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Snyder Big 12 Coach Of The Year

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bill Snyder retired six years ago convinced that he was done with coaching college football. He wanted to spend more time with his family, make up for all of his kids' ballgames and ballets that he missed while building Kansas State to unprecedented heights.

The 72-year-old coach came back to the sidelines three years ago rejuvenated. And in that short of time he did the unthinkable: Snyder returned his once-mighty program to the national consciousness.

On Tuesday, he was the runaway pick as the AP's Big 12 coach of the year.

Snyder was selected on 16 of the 17 ballots turned in by media members who regularly cover the league. Mike Gundy of Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 championship but was left out of national title game despite just one loss, received the only other vote.

"I am extremely proud of our coaches and the young men in our program for working and preparing each day to get better," Snyder said in a statement to the AP. "The success we have had to this point in the season has been a direct result of that, and I appreciate very much their willingness to work and achieve the goals that we set out each day to accomplish."

Picked to finish eighth in the conference, the No. 11 Wildcats (10-2) instead finished eighth in the BCS. They were bypassed by the Sugar Bowl for two teams with lesser resumes, but will still play No. 7 Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl, one of four matchups between top-10 teams in the BCS standings.

It's the third time that Snyder has been voted Big 12 coach of the year — he also was the AP's national coach of the year in 1998, when the



Coach Bill Snyder

Photo by Jon A. Brake

Named the 32nd head football coach at Kansas State on Nov. 30, 1988, and again as the 34th on Nov. 24 2008, Snyder has amassed a 149-80-1 (.653) (before 2011) record during his tenure with the Wildcats, including an 82-62-1 (.569) mark in Big 8/12 games.

- Six National Coach of the Year Awards
- Five Conference Coach of the Year Awards
- Currently ranked 12th nationally in wins among active FBS coaches
- Snyder led Kansas State to 11 straight bowl berths between the 1993 and 2003 seasons
- 9 Consensus First Team All-American Selections
- 49 All-American Selections
- 72 First Team All-Conference selections
- 97 First Team Academic All-Conference selections

Wildcats were within a double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game of playing for the national championship.

That magical season was the culmination of his first rebuilding job, one that virtually nobody thought possible.

The worst program in the history of college football had been winless in 27 games, and hadn't won a conference championship in more than five decades. Friends begged the non-descript offensive coordinator from Iowa not to take the job, believing that it

was career suicide.

By his fifth season, Snyder had Kansas State winning its first bowl game. Five more years passed and the school rose to the doorstep of the national title. Five more years went by and the Wildcats knocked off then-No. 1 Oklahoma for the Big 12

championship on a cold night at Arrowhead Stadium.

Former Oklahoma coach was so impressed that he labeled Snyder the "Coach of the Century."

"He's incredibly consistent in an inconsistent world," Kansas State athletic director John Currie said. "If you talk to the ones who played for him 10 or 15 or 20 years ago who are sometimes in the locker room, they will tell you, he's teaching and coaching exactly the same way he always has."

It wasn't long after that Big 12 triumph that Snyder abruptly retired. He was burned out, he felt badly for neglecting his family all those years, watching game film instead of school plays, catching high school games on Friday nights that involved talented recruits rather than his own children.

He never strayed far from the program, though. It's hard to when the stadium is named in your honor, as is the four-lane highway that runs into town.

So when the program floundered under Snyder's replacement, Ron Prince, the school didn't have to look far for a savior. He still had an office in the Vanier Football Complex.

It took just two years for Snyder to return Kansas State to a bowl game, the Pinstripe Bowl last December in New York City. And another 12 months to place the Wildcats among the nation's elite.

"We don't have no five-star recruits, four-star recruits. We don't have no big athletes like other teams have. We just stick together and do our role, and continue to work hard until there's zeroes on the clock," cornerback David Garrett said. "He makes sure he instills all that into us."

Garrett said it best: Perhaps no coach is better at doing more with less than Snyder.

He took a defense that was

among the worst in the league and reshaped it into the best.

He took a quarterback in Collin Klein who struggles to throw the ball and concocted an option-style offense that allows him to use his feet. He recruited junior college players and the quintessential diamond-in-the-rough and molded them into his vision of what a team should look like.

"If we don't pay attention, he's going to make sure of it, and that happens every day," Garrett said. "Coach Snyder is a hard coach, but at the end of the day, he's a caring coach, too."

Currie, who was hired shortly after Snyder returned to the sideline, marvels at the fact that he never has to worry about the football program. In two decades, the Wildcats have never been embroiled in a major scandal like those enveloping other schools, their graduation rates are among the best in the Big 12, and the number of players who have gone on to the NFL under Snyder is staggering.

"We're fortunate to have his leadership," Currie said, "and I think college football is fortunate to have an example of leadership like Bill Snyder."

Of course, Snyder would blanch at all the plaudits that he's receiving this year.

He's already won the Woody Hayes Award, presented to the coach of the year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus, and he's a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, which is given out by the Football Writers Association of America to the nation's most deserving coach.

"I'm happy with it, but that's not that important thing. I've been there, done that," Snyder said. "We're talking about a whole bunch of young guys — you hear seniors get up and talk about their experiences, what they've gone through the last three or four years — that's the reward for me."

City Wants To Use ECO Money For Downtown

Remember the 1/2 cent Sale Tax vot in 2002 that the City was going to use for Economic Development? Now the City wants to use the money for the redevelopment of Downtown.

It's just like the City of Manhattan, tell the voter one thing and then do something else.

But, wait, don't take our work for it here is what the City Staff told the City Commission in a memo:

Discussion Regarding Use of Remaining 2002 Riley County "Roads and Jobs" Half-Cent Sales Tax Proceeds

PRESENTER: Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager

BACKGROUND

In 2002, the voters of Riley County approved the so-called "Roads and Jobs" half-cent sales tax measure. At that time, state law mandated that the County share the proceeds for "economic development initiatives that occur within Riley County." The sales tax generates approximately \$4 million annually. Of that amount, the City receives approximately \$2.4 million annually. The City's funds have been used for such projects and companies as the Florence Corporation, Manhattan/K-State Innovation Center, Meadowlark Hills, the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF), GTM Sportswear, Regional Jet Service via American Eagle Airlines, among others. The sales tax is set to expire in December 2012.

