for a more harmonious liberal reality. Once again Democrats wish to frame the political landscape and they hope that Republicans will be foolish enough to go along with it.

This trickery is but one of many schemes that will be spun over the coming months. The GOP will again fall prey to being reactionary shills in a democratic game unless they set the stage for the future themselves and force Democrats to play by their rules. The truth screams to be told by the GOP if they have the backbone and the vision to see it through to its fruition. The country needs to be brought back to its constitutional foundations and the current tentacles of socialism must be shrugged away with the national disdain it deserves. The restoration of the country requires fiscal responsibility that is quantifiable, not simple lip service. A true merging of the Tea Party and the Republican Party will be pivotal to achieving voting power in 2012. Instead of adapting to liberal agendas, the GOP must force Democrats to vote against the people's will and thus expose themselves to future elimination at the polls. Republicans should spend their time, such as that during the State of the Union address, to more clearly define themselves as the party of conservative values, and reject falling for another bi-partisan illusion that in the end, simply furthers the liberal Obama agenda.

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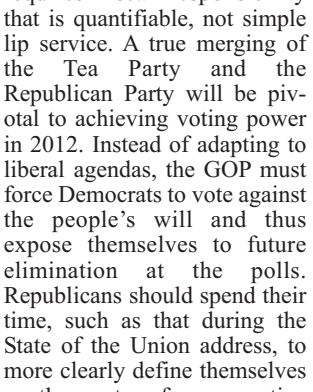

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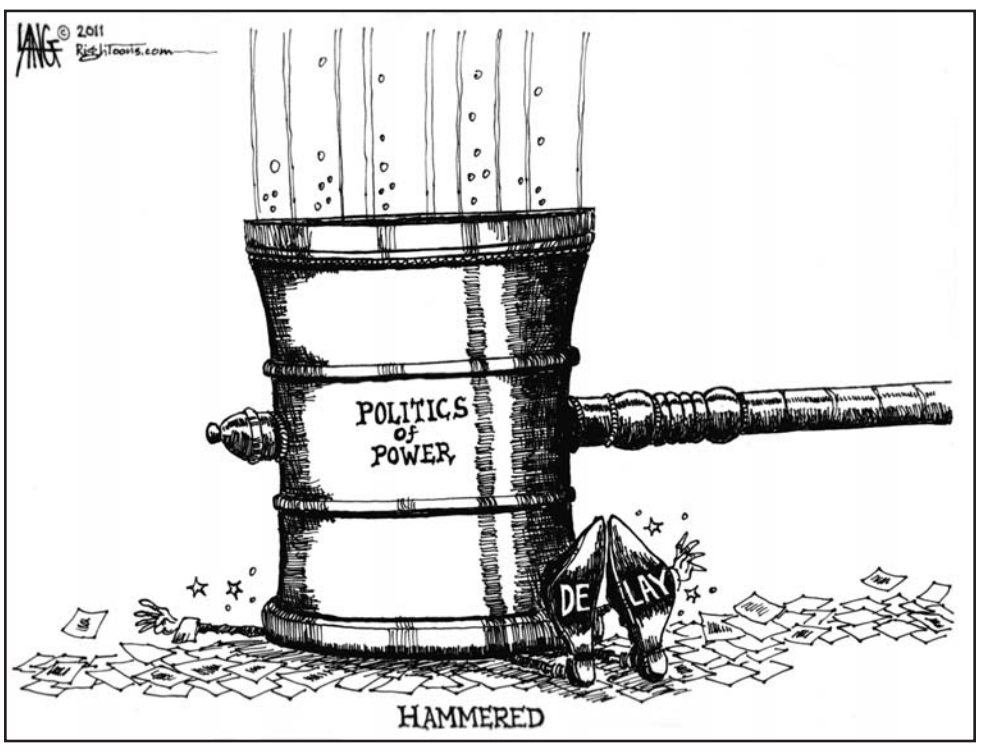

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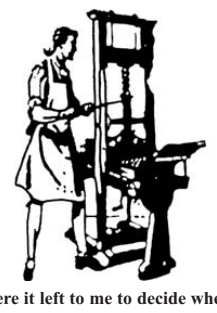

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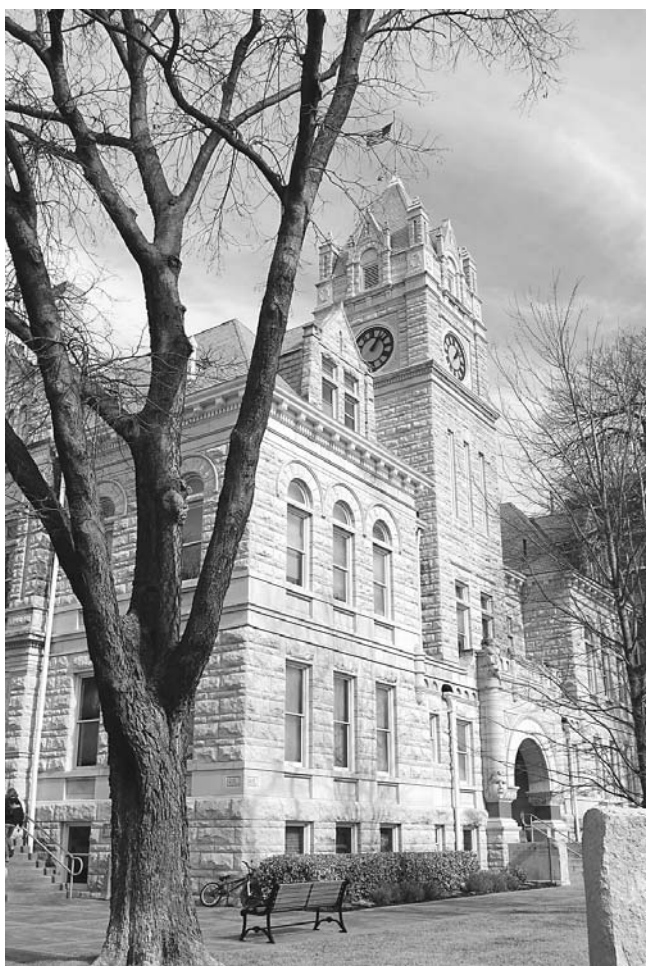

Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas
January 10, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 10, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; Alvan Johnson, Member; Dave Lewis; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Brad Streeter; Rich Vargo, County Clerk; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Amy King, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy; Keirsten Cagle, Records Assistant I; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Jo Reed, Records Assistant II; Joe Knopp; Casey Guthals; Kathy Carpenter, Officer Manager; and Judge Paul Miller, District Court, attended.

Judge Miller gave the oath of office to the Riley County Commissioner 1st District, Dave Lewis.

Johnson moved to appoint Karen McCulloh as Chair of the Board of Riley County Commissioners for 2011. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to appoint Alvan Johnson as Vice Chair of the Board of Riley County Commissioners for 2011. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the following list of official depositories eligible to receive Riley County funds in 2011:

Capitol Federal Savings and Loan, Manhattan
Central National Bank, Manhattan
Commerce Bank, Manhattan
Community 1st Bank, Manhattan
Intrust Bank, Manhattan
Kansas State Bank, Manhattan
Landmark National Bank, Manhattan
Leonardville State Bank, Leonardville
Riley State Bank, Riley
Sunflower Bank, Manhattan
UMB Bank, Manhattan
United Bank & Trust, Manhattan
Kansas Municipal Investment Pool

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Cindy Kabriel left the meeting.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 Chris Welchhans, GIS Director

Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Welchhans presented a GIS department update.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Andrew Elmore, an IT Specialist, in the Information Technology Department, for Separation from County Service, effective January 21, 2011.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Information Technology Specialist, in the Information Technology Department, at a grade M.

9:30 Press Conference

Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Chris Welchhans, GIS Director; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Meredith reported eight snow removal truck routes are being run today. Meredith said there is a travel advisory for today.

McClure said Tree and Brush Management and the Flint Hills Smoke Management Plan will be the featured topics at January 13th Coffee Shop Agronomy Meeting at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn by noon. Walt Fick, K-State Research & Extension range management specialist will be the featured speaker.

McClure said the Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings are informal question and answer sessions, focusing on a single topic at each meeting. Meetings and presenters in the 2011 Riley County Coffee Shop Series are:

January 27th – Bio-tech Seed Traits, Kraig Roozeboom

February 10th – Crop Insurance, Chris Hauserman

February 24th – Roundup Resistant Weed Control, Dallas Peterson

McClure said all meetings will be held at Nelson's Landing and all are on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Messer stated burn permits are required for any burning in Riley County.

Messer discussed portable space heater and wood stove safety.

Vargo reported the filing deadline is January 25th at noon for the 2011 City/School District election.

Vargo said the Primary and General election dates are March 1, 2011 and April 5, 2011.

McCulloh stated there is flu in Riley County and encouraged residents to get vaccinated.

McCulloh introduced Commissioner Dave Lewis. McCulloh said Riley County will reorganize this morning.

Lewis stated he looks forward to working with the Riley County Commissioners and Riley County staff.

10:10 Discuss Law Board appointments

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Kabriel, Administrative Assistant II; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

The Board discussed Law Board appointments.

Johnson moved to appoint Karen McCulloh as the Riley County Commission representative and Dave Lewis as the citizen-at-large representative on the Riley County Law Board. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:25 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Holeman presented S.B. 271 and new language allowing counties to be exempt from public bidding during emergencies. Holeman stated the Contractors Association opposed the original language.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to have the new language drafted into the new S.B. 271 legislation.

Holeman stated he contacted the Highway Patrol about the use of jake brakes on Highway 177.

Holeman said the Highway Patrol will be doing more localized enforcement.