DISCUSSION

During the work session on November 29, 2011, the City Commission discussed possibly using economic development sales tax proceeds to fund a portion of the proposed Poyntz Avenue streetscape improvements. Due to the limited discretionary dollars remaining in the fund, City Administration recommended further discussion before committing economic develop-

ment dollars to this or other infrastructure projects.

On November 15, 2011, the City Commission considered first reading of an application for economic development incentives related to the international recruitment of Prathista International, Inc. City Administration proposes offering up to \$500,000 as a reimbursement grant to accommodate improvements to the Airport Armory building, a City asset. The Armory will be leased as a pilot research and development facility for the company. At the meeting, the City Commission raised several questions and requested additional information. City Administration is working with Kansas State University and the applicant to ensure that answers are provided in response to questions from the Commission. Additional information will be provided before the second consideration of this application. The second and final consideration is scheduled for December 20, 2011.

In addition to the active application from Prathista, City Administration and the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce are working with or are aware of a number of other economic development prospects that may be bringing forward applications for incentives in the near future. The following are examples of potential economic development prospects:

- Project "C" – A customer service company that plans to create over 500 jobs and more than \$10 million in annual payroll.

- Project "G" – A BioScience Research and Development Company interested in expanding to Manhattan due to proximity to the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF).

- Project "N" – An animal health research company with ties to Kansas State University that plans to develop a BSL-2 research and development facility.

- Project Tech – A high growth software development company projecting approxi-

mately 200 new employees, primarily in high-wage, high-skill technology positions.

- Airline Revenue Guarantee – Reserve funds to help leverage possible state grant funds to help recruit a second airline to Manhattan (MHK) with service to a western hub.

FINANCING

Even if the application for Prathista International, Inc. is approved as recommended, approximately \$623,000 of discretionary funds will remain in the Economic Development Fund. In addition, approximately \$245,000 remains in the Manhattan Economic Development Fund Advisory Board (MEDOFAB) Fund that was funded by the 1994 – 1998 half-cent city-wide sales tax for economic development. Since 2002, the City has traditionally reserved the remaining MEDOFAB funds to support economic development projects in the Pottawatomie County portion of Manhattan. However, these funds are also discretionary. Therefore, in total, approximately \$868,000 of uncommitted economic development funds remains. This amount assumes that the application for Prathista will be funded as recommended at \$500,000.

These projections are based on a variety of revenue assumptions, including projected interest earnings and anticipated contractual repayments from companies that received conventional or forgivable loans. Although City Administration always tries to be conservative with revenue projections, any future defaults or restructuring of loan payments could impact the available fund balance. The uncommitted balance is also dependent on various assumptions for expenditures. For example, currently \$1.5 million is reserved in the fund to support the City's financial obligation related to the Manhattan Conference Center. Although this commitment has been discussed throughout the Downtown Redevelopment process, formal action will be required by the Commission to authorize an expenditure of

economic development funds for this purpose. This action to convert temporary notes to permanent bonds is forecasted to occur in 2013 with the \$1.5 million reducing the principle amount bonded. There are several recurring expenses that

are not projected beyond 2012 due to the expiration of the current sales tax. These expenses include the Chamber contracts, operating support for Downtown Manhattan, Inc., and the City's eight remaining local match payments for

Phases 2 & 3 of K-18. The Commission may want to re-evaluate how these expenses are funded based on the outcome of the Riley County sales tax ballot that is under consideration for the August 2012 election."

| City of Manhattan Economic Development Summary 2002-2012 Roads and Jobs Sales Tax | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Projected | Projected | Total |
| | 2002-2003 | 2004-2010 | 2011-2012 | 2013-2021 | |
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Updated as of 11/30/2011 | | | | | |
| Beginning Fund Balance | - | - | 6,075,242 | 5,253,187 | |
| Riley County Sales & Use Tax - Manhattan Share | - | 13,965,054 | 4,891,074 | - | 18,856,128 |
| Interest Earnings | - | 944,236 | 52,283 | 86,165 | 1,082,684 |
| Applicant Repayments | | | | | |
| Airport - Sale of Ground Support Equipment | - | - | 50,920 | - | 50,920 |
| Airport - Revenue Guarantee | - | - | 204,240 | - | 204,240 |
| NISTAC | - | 45,206 | 90,000 | 448,732 | 583,938 |
| Flint Hills Beverage | - | 100 | - | - | 100 |
| Collegiate Marketing Services | - | 60,625 | 51,500 | - | 112,125 |
| Meadowlark Hills | - | - | 405,746 | - | 405,746 |
| Manhattan Area Technical College | - | - | 21,400 | 53,600 | 75,000 |
| TDM Building Tax Reimbursement | - | 16,304 | - | - | 16,304 |
| Kansas Bioscience Authority (Manhattan/KSU Innovation Center) | - | 400,000 | 1,200,000 | 400,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$ - | \$ 15,431,525 | \$ 13,042,405 | \$ 6,241,684 | \$ 23,387,185 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Program Administration | | | | | |
| Chamber of Commerce ED Contracts | - | 147,506 | 74,430 | - | 221,935 |
| Company Incentives | | | | | |
| Mercy Community Health Foundation | - | 400,000 | - | - | 400,000 |
| Florence Corporation | - | 308,488 | 88,140 | 340,790 | 737,418 |
| NISTAC | - | 500,000 | - | - | 500,000 |
| Flint Hills Beverage | - | 87,152 | 20,930 | 80,925 | 189,008 |
| Collegiate Marketing Services | - | 500,000 | - | - | 500,000 |
| Meadowlark Hills | - | 750,000 | - | - | 750,000 |
| NBAF Commitment | - | 1,300,000 | 3,700,000 | - | 5,000,000 |
| Manhattan Area Technical College | - | 75,000 | 291,000 | - | 366,000 |
| Prathista | - | - | 500,000 | - | 500,000 |
| Land / Building Investments | | | | | |
| Airport/Tech Park Property | - | 184,814 | - | - | 184,814 |
| Downtown Conference Center | - | - | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Manhattan/KSU Innovation Center - Principal | - | 1,255,000 | 960,000 | 3,180,000 | 5,395,000 |
| Manhattan/KSU Innovation Center - Interest (1) | - | 929,889 | 414,719 | 517,194 | 1,861,801 |
| Manhattan/KSU Innovation Center Pilot Space | - | 425,000 | 1,000,000 | - | 1,425,000 |
| Manhattan/KSU Innovation Center FF&E | - | 1,000,000 | - | - | 1,000,000 |
| Other | | | | | |
| Airport - Regional Jet Service (American Eagle) | - | 766,370 | 10,000 | - | 776,370 |
| Airport - Small Community Marketing | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Downtown Manhattan Inc. | - | - | 90,000 | - | 90,000 |
| K-18/Wildcat Creek Rd Turn Lane Design | - | 230,101 | - | - | 230,101 |
| K-18 Corridor Study | - | 64,482 | - | - | 64,482 |
| K-18 Phase 2 & 3 Local Match (2) | - | - | 150,000 | - | 150,000 |
| KSU Foundation - Equicenter Study | - | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 |
| TDM Building Taxes | - | 13,707 | - | - | 13,707 |
| Wildcat Creek Realignment Study | - | 8,750 | - | - | 8,750 |
| Total Expenses | \$ - | \$ 9,356,259 | \$ 7,789,219 | \$ 5,618,909 | \$ 22,764,387 |
| Cash Balance | \$ - | \$ 6,075,242 | \$ 5,253,187 | \$ 622,775 | \$ 622,775 |
| <small>(1) The interest rate was higher for the innovation center due to the center being used primarily for private use. Also, \$50,000 yearly payments were made from the City/University Fund from 2008-2012.</small> | | | | | |
| <small>(2) If the sales tax is not renewed, the \$75,000 annual payment will be transferred to the Industrial Promotion Fund, with a total impact of \$600,000 over the next 8 years.</small> | | | | | |

Fort Riley to host Wreaths Across America Ceremony

FORT RILEY, Kan. – Fort Riley will host the annual Wreaths Across America observance in conjunction with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1281, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. at the post cemetery. Media are invited to attend

the ceremony, which will include a presentation of eight ceremonial wreaths -- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Gold Star Families, and POW/MIA, along with remarks by Fort Riley

Garrison Commander Col. William Clark. This is the fifth year of Fort Riley involvement. WAA is held every year on the second Saturday in December, with simultaneous observances across America.

The first WAA effort was held at Arlington in 1992. Over the subsequent years the effort gathered momentum. Today, it is estimated that more than 300 sites in America and elsewhere, will participate. The intent of the WAA pro-

gram is three-fold: Remember those who have given their lives in support of the defense of the nation and the values it represents; Honor those who

have served and are serving now; Educate young people as to the steep price of liberty. This year's wreath total is estimated to be about 1,000.

Obituaries

Lerance C. (Bunny) Bolte

Lerance C. (Bunny) Bolte, 78, died December 4, 2011 at his home. Lerance was born December 25, 1932 in Manhattan, the son of L. Kenneth and Nola (Little) Bolte. He was a graduate of Manhattan High School and Kansas State University. A lifelong resident of Manhattan, he also served two years in the U.S. Army at Ft. Riley, KS during the end of the Korean conflict. Upon graduation from Kansas State University with a degree in Milling Science, he was employed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,

ARS, for 40 years. His work involved researching/testing the milling and baking qualities of new wheat varieties in cooperation with the Grain Science and Agronomy Departments of Kansas State University. On February 6, 1960, he married Cathy Estes of Leavenworth, KS. She survives at the home. He is survived by one son, Kenneth L. (Courtney) of Manhattan and one daughter, Cynthia Medlin (James) of Smyrna, TN. He is also survived by two grandsons, Ben Bolte of Manhattan

and Corey Medlin of TN. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family wishes to acknowledge and thank the staff of Homecare and Hospice for their loving care. With their support and care, it was possible for Lerance to continue living at home until his death. In accordance with his wishes, Lerance will be cremated. Memorial service will be at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral home on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Dr. Patty

Brown-Barnett officiating. Private family inurnment will take place following the service. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimers Assoc. or Homecare & Hospice of Manhattan and left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

James Edward Wilcox

James Edward Wilcox, 98, of Manhattan, died Thursday, December 1st, at the Stonybrook Retirement Community. He was a retired teacher, principal and school administrator. Jim taught in Bancroft, Oneida and Sabetha, KS, and was a superintendent in Holcomb & Holton also, retiring in 1979. In 1955 he became a seventh grade math teacher at the Manhattan Junior High School, followed by becoming the principal at the Lee Elementary School in 1956. During the summer hail seasons Jim worked as a Crop Hail Adjuster. Jim was born in Nemaha County, KS on April 13, 1913, the son of the late Ella Elizabeth (King) and Jesse Green Wilcox. He farmed with his dad until he received his Bachelors and Master of Science from Kansas State Teachers College in

Emporia. He served in the US Army during WWII. While serving his country he was called home from the war to help his mother with the farming after his father passed away. On May 28, 1939 at Americus, KS he was united in marriage to Nelva May Harris. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Manhattan; NEA, KNEA, American Legion, Lafayette Masonic Lodge AF & AM, Lions, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, AARP, and the Kansas Retired Teachers Association. Jim enjoyed all sports, playing basketball in high school, running the 2 mile in college, bowling in a league during the later years, and working for the K-State Basketball team in their ticket office. Jim is survived by his wife, of 72 years, Nelva May, of the home, two daughters, Nancy W. McClanathan, of Manhattan,