Holeman said USD 383 Superintendent Bob Shannon notified him part of Bishop Stadium may be on Riley County property. Holeman stated Shannon will be contacting Holeman on the matter.

Holeman discussed the subrogation lawsuit for the LEC flooding.

10:46 Johnson moved to adjourn following the County Officials Meeting. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 County Officials Luncheon in the Board of County Commission Chambers

Gov Proposes Streamlined Kansas Government to Balance Budget

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. – Borrowing $200 million from Kansas highway programs and closing the state's main clearinghouse for Medicaid benefits will help get the state out of its most immediate financial jam, but more sweeping changes will be needed to fix deeper problems, one of Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's budget advisors warned legislators Thursday.

The changes are all part of a proposed $6.1 billion spending plan for the year beginning July 1 that Brownback aide Landon Fulmer began outlining to state House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committee members barely a day after Brownback outlined broad budget proposals – cutting total state spending, streamlining state government operations and increasing support for elementary, secondary and higher education – Wednesday in his first state of the state address to Kansas legislators.

Here is how some details of those broad proposals began working out as Fulmer, the governor's policy director, described them to the legislature's two primary budget-writing committees.

--Kansas would cut spending in its current $14.8 billion all-funds budget, which includes income from federal government and other sources in addition to state general fund revenues that come primarily from Kansas taxpayers, by $876.4 million, or 5.9 percent. But state general fund spending would increase 6 percent, to $6.1 billion.

That's because the current all-funds and general fund budgets count on federal stimulus, unemployment insurance and other funds that end after June 30, Fulmer said. Brownback's proposed budget replaces only part of those federal funds with some additional general fund spending, a $200 million transfer of available Highway Fund money and $34 million from casino revenues and other transfers in and out of the general fund.

But those are essentially patches to help balance the state's books for fiscal 2012, Fulmer said. Over the longer term, legislators will need to consider more lasting changes to address three more fundamental challenges to state finances, he said. Those are continually rising Medicaid costs, a growing urgency to begin closing a nearly $8 billion gap in state and teachers pension funding, and making bond payments on long term money the state has borrowed in the past.

At the moment, state policies for dealing with those challenges "are on autopilot," Fulmer said, "and it is an autopilot to disaster."

--The proposal outlined Thursday also calls for a drop in base state aid to elementary and high school education to $3,780 per pupil from $4,012 now. But it also calls for a $129 million increase in state spending per pupil to $4,743 per pupil from $4,549 now.

The difference between state aid and state spending per pupil is an arcane, but important one, Fulmer told legislators. State aid counts only money that is spent on students in the class room, he said; state spending includes non educational expenses, such as the state's matching contributions to teachers' retirement accounts and its share of bond payments on money borrowed for school construction.

Those non educational expenses are growing faster than educational ones "and as with Medicaid, that's another wakeup call," Fulmer said.

--Brownback's proposed budget also calls for $9.2 million in savings, chiefly by closing agencies and withdrawing support for other enterprises that are deemed too costly.

Among the biggest proposed changes, the Kansas Health Policy Authority, which runs major Medicaid, children's health insurance and other medical coverage plans, would be closed and its operations transferred to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Two public-private economic development enterprises, the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp., and Kansas Inc., would also be abolished after their programs moved to the Kansas Department of Commerce. The proposal also calls for the conversion of the Kansas Arts Commission into a private non-profit organization, transfer of the state parole board to the Department of Corrections and the closing of the state's Public Broadcasting Commission.

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O'Neal: Time for Permanent Reset of State Government

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. – House Speaker Mike O'Neal said Friday the economic troubles facing government in Kansas are cause to permanently change the way it operates.

The Hutchinson Republican said in a meeting with media that the $500 million revenue shortfall projected next year is an opportunity for the new conservative governor Sam Brownback and a fresh coalition of Republican legislators to permanently change the way the state spends money.

"The recession has been deep enough and lasted long enough that we will be hard-pressed to ever go back the way it was business as usual pre-recession," O'Neal said. "I think with crises come opportunities to look at government again, let's see if the mission of government has been expanded … get back to core function of government."

Even though O'Neal said he is optimistic that state revenue will be rebounding soon, he predicts many funding cuts in the coming years.

"We're showing some signs of an uptick in the economy and so I think those revenues will be back heading north, but they're not going to head north and get north soon enough to level out the playing field," O'Neal said. "So we're going to have a couple years where cuts are going to be the rule, and shrinking the government is going to be the rule."

But Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Democrat from Topeka, said although he's not sure what "permanent reset of state government" entails, the role of government is meant to change with the times as needed.

"Government has to respond to the problems of the time," Hensley said. "One legislature can't tie the hands of another legislature to make the appropriate decisions--hopefully wise and prudent decisions--for the problems of the time."

In December, revenue for the state fell short of consensus revenue expectations by about $22 million. Forecasters have predicted revenue will top $5.47 billion by the time the current 2011 fiscal year ends July 1, but collections in the first half of the fiscal year were $2.64 billion, or short of the halfway mark by about 5 percent.

Hensley said he thinks cuts will be needed to balance the budget, but since Brownback's budget just came out Thursday, he'll need a few days to analyze where he thinks they should come from.

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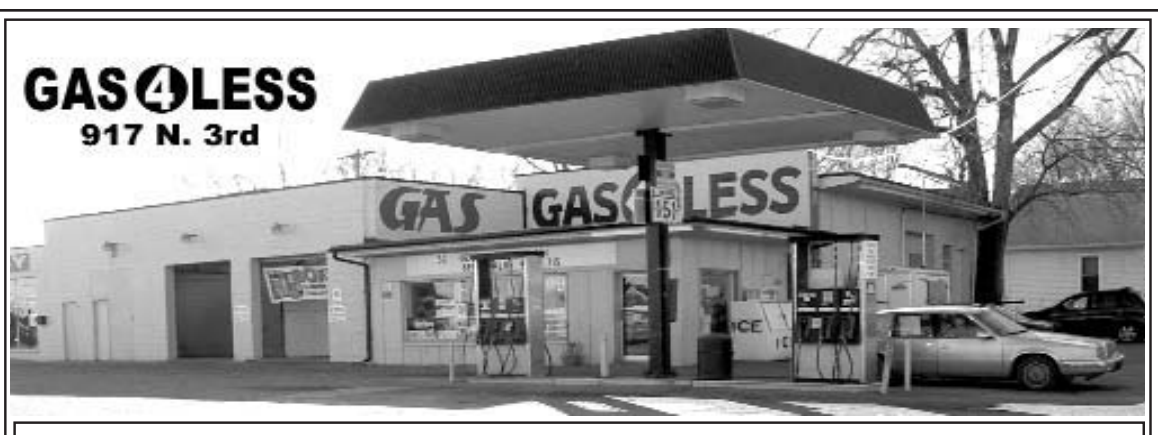

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Samuels, No. 21 K-State pound Texas Tech, 94-60

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

Kansas State studied video to prepare for its game against Texas Tech. It just wasn't film of the Red Raiders.

Instead, Wildcats coach Frank Martin showed his players game tape from victories over Gonzaga and Virginia Tech earlier this season.

``I have failed this team," Martin said. ``I've got to do a better job of making us see how well we can play."

No. 21 Kansas State did just that Saturday, hammering Texas Tech 94-60 behind Jamar Samuels' 22 points and Jacob Pullen's 21. Rodney McGruder added 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Wildcats (13-5, 1-2 Big 12), and Curtis Kelly had 12.

John Roberson scored 19 for Texas Tech (8-10, 0-3) and Brad Reese added 11. The Red Raiders have lost their three Big 12 games by a combined 77 points, with two of those losses coming at home.

Samuels credited Friday's practice with a return of K-State's ``savage mentality."

Pullen agreed.

``Just the energy we had, we used that during this game," Pullen said. ``We tried not to walk, not to go in slow motion like we've been."

Instead, the Wildcats steamrolled the Red Raiders.

Pullen made two 3-pointers to ignite the fast start, and the Wildcats led 17-4 with 14:27 remaining in the half. Samuels had eight points during the spurt.

Kelly made two dunks during an 8-0 run that gave Kansas State a 27-9 lead in his first game after serving a six-game suspension for violating NCAA rules by taking improper benefits at a Manhattan department store. Samuels' 3-pointer with 8:34 to play in the first half stretched the lead to 32-11. The Red Raiders made only four of their first 17 shots, while the Wildcats started 14 of 22.

It didn't get much better for the Red Raiders. Pullen's layup capped a 7-0 run that made it 41-16, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight was called for a technical foul and K-State cruised to a 52-26 halftime lead.

``I didn't think we competed in the first half," Knight said. ``They jumped on us, we took bad shots, that was that."

Texas Tech was outscored in the half by Samuels (18 points) and Pullen (16), and the Wildcats had 16 assists on their 19 first-half baskets.

``That's how we play," Martin said. ``If you've watched us play the last three years, we attack people, we share the ball and we run. We're going to get back to that."

The Red Raiders never got back within 20. Pullen and Will Spradling hit consecutive 3-pointers to put the Wildcats ahead 60-31 with 16:44 remaining.

Two minutes later, McGruder's follow capped an 8-0 run that pushed the advantage to 68-35 with 13:14 to play.

``Every time we've been at a crossroad," Martin said, ``Rod has stepped up for us."

K-State was able to substitute liberally after that, resting players for a quick turnaround before Monday afternoon's game at No. 15 Missouri.

Martin thought Kelly's 6-foot-8 presence inside made a huge difference for the Wildcats.

``You can see we didn't give up uncontested layups like we have been," he said.

K-State shot 53.1 percent from the floor and 59.1 percent from 3-point range.