KS; Connie J.W. Walker, wife of Duane, of Manhattan, KS; two granddaughters, Morgan Morton and husband Jeff of Burleson, TX; Megan Johnson of Manhattan; two grandsons, Troy Walker of Lafayette, IN; Wade Walker and wife Deidra of Lenexa, KS; and three great granddaughters, Gracie Morton, Kylie Morton and Christina Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jesse (his twin brother) and Lawrence Wilcox. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stonybrook Retirement Community, 2025 Little Kitten Ave Manhattan, KS 66503. For more information, or to send an email condolence visit irvinparkview.com

Tracy Michael "Mike" Blankenship

Tracy Michael "Mike" Blankenship, age 48, of Wamego, Kansas, died early Sunday morning, December 4, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. He was born on August 31, 1963, in Verdun, France the son of William Lloyd and Rose Marie (Choppy) Blankenship. He had been a longtime Manhattan resident where he attended local schools including Manhattan High School. Mike loved the outdoors

including cookouts and spending time with his family. His family enjoyed joking with Mike that he "loved to watch others work." He is survived by his father: William Lloyd "Bill" Blankenship of Wamego, his sister: Annette Sanford and husband Bruce, of Alma, Kansas, his brother: Troy Blankenship and wife Serita of Wamego, and numerous nieces and nephews: Shauna Rose Blankenship, Shaela McConkey, Forrest Dean

Blankenship and Elija Howard, all of Wamego, and Amy Tucker and Owen Tucker, both of Alma. He is also survived by an extensive number of family members that reside in Virginia. Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Rose Blankenship, in 2002. Cremation is planned. The family will receive friends during a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-

Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made in his memory to the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

Delmar George Maike

Delmar George Maike, 89, of Alma, Kansas, died Saturday, December 3, 2011, at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He was a life-long resident of the community. Delmar was born on the family farm south of Alma, Kansas, on April 17, 1922, the son of William and Otilie Bock Maike. He attended country school through the sixth grade and then attended St. John Lutheran School. He graduated from Alma High School in 1940. Delmar was a dairy farmer. He worked on the family farm in partnership with his father until 1960. During that time, they bottled and delivered milk to customers in Alma. He then purchased the farm and switched from bottled milk to bulk milk. He operated the grade-A dairy until 1977. After selling the cows, Delmar worked at Haefke Lumber Yard for two years. In 1979, he became the Wabaunsee County Weed Supervisor and later that same year, became the Pottawatomie County Weed Supervisor where he worked until his retirement in 1989. Delmar walked tim-

ber for the American Walnut Company. He continued to provide his services by helping with the remapping of farm land at the Wabaunsee County Appraiser's Office and volunteering at the FSA office and the Soil Conservation District offices in Alma. Delmar married Nyla June Stuewe on September 9, 1945, in Alma. She preceded him in death on October 29, 2004. Delmar and Nyla enjoyed traveling in the United States, especially going on bus trips with friends they had met through the years. Delmar was a devoted husband and spent lots of time at the Council Grove Care Home visiting with his wife until her death. Delmar helped organize Happy Valley 4-H Club and was a project and community leader. He served on the St. John Lutheran School board and the Finance and Trustee Boards of St. John Lutheran Church. He also served as an usher. Delmar loved spending time with his family. He really enjoyed attending his great-grandchildren's activities, especially

their ball games during the summer. Delmar was a steward of the land and because of his farming practices, received several awards from the Wabaunsee County Conservation District. Delmar is survived by his two sons, Alan Maike and his wife, Dorothy, Kansas City, Missouri and Ronald Maike and his wife, Linda, Alma; his daughter, Lynette Phillips and her husband, Mike, Topeka; four grandchildren, Brian Maike (Jami), Anthony Maike (Crystal), Kelly Whaley (Eric), and Haley Howard (Matt); four great-grandchildren, Kyndal and Taryn Maike, and Brooks and Kennedy Whaley and baby Howard; one sister, Dolores TenEyck and her husband, Harry and his friend, Mary Moege. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Caryn Dawn Theel. They suggest memorial contributions to St. John Lutheran Church or the Alzheimer's Association and those may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Cecilia M. Fulton

Cecilia M. Fulton, age 88, longtime Manhattan resident died November 28, 2011, at Medicalodge in Clay Center, Kansas. She was born September 12, 1923, in Manhattan, the daughter of Joseph Edward, and Mary Josephine (Knightman) Kluber, and was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Academy in 1941. Cecilia was a receptionist and bookkeeper for Dr. Morris, a longtime local optometrist, in Manhattan for many years. She was a longtime member

of Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Manhattan. On March 11, 1971, in Westmoreland, Kansas, she was married to George Fulton. Mr. Fulton preceded her in death on August 8, 1993. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Carl, Thomas and John Kluber; and one sister, Mary Catherine "Babe" Kluber. In 1993 she moved to Clifton, Kansas where she made her home until moving to Clay Center, Kansas in recent years.

Survivors include four step-children: George R. "Bud" Fulton of Astoria, Oregon, Jack Fulton of Salem, Oregon, Beverly Mills of Vancouver, Washington, and Janice Dorszynski of Portland, Oregon. She is also survived by numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Manhattan Catholic Schools. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Donald Byron Dennis

Donald Byron Dennis, age 89, a longtime Manhattan resident died November 25, 2011, at the Westy Community Care

Home in Westmoreland, Kansas. He was born August 6, 1922, in Nemaha County, Kansas,

son of B.C. and Susie May (McGrath) Dennis. Don served as a rifleman in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Dennis was wounded in Germany in 1942 and received numerous ribbons and medals for his service. He worked as a janitor for USD #383 schools for many years in addition to jobs he held in the Manhattan and Wamego areas. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Chapter 16

Home At Last!

Last Chapter: A whiff of smelling salts brings Jack around. Mollie shoves his glasses and her own on their faces and they're immediately thrust back into 2011 and Jack feels fine. They realize that controlled by the time machine, they aren't real whether or not they're wearing their glasses. This time they are at a place where the bones of ancient animals are being discovered.

"Looks like we're in Phillips County, near the town of Long Island," Jack said, "So we're only an hour and a half or so from Hays."

"Maybe that means we're about to go home," Mollie said.

"Maybe, but I'm not counting on it."

Mollie gave her brother a little shove as she moved in beside him, partly to read the computer screen better and partly because she was a little bit mad at him. He should have known better than to push those buttons so many times.

This dig at Long Island, the twins read, had been a major deposit of ancient bones, the specimens now in many museums, including the Smithsonian."

"How about Sternberg?" Mollie said.

Although they couldn't find any specifically from the Long Island site in the Sternberg Museum at Hays, one interesting fossil of a large fish caught their attention. Living centuries ago, the fish had swallowed a smaller fish and somehow both had been covered over with chalk rock and lay undetected until found near Hays in 1952.

"It's called a Fish Within a Fish," Jack said. "I'm going to go see it when we get home."

The twins checked the computer for other fossilized remains in other Kansas museums and found that the University of Kansas at Lawrence had an ancient rhinoceros, called a Teleoceras, from the Long Island site.

"I'd like to see that," Mollie said. "I hope this time machine makes enough money so we can go to all these places." She grinned at Jack, "But in real time."

"It says here," Jack began, his eyes on the computer screen, "that the first Tyrannosaurus Rex was found in Montana in 1902 by a Kansan named Barnum Brown, who was born at Carbondale in 1873. The computer says there were no dinosaurs here, because Kansas was under water during the dinosaur age, although the bones of some were later washed into the area by huge rivers."

"Just like that man who calls himself a bone hunter said happened here."

Mollie said. "So what kind of weird stuff did we have in Kansas?"

"How about a Pterosaur," Jack said,

punch any buttons for prehistoric days, did you?"

"No." Jack laughed. "I don't think the time machine goes back that far."

"Well I hope it goes up to 2011. You didn't happen to push that date, did you?"

"I don't know," Jack said. "I just pushed buttons. I didn't know it was going to work."

Now a real fear washed over Mollie and it was all she could do to hold back her tears. At that moment, she hated Jack. Wished he had never been born. Or if he had to have been born, that she hadn't. She could not stand this much longer. The time machine was wonderful if you could go on one adventure at a time, but this was just too much. To keep from yelling at Jack, Mollie put on her glasses and stepped outside.

The prairie here near Long Island was pretty, the ground not completely flat, but rising in small rolling hills. In the distance, a cow bawled, and soon a trail of them appeared up over a slight rise and ambled down toward a farm pond. She sat on the ground, as always glad to be back in her jeans and T-shirt.

"Come back inside," Jack said, poking his head out of the time machine door. "There's only a few minutes left and I don't know what will happen if you don't get in here."

Mollie jumped up, brushing dirt and grass from her jeans and hurried inside. She didn't know either, and she was taking no chances.

They stood side by side listening to the tick of the timer. A wave of homesickness washed over them causing Jack to clench his jaws and sending two small tears down Mollie's cheeks. They saw the white spiraling motion and felt their bodies stiffen.

When the whirring sound stopped, Mollie's hands flew to her mouth and Jack felt the blood drain from his face. They were still inside the time machine!

Cautiously, Jack turned the door handle on the time machine and pushed. The door fell open and they were looking out at the inside of the barn.

"Oh," Mollie cried, pushing past her brother and out into the barn. "Oh, Jack! We're home!"

Jack felt tears well up blurring his vision. He wiped a sleeve across his eyes and stepped out of the time machine.

They stood for a moment looking at each other, and then they pushed open the barn door and ran toward the house.

Dog lay on the front porch, his head on his paws. He looked up at the twins and barked. Laughing, Jack and Mollie ran up the steps and hugged the old dog. Then they unlocked the door leading into the kitchen, and ran inside. The house was as they'd left it. Everything just the same. And of course it was. In real time, they had not been gone at all. They looked at each other, grinned, and went back out on the porch. They laughed to see that Dog had risen to his feet, and although a little wobbly was looking up at them, wagging his tail.

"I think he missed us," Mollie said.

"Even though we've not even been gone," Jack said with a grin.

It was hard to wait for their parents to come home, and as they waited on the porch with Dog, they talked of how happy their mom and dad would be to know that the time machine worked and their worries were over. At last they saw the old Ford station wagon coming up the road, and they ran to meet it, both so light-hearted, so happy, they felt as if their feet had wings.

The End



reading the name as the drawing of a huge flying bird-like creature came on the screen.

"Wow!" Mollie said. "I'm glad we don't have birds like that anymore. It could grab you up and eat you in a second."

"It's really a flying reptile, not a bird. It says here that the largest ones had 40-foot wing spans and were as big as a fighter plane."

"Okay," Mollie said, backing up and holding her hands up in mock horror, but a little bit of her fear was real. "You didn't

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Handel's Messiah rehearsals begin

2012 will be the 21st performance of Handel's Messiah by the Flint Hills Chorus in the Wamego regional area. The committee is looking for people to sing in the chorus and in the past, the chorus has grown to more than eighty people. The 2:00 performance will be on Palm Sunday, April 1st, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Wamego, Kansas.

For several years, an orchestral ensemble has accompanied Handel's Messiah presentation. Several Flint Hills Chorus members have adopted the orchestral musicians and paid

their fee for rehearsals and performance. Without this financial support, we could not have an orchestra to accompany the Messiah. As we start rehearsals again in January at the United Methodist Church, we hope that you will consider adopting a musician again for this year's upcoming concert.