The Wildcats played without junior center Freddy Asprilla, announcing before the game that he left the team to pursue what Martin called ``professional playing opportunities in his home country" of Colombia. The 6-10 Asprilla, who started 13 games, averaged 4.9 points and 4.9 rebounds.

K-State's Martavious Irving (3) jumps up high against Texas Tech. (Photo by Brandon Brake)

Colorado beats No. 21 Kansas State 74-66

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

Before heading off to the Pac-10, Colorado is settling some old scores in the Big 12.

The 6565resurgent Buffs knocked off then-No. 9 Missouri 89-76 on Saturday for their first victory over a ranked team in almost seven years. On Wednesday night, Levi Knutson scored 20 points and the Buffs held off No. 21 Kansas State 74-66 for their first win over a ranked team on the road in 14 years.

Jacob Pullen (0) maneuvers around the Buffaloes and scored 22 points for the Wildcats. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Long a Big 12 doormat, Colorado had lost nine in a row to Kansas State and was winless in Manhattan since 2005.

``We're trying to start a new chapter," said senior guard Cory Higgins, whose coast-to-coast layup in the final minutes helped seal the win. ``It's a whole new Colorado."

Alec Burks and Marcus Relphorde added 12 points for Colorado (13-4, 2-0 Big 12), which erased an 11-point deficit in the first half and outrebounded Kansas State 38-29.

``It's a huge testament to our guys' grit and toughness," said first-year coach Tad Boyle. ``It is not easy winning on the road in college basketball, especially in an environment like this. Tonight's win shows where our players are in terms of their belief in each other."

Jacob Pullen scored 22 points for Kansas State (12-5, 0-2).

``This one hurt, man," said Pullen. ``Four years as a Wildcat, I never lost to Colorado. No disrespect to them but I just always felt that we had the better team. Losing to them tonight hurt a lot."

Martavious Irving's free throw cut Colorado's lead to 68-65, then Andre Roberson left the door open for Kansas State when he missed two free throws with 1:12 remaining.

Jamar Samuels was fouled while fighting Higgins for a rebound and made one of two free throws to pull Kansas State to 68-66 with 58 seconds left.

But Higgins, saddled with four fouls, drove the court and went in uncontested for a layup and a four-point lead. Burks was fouled by Samuels and made both free throws to seal it, with one angry fan screaming at Kansas State Frank Martin, ``This is on you, Frank."

Since Dec. 23, when Pullen was suspended for three games and Curtis Kelly for six, the Wildcats are 3-3 with victories over programs that did not figure to compete against them anyway: UMKC, North Florida and Savannah State.

Kelly, a 6-7 senior averaging 10.3 points and four rebounds, is eligible to return on Saturday against Texas Tech and will try to keep the Wildcats from falling out of the rankings after starting the season at No. 3.

``If he comes out focused, prepared, ready to play, it should mean a lot," said Pullen. ``If he comes out and knows what's going on, then we're in the same boat."

Knutson was 6 for 8 from 3-point range to match a career high. Higgins and Roberson each had nine points for Colorado, which is making its last tour of the Big 12 before moving to the Pac-10 next year.

The Buffs will leave the Big 12 with an overall record in Manhattan of 10-54.

``We are a totally different team this year, period," said Knutson.

Pullen almost single-handedly kept the Wildcats close, driving in twice in the final 51/2 minutes for a layup and drawing a foul. The first time, he popped in the free throw for a three-point play but missed the second time, leaving Colorado with a 66-64 lead with 3:56 left.

A 3 by Knutson put Colorado's lead back in double digits at 54-44, but Pullen scored the next five points on a pair of free throws and a long 3-pointer that brought a roar from the big home crowd.

Will Spradling, fouled while shooting a 3, stepped to the line and netted all three free throws, closing the gap to 54-52 before Knutson hit another 3 to swing the momentum back to Colorado.

Pullen then ignited a 9-0 run by the Wildcats which he capped with a pair of free throws for a 33-24 lead.

Then back came the Buffs, closing the half on a 9-0 run of their own. Knutson hit his second 3-pointer and Relphorde, in the waning seconds, stole the ball from Irving and drove the floor for a dunk.

Rodney McGruder and Irving each had 12 points for Kansas State, the preseason pick to win the Big 12 title.

``We're not very disciplined," said Kansas State coach Frank Martin. ``Mentally, we have some rough patches as far as being able to get through the tough moments. We got outtoughed, outplayed, outcoached."

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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	80 - 64	10-3
12/31/10	vs. North Florida TV	Bramlage Coliseum	100 - 76	11-3
01/03/11	vs. Savannah State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	92 - 61	12-3
01/08/11	at Oklahoma State TV	Stillwater, Okla.	62 - 76	12-4
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	
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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.	69 - 48	9-3
12/30/10	at Vermont	Hanover, N.H.	68 - 39	10-3
01/09/11	vs. Oklahoma State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	63 - 45	11-3
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	

Big 12 Basketball Standings

Men's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Kansas	3-0	1.000	18-0	1.000
Texas A&M	3-0	1.000	16-1	.941
Texas	2-0	1.000	14-3	.824
Colorado	3-1	.750	14-5	.737
Missouri	2-2	.500	16-3	.842
Nebraska	2-2	.500	14-4	.778
Baylor	2-2	.500	12-5	.706
Iowa State	1-2	.333	14-4	.778
Oklahoma State	1-2	.333	13-4	.765
Kansas State	1-3	.250	13-6	.684
Oklahoma	1-3	.250	9-9	.500
Texas Tech	0-4	.000	8-11	.421

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Women's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	3-0	1.000	16-1	.941
Texas Tech	3-0	1.000	16-1	.941
Texas A&M	3-0	1.000	15-1	.938
Oklahoma	3-0	1.000	13-3	.812
Kansas	1-2	.333	14-3	.824
Iowa State	1-2	.333	13-4	.765
Kansas State	1-2	.333	11-5	.688
Nebraska	1-2	.333	11-6	.647
Missouri	1-2	.333	9-8	.529
Oklahoma State	1-3	.250	13-4	.765
Colorado	1-3	.250	10-7	.588
Texas	0-3	.000	11-6	.647

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2010-11 Big 12 Conference Basketball Statistics

Men's Conference

(Through January 18) (All games)

Scoring Offense

## Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1.Missouri	19	16-3	1613	84.9
2.Kansas	18	18-0	1497	83.2
3.Colorado	19	14-5	1577	83.0
4.Texas	17	14-3	1326	78.0
5.Iowa State	18	14-4	1378	76.6
6.Kansas State	19	13-6	1418	74.6
7.Texas A&M	17	16-1	1255	73.8
8.Texas Tech	19	8-11	1390	73.2
9.Baylor	17	12-5	1240	72.9
10.Oklahoma State	17	13-4	1196	70.4
11.Nebraska	18	14-4	1247	69.3
12.Oklahoma	18	9-9	1204	66.9

Scoring Defense

## Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.Nebraska	18	1010	56.1
2.Texas A&M	17	980	57.6
3.Iowa State	18	1091	60.6
4.Baylor	17	1035	60.9
5.Kansas	18	1099	61.1
6.Texas	17	1044	61.4
7.Oklahoma State	17	1088	64.0
8.Kansas State	19	1231	64.8
9.Oklahoma	18	1199	66.6
10.Missouri	19	1317	69.3
11.Colorado	19	1361	71.6
12.Texas Tech	19	1435	75.5

Scoring Margin

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.Kansas	18	83.2	61.1	+22.1
2.Texas	17	78.0	61.4	+16.6
3.Texas A&M	17	73.8	57.6	+16.2
4.Iowa State	18	76.6	60.6	+15.9
5.Missouri	19	84.9	69.3	+15.6
6.Nebraska	18	69.3	56.1	+13.2
7.Baylor	17	72.9	60.9	+12.1
8.Colorado	19	83.0	71.6	+11.4
9.Kansas State	19	74.6	64.8	+9.8
10.Oklahoma State	17	70.4	64.0	+6.4
11.Oklahoma	18	66.9	66.6	+0.3
12.Texas Tech	19	73.2	75.5	-2.4

Free Throw Percentage

## Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Colorado	19	368	473	.778
2.Texas A&M	17	317	435	.729
3.Texas Tech	19	299	411	.727
4.Oklahoma	18	222	306	.725
5.Oklahoma State	17	298	415	.718
6.Missouri	19	293	413	.709
7.Nebraska	18	233	329	.708
8.Iowa State	18	218	312	.699
9.Baylor	17	275	397	.693
10.Kansas	18	277	414	.669
11.Texas	17	282	440	.641
12.Kansas State	19	282	475	.594

Field Goal Percentage

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Kansas	18	547	1044	.524
2.Colorado	19	548	1118	.490
3.Nebraska	18	463	965	.480
4.Missouri	19	587	1230	.477
5.Baylor	17	433	910	.476
6.Oklahoma	18	431	930	.463
7.Texas A&M	17	420	919	.457
8.Texas	17	471	1036	.455
9.Oklahoma State	17	410	902	.455
10.Iowa State	18	498	1100	.453
11.Texas Tech	19	498	1117	.446
12.Kansas State	19	500	1130	.442

FG Percentage Defense

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Nebraska	18	353	991	.356
2.Texas	17	380	1033	.368
3.Iowa State	18	398	1073	.371
4.Kansas	18	397	1055	.376
5.Texas A&M	17	340	876	.388
6.Oklahoma State	17	348	878	.396
7.Kansas State	19	415	1021	.406
8.Baylor	17	377	914	.412
9.Missouri	19	457	1094	.418
10.Colorado	19	480	1089	.441
11.Oklahoma	18	419	945	.443
12.Texas Tech	19	506	1104	.458