The dates and times for the rehearsals are as follows:

- January 8th, 15th, & 29th-2:00
- February 12th, 19th, & 26th-2:00
- March 4th, & 11th-2:00
- 1st Dress Rehearsal-March

25th-1:00-5:00 with orchestra
2nd Dress Rehearsal- March 31st-1:00-5:00 with orchestra followed by a soup supper in Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church

Please write down these dates on your calendar and plan to attend and also invite several of your friends to join the chorus.

If you don't have your own

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Letters to Tom: Gaffetastic

If you really want to know what goes on at meetings of the Manhattan City Commission your best bet is to either go there in person or watch it on the city's webcast at

<http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/>. Because the meetings can be lengthy, especially if the agenda is important, I recommend that you watch the proceedings on the webcast on your computer. You can watch it at your leisure from the comfort of your own home. You will learn things that no one will cover.

The November 29th work session was truly enlightening (and entertaining). The agenda for the meeting covered Poyntz Avenue Improvements, the Bluemont Corridor, and the Legal Department Budget. Before the agenda was taken up, the Mayor dropped a bit of a bombshell when he announced that he had witnessed a possible violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Reading from a prepared statement, he informed the commission that on November 17, 2011 he had observed the possible violation while attending a meeting with another member of the commission. The mayor has requested that the County Attorney conduct an investigation of the violation and conduct remedial training for the commission. Since this is serious stuff, I am quite surprised



Mike Kryschal

that none of our media outlets have picked up on this story. If it's true, the public has the need to know; if it's not, the mayor ought to use the same public forum to retract his accusation.

The Assistant City Manager briefed the commission on Poyntz Avenue Improvements. In an effort to provide the commission with priorities, the proposed improvements were broken down into more options than a Chinese restaurant menu. Commissioners were given eight options consisting of three types (A, B, and C), three Alternates (#1, #2, and #3), and two additional options (Wayfinding and Permanent LED Building Lighting). Hint - breaking down a project into components is not prioritizing. The bottom line is that all of these options add up to a \$2.5 million dollar (and counting) project. What you need to know

as a tax payer is that the entire cost for this project is probably going to add up to more than \$5 million dollars and that you are probably going to pay for two thirds, with one third paid for by the businesses on Poyntz. In 1987, when we first moved to Manhattan from Fort Leavenworth, we read and heard in the local media that funds from the then newly opened Manhattan Town Center were going to be used to make Poyntz Avenue and the Town Center a seamless entity. What happened? Where did the money go? Twenty five years later we are told that it's a long story. It may be a long story, but it has a short moral - - get it in writing.

Commissioner Butler really stirred the pot when he proposed that some of the cost for the project be paid for using economic development funds. The reaction was dramatic. It seems we don't have much economic development money left and that half a million dollars of that is needed to get Prathista International to locate in Manhattan. So let's see, the choice is give a half million dollar incentive in the hope (yes, hope) that Prathista will stay once they have to pay their own way or use that half million to put down a larger downpayment on improvements for Poyntz Avenue. It would be nice if our municipal government treated the revenue they receive from tax payers like real money that real people work for.

The Bluemont Corridor is an example of our city government doing its job. Anyone who has travelled on Bluemont between North Manhattan and 12th Street knows that this is a dangerous stretch of roadway. The solution, agreed to by the commission, is the option that limits turns and puts in medians on Bluemont. It is expensive but necessary. The only question is why does it take so long?

A "gaffe in Washington" is defined as an occurrence of someone telling the truth by accident. A gaffe happened during the discussion of the Legal Department Budget when the Assistant City Manager noted that last year the Assistant City Attorney was "consumed" by the LGBT issue. If true, and it probably is, then it confirms that we don't need a third lawyer. What we need is city government that places the real needs of its citizens above the personal agenda of individual commission members.

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The Christmas classic by Charles Dickens follows the heart-warming story of the grumpy old curmudgeon named Scrooge, the precious and endearing Tiny Tim, and three very persistent ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future.

"A Christmas Carol" has been adapted for a musical performance by Sally Bailey, a K-State Theater professor. The musical adaptation will be performed by local students in grades 3-8 and directed by Megan Johnson for the second year.

Johnson said she enjoyed working with 40 kids and "was blessed with extremely talented and hard-working children!"

Johnson also said that her favorite moments of the play are the scenes that Christmas Past shows Scrooge, "I love the reminiscent quality of those scenes. It paints a picture of the life Scrooge could have had if he had cared back then, and we're able to witness all of the moments where he could have made a different decision but didn't. The more Scrooge's obsession with money grows, the more he loses sight of the things that make him whole. I think this is a message that resonates with many of us. It reminds us to take pause and ask ourselves what is truly important and meaningful in our lives.

The answer will always be family and friends, not money."

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave, by phone at (785) 537-4420 or online at www.manhattanarts.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. The Manhattan Arts Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 5 pm.

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Letter to the Editor

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Stop by with your gift of cash or food, and remember the hungry in our community when you do your holiday shopping.

Cathy Harnes
 Flint Hills Breadbasket
 Board of Directors
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First-class mail: just a little bit s-l-o-w-e-r

By HOPE YEN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Already mocked by some as "snail mail," first-class U.S. mail will slow even more by next spring under plans by the cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service to eliminate more than 250 processing centers. Nearly 30,000 workers would be laid off, too, as the post office struggles to respond to a shift to online communication and bill payments.

The cuts are part of \$3 billion in reductions aimed at helping the agency avert bankruptcy next year. They would virtually eliminate the chance for stamped letters to arrive the next day, a change in first-class delivery standards that have been in place since 1971.

The plan technically must await an advisory opinion from the independent Postal Regulatory Commission, slated for next March. But that opinion is nonbinding, and only substantial pressure from Congress, businesses or the public might deter far-reaching cuts.

Many postal customers will be upset.