3-Point FG Percentage

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Iowa State	18	164	420	.390
2.Missouri	19	146	379	.385
3.Colorado	19	113	301	.375
4.Kansas State	19	136	364	.374
Texas	17	102	273	.374
6.Kansas	18	126	338	.373
7.Baylor	17	99	271	.365
8.Oklahoma	18	120	337	.356
9.Texas A&M	17	98	281	.349
10.Texas Tech	19	95	282	.337
11.Oklahoma State	17	78	244	.320
12.Nebraska	18	88	293	.300

3-Pt FG Pct Defense

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Kansas	18	92	359	.256
2.Texas	17	73	261	.280
3.Iowa State	18	102	357	.286
4.Nebraska	18	127	432	.294
5.Texas A&M	17	94	318	.296
6.Missouri	19	114	357	.319
7.Oklahoma State	17	101	297	.340
8.Kansas State	19	97	283	.343
9.Colorado	19	117	333	.351
10.Baylor	17	114	315	.362
11.Texas Tech	19	111	300	.370
12.Oklahoma	18	122	315	.387

Rebounding

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Texas	17	719	42.3
2.Kansas State	19	782	41.2
3.Kansas	18	714	39.7
4.Texas A&M	17	672	39.5
5.Iowa State	18	697	38.7
6.Nebraska	18	686	38.1
7.Baylor	17	633	37.2
8.Missouri	19	705	37.1
9.Colorado	19	688	36.2
10.Oklahoma State	17	604	35.5
11.Texas Tech	19	620	32.6
12.Oklahoma	18	571	31.7

Rebounding Defense

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Texas A&M	17	474	27.9
2.Baylor	17	497	29.2
3.Oklahoma	18	557	30.9
4.Kansas State	19	597	31.4
5.Colorado	19	600	31.6
6.Kansas	18	572	31.8
7.Nebraska	18	575	31.9
8.Oklahoma State	17	544	32.0
9.Texas	17	596	35.1
10.Missouri	19	696	36.6
11.Texas Tech	19	697	36.7
12.Iowa State	18	676	37.6

Women's Conference

Through games of Jan 18, 2011 (All games)

SCORING OFFENSE

## Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1.Texas	17	11-6	1435	84.4
2.Baylor	17	16-1	1431	84.2
3.Texas A&M	16	15-1	1331	83.2
4.Oklahoma	16	13-3	1284	80.2
5.Kansas	17	14-3	1305	76.8
6.Texas Tech	17	16-1	1190	70.0
7.Oklahoma State	17	13-4	1187	69.8
8.Nebraska	17	11-6	1180	69.4
9.Iowa State	17	13-4	1107	65.1
10.Colorado	17	10-7	1088	64.0
11.Kansas State	16	11-5	984	61.5
12.Missouri	17	9-8	1030	60.6

SCORING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.Baylor	17	868	51.1
2.Oklahoma State	17	875	51.5
3.Iowa State	17	879	51.7
4.Texas Tech	17	883	51.9
5.Kansas State	16	840	52.5
6.Texas A&M	16	855	53.4
7.Colorado	17	983	57.8
8.Kansas	17	1011	59.5
9.Oklahoma	16	978	61.1
10.Nebraska	17	1045	61.5
11.Missouri	17	1072	63.1
12.Texas	17	1166	68.6

SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.Baylor	17	84.2	51.1	+33.1
2.Texas A&M	16	83.2	53.4	+29.8
3.Oklahoma	16	80.2	61.1	+19.1
4.Oklahoma State	17	69.8	51.5	+18.4
5.Texas Tech	17	70.0	51.9	+18.1
6.Kansas	17	76.8	59.5	+17.3
7.Texas	17	84.4	68.6	+15.8
8.Iowa State	17	65.1	51.7	+13.4
9.Kansas State	16	61.5	52.5	+9.0
10.Nebraska	17	69.4	61.5	+7.9
11.Colorado	17	64.0	57.8	+6.2
12.Missouri	17	60.6	63.1	-2.5

FREE THROW PCT

## Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Oklahoma	16	250	325	.769
2.Baylor	17	343	459	.747
3.Nebraska	17	197	279	.706
4.Iowa State	17	236	335	.704
5.Texas A&M	16	250	358	.698
6.Texas	17	327	475	.688
7.Texas Tech	17	237	346	.685
8.Kansas	17	283	418	.677
9.Oklahoma State	17	212	326	.650
10.Missouri	17	183	286	.640
11.Colorado	17	174	276	.630
12.Kansas State	16	160	254	.630

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Baylor	17	495	1035	.478
2.Texas A&M	16	501	1049	.478
3.Kansas	17	481	1008	.477
4.Texas	17	494	1125	.439
5.Oklahoma	16	453	1049	.432
6.Iowa State	17	374	871	.429
7.Texas Tech	17	440	1034	.426
8.Nebraska	17	428	1017	.421
9.Missouri	17	384	936	.410
10.Colorado	17	404	997	.405
11.Oklahoma State	17	441	1106	.399
12.Kansas State	16	367	923	.398

FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Baylor	17	322	1043	.309
2.Iowa State	17	319	972	.328
3.Oklahoma State	17	311	938	.332
4.Kansas State	16	300	871	.344
5.Oklahoma	16	322	919	.350
6.Kansas	17	383	1078	.355
7.Texas Tech	17	333	935	.356
8.Texas A&M	16	278	774	.359
9.Colorado	17	340	929	.366
10.Texas	17	436	1164	.375
11.Nebraska	17	391	1042	.375
12.Missouri	17	392	1038	.378

3-POINT FG PCT

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Baylor	17	98	256	.383
2.Texas	17	120	322	.373
3.Oklahoma	16	128	344	.372
4.Iowa State	17	123	332	.370
5.Nebraska	17	127	351	.362
6.Texas A&M	16	79	225	.351
7.Texas Tech	17	73	211	.346
8.Colorado	17	106	337	.315
9.Kansas	17	60	196	.306
10.Kansas State	16	90	303	.297
11.Missouri	17	79	285	.277
12.Oklahoma State	17	93	343	.271

3-POINT FG PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Baylor	17	82	348	.236
2.Colorado	17	70	274	.255
3.Kansas	17	65	254	.256
4.Texas Tech	17	72	264	.273
5.Iowa State	17	103	367	.281
6.Oklahoma State	17	100	355	.282
7.Kansas State	16	60	208	.288
8.Texas	17	96	322	.298
9.Nebraska	17	97	316	.307
10.Oklahoma	16	79	251	.315
11.Texas A&M	16	69	216	.319
12.Missouri	17	97	297	.327

REBOUNDING OFFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Texas	17	787	46.3
2.Baylor	17	771	45.4
3.Oklahoma State	17	758	44.6
4.Kansas	17	745	43.8
5.Texas Tech	17	743	43.7
6.Oklahoma	16	694	43.4
7.Colorado	17	693	40.8
8.Nebraska	17	692	40.7
9.Iowa State	17	686	40.4
10.Texas A&M	16	641	40.1
11.Kansas State	16	635	39.7
12.Missouri	17	669	39.4

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Texas A&M	16	500	31.3
2.Iowa State	17	542	31.9
3.Texas Tech	17	563	33.1
4.Baylor	17	594	34.9
5.Colorado	17	599	35.2
6.Kansas	17	605	35.6
7.Oklahoma	16	581	36.3
8.Kansas State	16	584	36.5
9.Missouri	17	630	37.1
10.Nebraska	17	643	37.8
11.Oklahoma State	17	644	37.9
12.Texas	17	684	40.2

Colorado holds on to defeat Oklahoma State 75-71

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Misfiring from the field, Colorado made up for its lack of shooting accuracy the only way it could, hustling for loose balls, fighting for rebounds and nailing free throws.

The surge in intensity helped the Buffaloes come back from a 12-point deficit in the second half to beat Oklahoma State 75-71 for their seventh straight win.

Cory Higgins led the way for Colorado (14-4, 3-0 Big 12) with 23 points. Alec Burks had 20 points, including four free throws in the final 10.8 seconds, and Marcus Relphorde added 14 points.

Burks also had a career-high 11 rebounds and Higgins made all 10 his free throws to boost his career total to 487, surpassing Donnie Boyce (480) for the school record.

``We just had to get back to defending and try to get some easy buckets," Higgins said.

Oklahoma State (13-4, 1-2) got 21 points from Jean-Paul Olukemi, Keiton Page had 19 points and Marshall Moses for 14. The Cowboys also outshot the Buffaloes from the field 47.3 percent to 37.5 percent. But Colorado wound up making 34-of-39 free throws to the Cowboys' 11-for-19 performance and outrebounded Oklahoma State 39-24.

``You are not going to win a game when one team shoots 39 free throws and one shoots 14," Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford said. ``It's just like banging your head against the wall. We were playing well offensively, getting whatever we wanted offensively, and executing, but just fouling, fouling on the other end."

Colorado, playing before its first home sellout crowd of the season, improved to 11-0 at in Boulder this season. The Buffaloes are off to a 3-0 start in conference play for the first time since 1996-97, when they opened 6-0 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

``We were getting outhustled. We were getting outtoughed," said Colorado coach Tad Boyle, who lectured his team during a huddle after falling behind 54-42 with 16:09 remaining. ``I thought they were getting the long rebounds and the loose balls. If we lose a game because we can't make shots, and they play better than us, that's one thing. But when you're getting outhustled and out-toughed on your home floor, that's not acceptable. Our guys, to their credit, turned it around and got those hustle plays."

Levi Knutson, who missed his first four shots from 3-point range, finally connected from beyond the arc with 8:10 left, and the Buffaloes, down by 12 early in the second half, pulled to within 58-56.

Burks made two free throws to tie it a minute later, and Austin Dufault's reverse layup put Colorado back in front 60-58 with 5:56 remaining. The Cowboys got to within a point in the final minutes but no closer.

The Cowboys went on a 16-8 run to start the second half, stretching a four-point halftime lead to a 12-point bulge.

But Higgins got hot to help Colorado get back in the game, rattling in a 3-pointer from the baseline to start a 9-2 burst that pulled the Buffaloes to within 56-51 with 12:13 remaining.

``Our guys didn't respond real well in the first half, but we battled" Boyle said. ``To get out of here with a win is a testament to our players. When you shoot 37 percent from the field and win a basketball game in this league, you're doing some things right. The key was our rebounding, and we got stops when we had to get stops."

Colorado shot a season-low 25.9 percent from the field (7 for 27) in the first half but converted 17-of-18 free throws in that span to keep it close. Oklahoma State went into the break up 38-34.

A 3-pointer by Higgins with 6:45 left in the opening period gave the Buffaloes a 29-27 lead, but they didn't make another field goal in the half.

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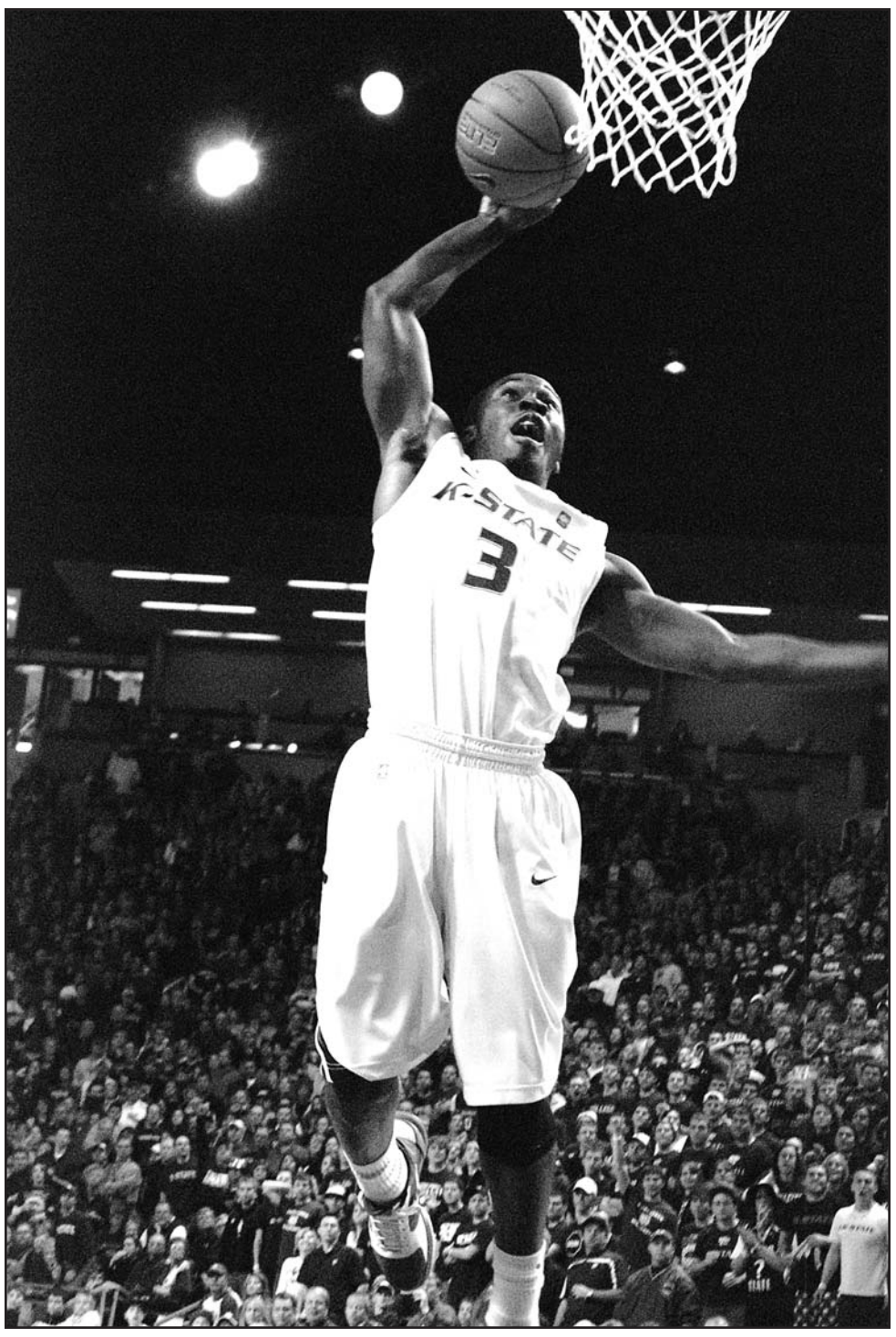

K-State's Martavious Irving (3) jumps high for the net against Colorado. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Cats Drop Double-Overtime Thriller at Tech

KSU Sports Information

LUBBOCK, Texas – Texas Tech's Chynna Brown hit a layup with under one second remaining in double-overtime to lift the Red Raiders to a 68-66 win over Kansas State Saturday at United Spirit Arena.

With the loss, the Wildcats fell to 11-5 overall and 1-2 in Big 12 play, while Texas Tech improved to 16-1 and 3-0.

Tied at 62 heading into the second overtime, K-State took leads of 64-62 and 66-65 before Tech tied the game at 66 with a free throw with 38 seconds left. Following a Brittany Chambers missed jumper, Brown's layup spoiled a Wildcat comeback and kept the Red Raiders undefeated in Big 12 play.

Jalana Childs led K-State with 15 points, while Chambers added 14 and Mariah White 12. Alina Voronenko pitched in nine points and collected a career-high 11 rebounds.

Down 50-46 with 32 seconds left in regulation, Voronenko hit a jumper with 23 seconds left. Following two missed free throws from Tech, Chambers tied the game at 50 with a driving layup down the right side of the lane to force overtime.

Then in overtime, after the Red Raiders took a 52-50 lead, K-State opened up a nine-point lead at 62-53 before the Red Raiders charged back. After cutting the deficit to six, Tech nailed two crucial three-pointers in the final 30 seconds, sandwiched between four missed free throws by the Cats, to force a second overtime.

Texas Tech expanded upon its 29-24 halftime lead early in the second half with a 6-2 run for its largest lead of the game at 35-26 with 14:32 to play. An 11-0 run from the Wildcats, capped by a Brittany Chambers' three-point field goal, brought K-State back into the lead, 37-35 with 11:25 remaining.

The Lady Raiders were able to push back in front, 40-37, on five straight points from Brown. A corner three-point field goal from Jordan Barncastle with 9:28 remaining boosted Texas Tech into a 45-38 lead before the Cats battled back to 45-42 on buckets from Branshea Brown and White at the 5:23 mark. Tech upped its lead back to five until a Childs jumper made it 49-46 with 2:50 left before the Cats forced the extra period.

Chantay Caron paced the Wildcats out of the gate as she registered the Wildcats' first six points and gave K-State a 6-1 lead with 15:16 to play in the opening half. Texas Tech was able to crawl back into the game and trail by one, 13-12, as the Lady Raiders shot 14 free throws in the first 12 and a half minutes, connecting on eight.

The Lady Raiders were held without a field goal for seven minutes, before a layup from Teena Wickett ended the drought and gave Texas Tech a 14-13 lead with 7:18 remaining. A jumper from the left corner by Voronenko pushed K-State back in front at 15-14.

A pair of layups from Christine Hyde pushed Texas Tech to a three-point lead, 22-19, with 2:41 to play. An old-fashioned three-point play from Childs with 15 seconds to play cut the Lady Raiders' lead to two, 26-24.

Texas Tech's Mary Bokenkamp connected on a three-point field goal just as time expired to give the Lady Raiders a 29-24 edge at the half. This was the first 3-point field Texas Tech has made against K-State in 70 minutes of game action.

Kansas State returns to Manhattan on Wednesday night for the first of a two-game homestand next week. The Wildcats will welcome in Missouri on Jan. 19, with the contest slated for a 7 p.m., tipoff. Wednesday evening's promotion is Shalee Lehning Bobblehead Night. The first 1,000 fans will receive a bobblehead of the current Wildcat assistant coach in her K-State uniform.

The game can be seen on Cox 22 within the state of Kansas for subscribers to Cox Cable and on Metro Sports in the Kansas City-area. Fans can also listen to the game on the K-State Sports Network or for free at www.kstatesports.com.

No. 13 Missouri Whips Kansas State 75-59

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Marcus Denmon scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half and No. 13 Missouri forced Kansas State into 24 turnovers in a 75-59 victory Monday night.

Phil Pressey added 13 points, including three 3-pointers, for the Tigers (16-3, 2-2 Big 12). He's made seven of his last nine from behind the arc in the last two games.

The Tigers led by 15 at the half and surged late after the Wildcats cut the gap to three with just over nine minutes to go.

Jacob Pullen had 16 points while Jordan Herniquez-Roberts added 14 for Kansas State (13-6, 1-3), which has dropped three of four. The Wildcats were held scoreless for nearly five minutes in the second half while Missouri put the game away with a 12-0 run that featured a spectacular one-handed alley-oop dunk by Laurence Bowers and led 70-55 with 3:50 to go.

Missouri made strides before tip-off, surprisingly jumping two places in the poll despite losing in overtime at Texas A&M on Saturday while Kansas State fell out of the Top 25. The Tigers have won four straight at home against Kansas State.

Kansas State scored the first seven points of the second half to cut the deficit to eight, and twice shaved it to three points.