"The post office is a mainstay of America, and the fact that these services will no

longer be available is absolutely crazy," said Carol Braxton of Naperville, Ill., as she waited in line at a mail sorting center Monday with the holiday shipping season picking up steam.

"Well I'm not happy about them, but what else can you do with this economy? If they're getting ready to go bankrupt, it's better to cut back than to go totally bankrupt," said Deborah Butler of Brandywine, Md., who was at a Washington, D.C., post office. "You still need them. Because everybody can't afford the other ones, like express mail and things like that. Even though the world is computer literate, everybody doesn't have computers."

At a news briefing in Washington, postal vice president David Williams said the post office needs to move quickly to cut costs as it seeks to stem five years of red ink amid steadily declining mail volume. After hitting 98 billion in 2006, first-class mail volume is now at less than 78 billion. It is projected to drop by roughly half by 2020.

The agency already has announced a 1-cent increase in first-class mail to 45 cents beginning Jan. 22.

Williams said in certain narrow situations first-class mail might still be delivered the next day - if, for example, newspapers, magazines or other bulk mailers are able to meet new, tighter deadlines and drop off shipments directly at the processing centers

that remain open.

But in the vast majority of cases, everyday users of first-class mail will see delays. The changes could slow everything from check payments to Netflix's DVDs-by-mail, add costs to mail-order prescription drugs and even threaten the existence of newspapers and time-sensitive magazines delivered by postal carrier to far-flung suburban and rural communities.

The Postal Service faces imminent default - this month - on a \$5.5 billion annual payment to the Treasury for future retiree health benefits and expects to have a record loss of \$14.1 billion next year.

"Are we writing off first class mail? No," Williams said. "Customers are making their choices, and what we are doing is responding to the current market conditions and placing the Postal Service on a path to allow us to respond to future changes. We have to do what's in our control to put the Postal Service on solid financial ground."

The cuts would close 252 of the nation's 461 mail processing centers beginning next spring. They would result in the elimination of roughly 28,000 jobs. The number of employees varies by processing facility but generally ranges from about 50 to 2,000. Cincinnati, Boston, Orlando and New Orleans are home to some of the largest centers.

Because the consolidations typically would lengthen the distance mail travels from post office to processing center, the agency also would lower delivery standards. Currently, first-class mail is supposed to be delivered to homes and businesses within the continental U.S. in one to three days. That would lengthen to two to three days, meaning mailers no longer could expect next-day delivery in surrounding communities. Periodicals could take two to nine days.

About 42 percent of first-class mail is now delivered the following day. An additional 27 percent arrives in two days, about 31 percent in three days and less than 1 percent in four to five days. Following the change next spring, about 51 percent of all first-class mail is expected to arrive in two days, with most of the remainder delivered in three days.

The Postal Service initially

announced in September it was studying the possibility of closing the processing centers and published a notice in the Federal Register seeking comments. Within 30 days, the plan elicited nearly 4,400 public comments, mostly in opposition.

Catalogue companies worry they won't be able to predict when their catalogues will arrive and therefore when to add staff to handle increased call volumes. Small business owners say sluggish first-class mail will slow their businesses because merchandise and payments will spend more time in transit.

On Monday, postal customers said they valued having mail service but also acknowledged the realities of the Internet in everyday life.

"The post office services that we need as a nation are just too big at this point, so things have to be cut and there is nothing that can be done to change it other than email goes away," Ron Connor of Naperville, Ill., said as he walked into a local post office branch.

Lily Ickow, from Silver Spring, Md., said the post office needs to find other ways than wide-scale cuts to reach profitability. "It's definitely too bad," she said at a Washington post office. "I think the Postal Service is necessary personally. ...It would be useful to see if there are ways that they could innovate and come up with other types of services."

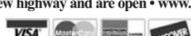
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 - Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Free Press Big 12 Sports

Kansas State Holds Off Iowa State 30-23

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Bill Snyder wouldn't bite when he was asked to compare this season's Kansas State team to those of years past, Wildcats that won Big 12 championships and went to prestigious bowl games.

"I reserve the right to make those judgments until the end of the season," the longtime coach said, "and then I'll find a way to avoid the question."

It's going to be an inevitable one.

John Hubert ran for 120 yards and the go-ahead touchdown Saturday, helping the No. 16 Wildcats beat Iowa State 30-23 and keeping alive their chances for a share of the conference title.

Picked to finish eighth in the Big 12, Kansas State (10-2, 7-2) instead put together one of the best seasons in school history. Led by the 72-year-old Snyder, the plucky Wildcats managed to beat everyone they faced except for Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, the two teams who were to decide Saturday night whether they would share in a conference championship.

If the Sooners beat their rivals in Bedlam, there would be a three-way tie.

"It's been a journey," said Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, who ran for a touchdown and threw for



Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week Anthony Cantele (10) hits a field goal.

another against the Cyclones. "We've had a lot of ups and downs, but over the course we've been able to make improvements so we're a better team."

Jeff Woody ran for 85 yards and two touchdowns for the Cyclones (6-6, 3-6), who became bowl eligible for the second time under Paul Rhoads when they knocked off the Cowboys a couple weeks ago.

They nearly managed another upset against the Wildcats.

Hubert scored the go-ahead touchdown on a tackle-breaking 26-yard run with 3:29 left, which gave Iowa State plenty of time to answer. Freshman

quarterback Jared Barnett converted a pair of third downs to move into Kansas State territory, and then scrambled for eight yards on third-and-10.

Facing fourth-and-2 at the 31, Woody took the handoff and was stuffed at the line of scrimmage, the ball popping out. Kansas State recovered it to seal the victory.

"This is the No. 11 team in the BCS," Rhoads said, "and with 1:07 to go, we're driving down to tie the game and send it into overtime."

Both teams now await their bowl destinations.