Missouri shot 50 percent and hit five 3-pointers in a dominant first half for a 43-28 lead, the first double-digit deficit at the midway point for Kansas State. Curtis Kelly was whistled for his second and third fouls in a hectic final minute and the Wildcats also whistled for a 10-second call.

The Tigers held their own inside without Ricardo Ratliffe, limited to six minutes by two fouls, getting 10 points off the bench from Pressey. Justin Safford contributed his first 3-pointer since Dec. 11.

Kansas State had three blocks in the first three minutes, but its biggest lead was only 4-0. Previously, the school's largest halftime deficit was eight points in a loss to Duke on Nov. 23 in Kansas City.

No. 3 Kansas holds off Iowa State 84-79

AMES, Iowa (AP)

Marcus Morris responded to the toughest road environment that third-ranked Kansas had faced all year with the best game of his career.

His brother Markieff wasn't too bad, either.

Marcus Morris had career highs with 33 points and 13 rebounds, Markieff Morris added 17 points and 11 boards and the Jayhawks held off Iowa State 84-79 to win their 20th straight conference opener.

Josh Selby added 14 points for the Jayhawks (16-0, 1-0 Big 12), who never trailed in picking up their 11th straight win over the Cyclones.

The Morris twins finished with 50 rebounds and 24 rebounds, consistently attacking Iowa State's thin front line and finishing it off down the stretch.

Marcus Morris drilled an open jumper to put the Jayhawks ahead by seven with 1:55 to go, and Markieff Morris followed with a putback that made it 78-69 with just over a minute left.

``I thought they were both great,'' Kansas coach Bill Self said. ``But Marcus was spectacular.''

Diante Garrett had 27 points, Jamie Vanderbeken added 19 and Jake Anderson 16 for Iowa State (13-4, 0-2 Big 12), which shot just 9 of 32 from 3-point range and was outscored in the paint 42-26.

Though the Cyclones never led, they threatened the Jayhawks on several occasions before falling short.

Iowa State cut Kansas' lead to 48-47 on Vanderbeken's 3, but Brady Morningstar grabbed a loose ball at midcourt and found Selby for a 25-footer from the wing.

That set Kansas on a key run, as Markieff Morris then had a quick dunk, Marcus Morris caught the Cyclones napping for a putback and Tyrel Reed's 3 pushed the Jayhawks back up by double digits, 59-49, with 12:32 left.

``That was a big play. That was a poor play that we end up getting three points out of,'' Self said.

Iowa State wouldn't go away, pulling to 68-65 before two more buckets by the Morris twins gave Kansas a little breathing room.

``Being active and being in the right place at the right time,'' Marcus Morris said about his career night. ``My teammates responded to me when I was open down low.''

Kansas held Iowa State to four points for seven minutes down the stretch, which gave it just enough to push aside the upset-minded Cyclones.

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Kansas senior Mario Little, who missed six games after being charged in a fight, finished with eight points in 19 minutes.

Iowa State hung around enough early to close to 26-24 midway through the first half. But Kansas's constant defensive pressure got the Cyclones out of sync, and the Jayhawks rattled off 13 quick points to jump ahead 37-24 late in the first half.

Iowa State, aided by Kansas's shoddy 9-of-16 free throw shooting, crept to 40-34 by the break.

``It just kept going back and forth,'' Garrett said. ``We couldn't get that lead.''

Kansas has had a few close calls this season, barely escaping UCLA at home, 77-76 on Dec. 2, and beating USC by 2 two weeks later. Michigan pushed the Jayhawks to overtime in Ann Arbor on Sunday before they escaped with a 67-60 win.

The Cyclones made the Jayhawks sweat this one out at times _ as Northern Iowa did in _ handing the Jayhawks their last loss 10 months ago _ but they simply had no answer for Kansas' depth or the Morris twins.

``They are beasts,'' said Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg. ``They can shoot, they are physical when they get to the line and they have really done a good job with their post moves.''

Iowa State's 13-2 start was its best since 2000-01, but Kansas was the first ranked team the Cyclones had faced _ and they went all out with the rival Jayhawks in town.

They waited until Wednesday night to unveil a statue of former coach Johnny Orr outside of a sports-bar themed area for donors at Hilton Coliseum. Orr, who Hoiberg from 1991-95 and is credited with creating the ``Hilton Magic'' atmosphere Hoiberg is trying to bring back as coach, was honored at center court to raucous cheers before the game.

It wasn't enough against the vaunted Jayhawks, who won their seventh straight in Ames. But Self, who was among the coaches who picked Iowa State last in the league's preseason poll, said they now look like a middle-of-the-pack Big 12 team.

``Fred has just done a great job of giving these guys confidence,'' Self said. ``They're going to beat a lot of people up here.''

No. 2 Kansas stays unbeaten, 85-65 over Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP)

Twin brothers Markieff and Marcus Morris powered second-ranked Kansas to a big early lead and the Jayhawks stayed unbeaten with a 85-65 victory Monday night that ended Baylor's 15-game home winning streak.

The Jayhawks (18-0, 3-0 Big 12) were coming off a three-game stretch that included an overtime victory at Michigan and winning their first two conference games by a combined eight points. Despite some sloppy play in the second half, they never really had to worry about a close call against Baylor (12-5, 2-2).

Marcus Morris finished with 25 points and Markieff had 19 to lead five Kansas players in double figures.

By halftime, Markieff Morris already had 15 points, making all seven of his shots (he finished 9-of-10), and Marcus Morris was 6-of-7 shooting for 13 points as Kansas led 53-32.

The Jayhawks, No. 1 Ohio State (18-0) and No. 6 San Diego State (19-0) are the only undefeated teams left. Third-ranked Syracuse lost for the first time earlier Monday, 74-66 at fifth-ranked Pittsburgh.

Freshman sensation Perry Jones had 20 points to lead Baylor, which is 5-5 since mid-December after peaking at No. 9 in the AP poll, its highest-ever ranking. Anthony Jones had 17 and LaceDarius Dunn 13.

Dunn, who came in leading the nation with 4.2 3-pointers a game, had only one. And that came in the closing seconds to stretch his school-record streak to 31 games in row hitting a long-range shot.

The Bears used a 13-3 run to cut the gap to 61-49 with 13 minutes left, and appeared to have a chance to get even closer after J'Mison Morgan forced a turnover by Marcus Morris.

With a record home crowd of 10,596 screaming in anticipation for more, Baylor went for the spectacular play - and A.J. Walton's ally-oop pass to Dunn was off the mark. That led to a breakaway layup for Josh Selby, and the Bears never got closer.

Selby added 12 points for Kansas, which shot 62 percent (35 of 56). Tyrel Reed had 11 points and Mario Little 10.

Tyshawn Taylor's layup with 7 1/2 minutes left in the first half put Kansas up 32-21, and the Jayhawks stayed ahead by double digits the rest of the game.

Thomas Robinson then had a one-handed putback slam of his own miss. Selby then had a steal and missed a 3-pointer, but Markieff Morris grabbed the rebound and slammed it back through. Selby didn't miss on a layup after that, even though he got hit in the face without a foul being called while driving to the hoop.

Taylor scooped a pass to Marcus Morris for a dunk that made it 40-25, then Marcus added a short jumper when his brother tapped the ball to him. Selby's 3-pointer with 2:16 left made it 47-27.

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Vanderbeken lifts Iowa State past Baylor 72-57

AMES, Iowa (AP)

Iowa State's surprisingly strong non-conference record would have seemed a bit more hollow with another Big 12 loss.

The Cyclones responded by running away from Baylor and handing coach Fred Hoiberg the biggest win of his young career.

Jamie Vanderbeken scored 21 points on seven 3-pointers, Scott Christopherson added 17 points as Iowa State knocked off Baylor 72-57 Saturday to snap the Bears' four-game winning streak.

Diante Garrett had 16 points and 11 assists for the Cyclones (14-4, 1-2), who picked up their first Big 12 win and improved to 9-0 against Baylor at home.

Vanderbeken and Christopherson, who looked like he's finally over a nagging sore elbow, combined to shoot 12 of 16 from 3-point range, helping turn a tight game into an easy one in the second half.

``It was just one of those days,'' Vanderbeken said. ``Like throwing a rock into the ocean.''

Iowa State let the Bears get within a point early in the second half before pulling away with a 15-5 run midway through the second half. Vanderbeken then drained a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Cyclones ahead 69-53 with 4:19 left.

LaceDarius Dunn had 20 points to lead Baylor (12-4, 2-1), which next hosts No. 3 Kansas on Monday night. The Bears, who entered play with one of the nation's top scoring defenses, let Iowa State shoot 50 percent from the floor and 56 percent from 3-point range.

Baylor looked on the verge of reasserting itself in the Big 12 after beating Texas Tech and Oklahoma. But the Bears let Iowa State control the game for the final 30 minutes and paid for it with their first blowout loss of the season.

That's not a good sign with the unbeaten Jayhawks set to visit Waco.

The Bears pulled within 45-44 on a 3-pointer by Anthony Jones early in the second half. Christopherson and Vanderbeken got the Cyclones rolling again, though, nailing back-to-back 3-pointers to put Iowa State ahead 55-48 with just over 12 minutes left.

Garrett got into the act after that, taking Perry Jones III off the dribble from the point and faking back to create enough space for an easy 10-foot bank shot to make it 60-51. Garrett then ripped the ball from Dunn on the wing and hit a trailing Calvin Godfrey for a one-handed dunk that put the Cyclones ahead 62-51 with 9:01 left.

Vanderbeken's open 3-pointer made it a 16-point game _ and he added one final rock in the ocean with 51 seconds left.

After trailing by as many as eight points midway through the first half, Iowa State closed with a 25-10 run and took a 39-32 lead into halftime.

``We just kept playing, that's all. Playing with poise and being smart and not taking any plays off,'' Garrett said.

A.J. Walton scored 12 points and Jones III added 10 for the Bears, who were ranked as high as ninth a month ago.

A 1-3 skid that included neutral-court losses to Gonzaga, Washington State and Florida State sent them tumbling out of the polls, but none of those losses was by more than seven points.

We knew they had some shooters on their team and we had to stop them,'' Dunn said. ``But we just didn't.''

Iowa State's first two Big 12 games were encouraging for a team picked to finish last in the league, but the Cyclones didn't produce any wins. They blew a late lead at Nebraska and lost 63-62, then gave Kansas all it could handle before falling short.

Iowa State finally got that first league win with a strong effort against the Bears _ one it really needed with road games at Oklahoma State and Missouri on tap for next week.

``It feels great. Hopefully, I will sleep tonight,'' Hoiberg said. ``I haven't slept through the last two.''

Baylor remained the only Big 12 team to never win at Hilton Coliseum. It looked like Saturday might have been the day the Bears snapped that streak, but they allowed the Cyclones to shoot their way to another victory in Ames.

``Our defensive lapsed today and we have to give Iowa State credit,'' Baylor coach Scott Drew said. ``You need to bring 'The Mayor' in here and congratulate him on many wins to come.''

Colorado holds on to defeat Oklahoma State 75-71

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

Misfiring from the field, Colorado made up for its lack of shooting accuracy the only way it could, hustling for loose balls, fighting for rebounds and nailing free throws.

The surge in intensity helped the Buffaloes come back from a 12-point deficit in the second half to beat Oklahoma State 75-71 for their seventh straight win.

Cory Higgins led the way for Colorado (14-4, 3-0 Big 12) with 23 points. Alec Burks had 20 points, including four free throws in the final 10.8 seconds, and Marcus Relphorde added 14 points.

Burks also had a career-high 11 rebounds and Higgins made all 10 his free throws to boost his career total to 487, surpassing Donnie Boyce (480) for the school record.

``We just had to get back to defending and try to get some easy buckets,'' Higgins said.

Oklahoma State (13-4, 1-2) got 21 points from Jean-Paul Olukemi, Keiton Page had 19 points and Marshall Moses for 14. The Cowboys also outshot the Buffaloes from the field 47.3 percent to 37.5 percent. But Colorado wound up making 34-of-39 free throws to the Cowboys' 11-for-19 performance and outrebounded Oklahoma State 39-24.

``You are not going to win a game when one team shoots 39 free throws and one shoots 14,'' Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford said. ``It's just like banging your head against the wall. We were playing well offensively, getting whatever we wanted offensively, and executing, but just fouling, fouling on the other end.''

Colorado, playing before its first home sellout crowd of the season, improved to 11-0 at in Boulder this season. The Buffaloes are off to a 3-0 start in conference play for the first time since 1996-97, when they opened 6-0 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

``We were getting outhustled. We were getting out-toughed,'' said Colorado coach Tad Boyle, who lectured his team during a huddle after falling behind 54-42 with 16:09 remaining. ``I thought they were getting the long rebounds and the loose balls. If we lose a game because we can't make shots, and they play better than us, that's one thing. But when you're getting outhustled and out-toughed on your home floor, that's not acceptable. Our guys, to their credit, turned it around and got those hustle plays.''

Levi Knutson, who missed his first four shots from 3-point range, finally connected from beyond the arc with 8:10 left, and the Buffaloes, down by 12 early in the second half, pulled to within 58-56.

Burks made two free throws to tie it a minute later, and Austin Dufault's reverse layup put Colorado back in front 60-58 with 5:56 remaining. The Cowboys got to within a point in the final minutes but no closer.

The Cowboys went on a 16-8 run to start the second half, stretching a four-point halftime lead to a 12-point bulge.

But Higgins got hot to help Colorado get back in the game, rattling in a 3-pointer from the baseline to start a 9-2 burst that pulled the Buffaloes to within 56-51 with 12:13 remaining.

``Our guys didn't respond real well in the first half, but we battled'' Boyle said. ``To get out of here with a win is a testament to our players. When you shoot 37 percent from the field and win a basketball game in this league, you're doing some things right. The key was our rebounding, and we got stops when we had to get stops.''

Colorado shot a season-low 25.9 percent from the field (7 for 27) in the first half but converted 17-of-18 free throws in that span to keep it close. Oklahoma State went into the break up 38-34.

A 3-pointer by Higgins with 6:45 left in the opening period gave the Buffaloes a 29-27 lead, but they didn't make another field goal in the half.

Morris, Reed lead No. 3 Kansas past Nebraska 63-60

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

Maybe it's the crowd. Maybe it's the history. Maybe it's the standout athletes Bill Self brings in year after year.

There's just something about 56-year-old Allen Fieldhouse that seems to pour energy and determination into every Kansas team that passes through. With a hard-fought, come-from-behind 63-60 victory over Nebraska on Saturday, the third-ranked Jayhawks ran their school-record home court winning streak to 69 games in a row and made Self 124-6 on his friendly home court.

``I don't know what it is,'' said senior guard Tyrel Reed, who had 16 points and hit a critical free throw in the final seconds. ``I guess you could call it magic. The aura of Allen Fieldhouse. Throughout my years I've seen some runs and some plays that you don't see in any other arena.''

Kansas (17-0, 2-0 Big 12), which has dominated Nebraska throughout the decades and came in with a 15-game winning streak over the Huskers, was thoroughly outplayed in a ragged first half and fell behind by 10 points quickly after intermission.

But slowly at first, and then more quickly, the Jayhawks closed the gap. Marcus Morris' dunk off a rebound by his twin, Markieff, finally put the Jayhawks ahead to stay with a dunk that made it 52-50.

Marcus Morris had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Reed also scored 16 as the Jayhawks made it 16 in a row and 25 of 26 over Nebraska (13-4, 1-2).

In Allen Fieldhouse, the series stands 51-7 in favor of Kansas.

``You talk about the passion in this building _ wow,'' Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said. ``It's like coming to (Nebraska's) Memorial Stadium for football.''

It was the last time Nebraska will visit Lawrence as a member of the Big 12 because the Huskers are moving to the Big Ten.

``I can tell you this, as long as I'm coaching here _ I'll be a spectator probably the next time there's a game here,'' Sadler said. ``I don't like it that much.''

Marcus Morris' two foul shots gave the Jayhawks a 62-58 lead. After Lance Jeter drove in for a layup, Reed was quickly fouled and made one of two.

Jeter then missed a 3-pointer for Nebraska, which outrebounded Kansas 44-31.

``We came in here to win,'' Nebraska center Andre Almeida said. ``We're not happy with it. It was a good game and we were close but almost isn't good enough.''

Jeter had 13 points for Nebraska and Almeida had 10.

The Huskers set the pace from the outset, forcing the Jayhawks into a slow-down game. Dictating the tempo, swarming after every rebound and loose ball, they took a 30-25 halftime lead after outrebounding Kansas in the first half an astonishing 24-12.

The Morris twins had only four points between them in the first half. Markieff wound up with seven points and seven rebounds.

``We obviously didn't play a lick the first 25 minutes,'' Self said. ``But their defense was so good. We panicked. Didn't get really good perimeter play and then started the second half as bad as you could start it.''

The Huskers quickly went ahead 35-25 after intermission on Toney McCray's 3-pointer and Jeter's two free throws.

Reed and McCray swapped 3-pointers and then Kansas caught up with a 15-4 run that included back-to-back 3-pointers by Tyshawn Taylor and Reed.

In a flurry of rapid ball movement, Kansas twice kept the ball from going out of bounds before Markieff Morris whipped the ball to Reed and he canned a long 3-pointer, cutting the deficit to 42-41 and triggering a thunderous roar from a sellout crowd that had not seen the Jayhawks lose in Allen Fieldhouse since Feb. 3, 2007.

At the 11:41 mark, Markieff Morris took a short pass from Mario Little and dropped in a bucket, putting Kansas on top 43-42.

Jeter's three-point play tied it 48-all, then Jorge Brian Diaz scored to tie it at 50.

Eshaunte Jones' first bucket of the day turned into a four-point play when he was fouled on the shot by Marcus Morris. That cut the lead to 58-56 before Marcus soared in and tipped the ball through the bucket for Kansas.

``We played really well the last 15 minutes against a good team that guards,'' Self said. ``So I'm happy we won. We didn't play extremely well. Give Nebraska the credit for being the main reason why.''

No. 1 Baylor wins 13th in row, 70-39 over Okla St

WACO, Texas (AP)

Forget the dunks. Brittney Griner prefers swatting the ball away from opposing players.

So when Baylor's 6-foot-8 sophomore standout saw the opportunity in front of her against Oklahoma State, Griner made a highlight play in the No. 1 Bears' 70-39 victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday night.

The Lady Bears were already in control of the game just before halftime when the Cowgirls grabbed a rebound and broke the other way. It looked like 5-foot-5 Laykn Garrison was about to have an easy layup _ except she never saw Griner coming from behind. Griner knocked the ball into the courtside seats for one of her three blocks, and Garrison went to the ground.

``That's my favorite play. I love LeBron, I see him do it a lot,'' Griner said. ``When I saw her going, I was like 'Oh yeah!' ... I just kept running. When I saw her go up, I just jumped.''

Griner also had 18 points with nine rebounds and the Lady Bears (16-1, 3-0 Big 12) extended their winning streak to 13 in a row.

``We brought in a 6-10 guy this week to work against us and he blocked every shot in the gym I don't know if that was a good idea or not. But at least we got used to it,'' Cowgirls coach Kurt Budke said. ``She's the most dominant player in the world. I think she's changing basketball. ... She's not maxed out yet. She's going to continue to get better, which is scary for all of us.''

Odyssey Sims 15 points on 5-of-6 shooting with three 3-pointers for Baylor, whose overall winning streak matches the 13 in a row they have also won at home. Melissa Jones added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Griner was recognized before the game for reaching 1,000 career points in the Lady Bears' previous game, a win Wednesday at Texas that was just the 51st career game for the preseason AP All-American. She also became No. 2 in Big 12 career blocks in that game.

Through 52 games, Griner has 1,018 career points. Her 306 blocked shots trail only former Oklahoma standout Courtney Paris' 446 on the Big 12 career list.

``Odyssey and I are glad we're both on her team,'' coach Kim Mulkey said.

After taking an inside pass from Jones in the second half, Griner thought about going up for a dunk _ which would have been her first this season after four last season. She opted against a slam, then missed a short shot.

It was another lopsided conference loss for the Cowgirls (12-4, 0-3), who lost 82-57 against No. 7 Texas A&M earlier this week after losing their Big 12 opener by 18 to Kansas State. Their only other loss was by 28 points against third-ranked Duke last month.

Baylor, whose only loss was by one point at then top-ranked Connecticut in November, entered leading the nation with a scoring margin of 34.5 points while holding opponents to less than 31-percent shooting. Toni Young had 12 points and was the only player in double figures for the Cowgirls, who shot only 25 percent (16 of 64).

``Obviously, they've got a great team. No. 1 team in the country. No. 1 player in the country,'' Budke said. ``We've got a young group that's got a lot to learn. ... We've got some hard lessons that we're learning right now.''

The Lady Bears never trailed, taking the lead for good when Jones hit a 3-pointer from the left side on the opening possession of the game. After Lindsey Keller followed a 15-footer with a 3-pointer to make it 12-8, Oklahoma State never got closer.

Jones had a steal, and chest-bumped a teammate after missing the layup in traffic. Though she missed both free throws, she made up for it quickly with her other 3-pointer of the game _ when she passed the ball to Sims, who quickly returned it to set Jones up on the right side for a 15-8 lead.

Sims then stretched the lead to 10 when she took a pass from Griner and hit a 3-pointer from the left wing.

Baylor pushed the lead to 33-13 with 3:13 left in the first half when Kimetria Hayden hit a pair of free throws. Right after that, Jones stole the ball from Young in front of the Oklahoma State bench and passed to Destiny Williams for a driving layup. She also added the free throw after being fouled for the largest lead before halftime.

The Cowgirls' only other game against a No. 1 team was a 74-59 loss against Louisiana Tech in 1989 when Mulkey was still an assistant coach for her alma mater.

Adams leads No. 7 Texas A&M over Missouri, 85-40

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Danielle Adams wasn't deterred when she missed her first eight shots. The Texas A&M senior just kept firing, focused on exploiting Missouri's lack of depth in the paint.

It paid off.

She finished with 19 points and six rebounds to lead No. 7 Texas A&M to its ninth straight win, an 85-40 victory over Missouri on Saturday.

``I thought she was forcing some shots early,'' Aggies coach Gary Blair said. ``She came back and showed that she's one of the best offensive players in the country today.''

The Aggies missed their first five field-goal attempts before going on a 25-4 run over a seven-minute span to pull away early and take a 40-17 lead at halftime.

Texas A&M leads the nation in turnover margin and forced 18 turnovers in the first half while holding the Tigers to just 17 points.

``The difference was in the first half forcing 18 turnovers and taking care of the ball pretty well,'' Blair said.

Tyra White added 16 points for the Aggies (15-1, 3-0 Big 12), who are off to the best start in school history. The win was the seventh consecutive against Missouri.

Both Adams and White got a chance to play in their home state Saturday and the two Kansas City natives were on the court long after the game talking with family and friends.

``It's kind of a home game for us because our family doesn't get to College Station much,'' White said. ``But like coach says, we don't want to go out there and play for them, we play for who is on the front of our jersey.''

The Tigers were without starting center Christine Flores, who broke the middle finger on her right hand in the team's 63-56 loss at Texas Tech on Wednesday. She is listed as day to day.

Flores is Missouri's second leading scorer at 15.4 points a game and ranks third in the Big 12 with 2.4 blocks. Reserve BreAnna Brock got the start in her place and finished with five points and nine rebounds.

``I feel like A&M's pressure on defense would have been the same with Christine in there,'' Brown said. ``But we missed her presence tonight and she probably would have relieved some of that pressure.''

RaeShara Brown had 14 points and six rebounds for the Tigers (9-8, 1-2), who have lost four of five. Missouri shot 34 percent from the floor and turned the ball over a season-high 27 times.

``We know A&M is known for their defense, if nothing else they're going to play aggressive,'' Brown said. ``They came out and did it, we couldn't find a flow on offense.''

Adams, who leads the team in scoring at 21.7 points a game, got off to a rough start misfiring on her first eight shot attempts and going scoreless the first 15 minutes of the game.

She rattled off six straight points to close out the first half and connected on six of her next eight shots en route to 13 second-half points. She finished 8 of 20 from the field.

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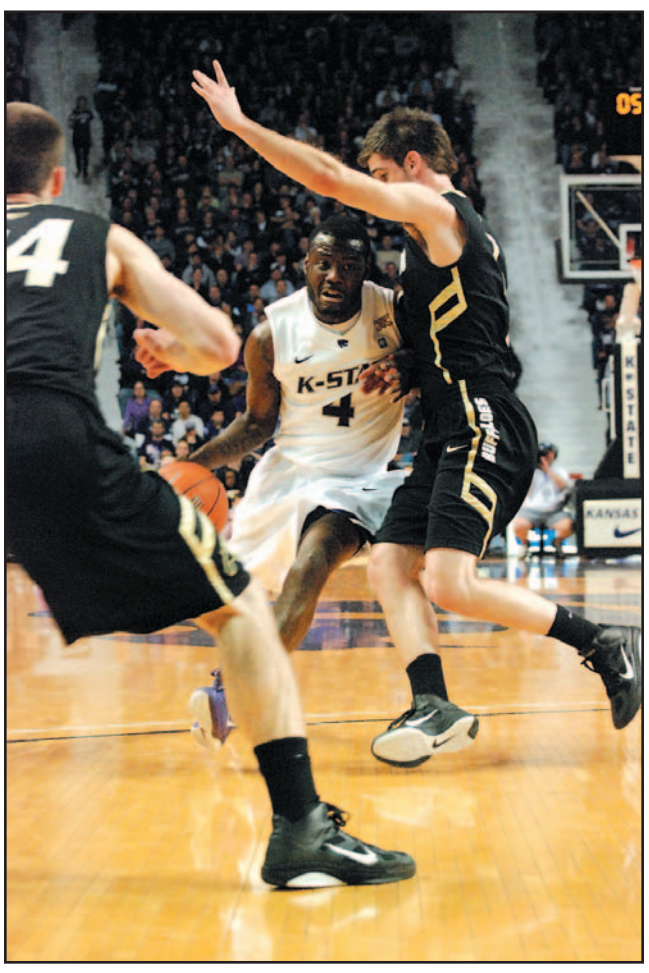
K-State's Shane Southwell (1) got his first career start against Texas Tech.

K-State's Devon Peterson (2) moves quickly down the court.

K-State's Will Spradling (55) goes up for the net.

Kansas State - Colorado - Photos

Rodney McGruder (22) started against Colorado and scored 12 points for the Wildcats.



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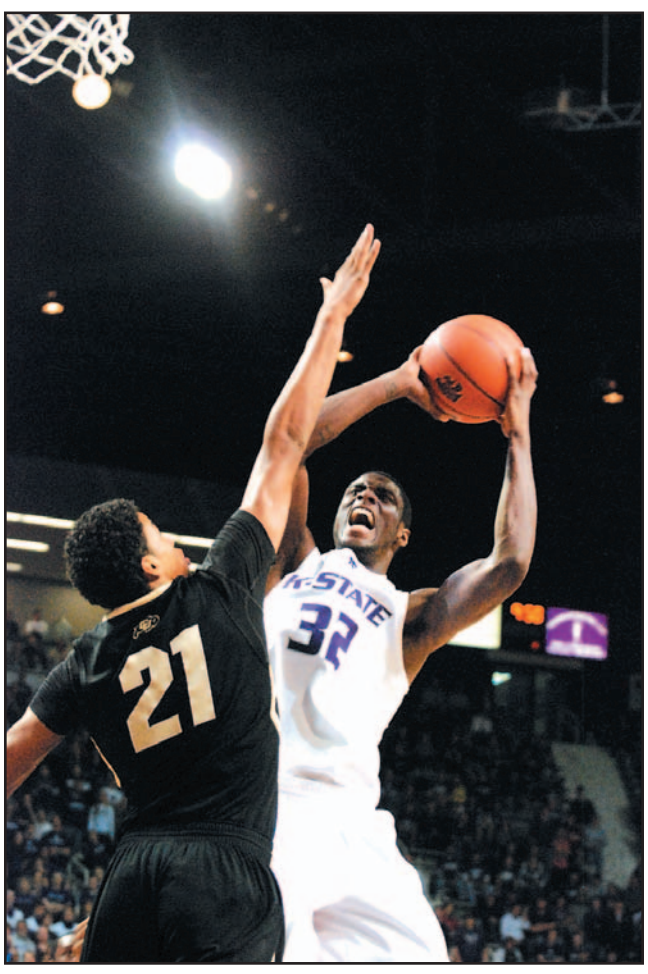

K-State's Jamar Samuels (32) started against Colorado.

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