The Wildcats could be headed anywhere from one of the

BCS games as an at-large selection to the Alamo or Cotton bowls, though Snyder said he won't be campaigning before announcements are made Sunday night. The Cyclones, meanwhile, will be headed to a game for the second time in three years.

"K-State was only favored in four games and they won 10," Woody said. "We were favored in two and we won six, so we're two tremendously similar teams, and that showed."

After lightning delayed the kickoff 90 minutes, the Cyclones jumped out to a 7-0 lead. Barnett threw a pass that

wobbled so much it looked as if the ball was deflating, but Darius Darks managed to get the inside position on cornerback Nigel Malone and hauled in the 30-yard catch.

The Wildcats needed 15 seconds to answer.

Klein dropped back and floated a pass on a deep post route to Tramaine Thompson, one of the fastest players on the team. He caught it with his fingertips just past the outstretched hands of defensive back Ter'Ran Benton and raced the rest of the way untouched for the 68-yard touchdown, the longest play from scrimmage for Kansas State this season.

"We had a play called and Collin saw coverage he liked," Thompson said. "So we switched it around. I was hoping he saw it. When he checked to it, I was so happy."

Iowa State regained the lead moments later when Woody plunged in from a yard out, but Zach Guyer's extra point was blocked by Raphael Guidry, his fourth blocked kick of the season.

Anthony Cantele kicked a 37-yard field goal for the Wildcats to get within 13-10.

Kansas State took over at its own 38 just before halftime, and Klein mixed in a couple of option keepers along with a pair of 14-yard completions to Hubert. The sophomore running back took the second of

them down to the goal line, and Klein's TD sneak gave Kansas State a 17-13 lead at the break.

Guidry's second big play, this time an interception off a tipped ball, gave Kansas State prime field position early in the third quarter, and Cantele's 47-yard field goal made it 20-13.

Iowa State responded by going 64 yards in 12 plays, converting three third downs, and Woody's rumbly 13-yard scamper allowed the Cyclones to draw even with 4:25 left in the quarter.

Kansas State squandered a chance to take a touchdown lead, failing to score in three tries from the 3 before Cantele knocked through his third field goal of the game. The Cyclones matched it when they converted a pair of fourth downs and Guyer made a 43-yarder with 6:12 left.

The Cyclones finally ran out of answers, though, and they still haven't beaten the Wildcats in Manhattan since 2004 — the last time they had a winning season.

"Everybody is hurting. This was definitely a struggle," Barnett said. "We were just executing. I don't think K-State was expecting us to come out that way, and we just kind of took advantage of it, but then they definitely started catching on and made some adjustments."

Coach Snyder, Brown, Lockett Lead 11 Wildcats Named All-Big 12

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Led by junior linebacker Arthur Brown and freshman wide receiver/kick returner Tyler Lockett, Kansas State placed 11 of its players on the 2011 All-Big 12 football teams, the conference announced Wednesday. Additionally, head coach Bill Snyder was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year after picking up the same honor from the Associated Press on Tuesday.

K-State's three specialty awards are the most in school history for a single-season and were the most of any team in the conference in 2011. The Wildcats' 11 All-Big 12 selections are the most since the 2007 team had 15.

Brown was named the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year as well as earning First Team All-Big 12 honors. The Wichita, Kan., product became Kansas State's sixth Defensive Newcomer of the Year and the 11th overall Newcomer of the Year. A transfer from the University of Miami, Brown paced the Wildcats in tackles during the regular season with 95, the most by a K-State

defender since 2006. He also recorded 7.5 tackles for loss and two sacks to go along with an interception and two pass breaks.

Lockett was named the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, the first time a Wildcat has earned the award. Lockett was second on the team with 18 receptions for 246 yards and three touchdowns before missing the final three games, while he rushed for 110 yards on 10 carries. A Second Team All-Big 12 selection as a kick returner, Lockett also received votes for Special Teams Player of the Year as he leads the nation in kickoff returns with a 35.2-yard average and two touchdowns.

Snyder was tabbed as the Big 12 Coach of the Year for the third time after earning the award in 1998 and 2002. Snyder's Wildcats headed into the 2011 season with nine first-year starters and were picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 pre-season race before winning a nation-leading eight games this season by seven points or less and 10 games in a season for the first time since 2003. K-

State finished No. 8 in the final BCS rankings, its highest finish in the poll since 2002.

Joining Brown on the first team were offensive lineman Clyde Aufner, defensive lineman Ray Kibble and defensive back Nigel Malone, the first All-Big 12 honor for all three players. Aufner, a team captain, started all 12 games at right tackle for the Wildcats, helping K-State rush for 197.7 yards per game.

Kibble, a senior who also received votes for Defensive Lineman of the Year, started all 12 games at tackle and registered 36 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and one sack.

A junior-college transfer, Malone started all 12 games at cornerback as he recorded seven interceptions, the second most in school history and a figure that leads the Big 12 and is tied for third in the nation heading into the bowl season. Additionally, Malone totaled 16 passes defended and was fifth on the team with 57 tackles.

Lockett was joined on the second team by offensive line-

man Zach Hanson and defensive back Tysyn Hartman. Hanson played in 11 games, including 10 starts at left tackle as he helped the Wildcats rush for 197.7 yards per game and protected quarterback Collin Klein's blindside. It was the first honor of Hanson's career.

Hartman picked up All-Big 12 accolades for the second time in his career as he was an honorable mention selection in 2009. As a senior in 2011, Hartman was fourth on the team with 62 tackles and recorded three interceptions to push his career total to 10, which is tied for sixth in school history.

Leading honorable mention accolades for the Wildcats was Klein, who also received votes for Offensive Player of the Year. A dual-threat quarterback who was named All-Big 12 for the first time in his career, Klein has rushed for a K-State quarterback record 1,099 yards and a school record 26 touchdowns, and he is two scores shy of tying the Big 12 and FBS quarterback single-season mark. Through the air, the

Loveland, Colo., product threw for 1,745 yards and 12 touchdowns on 145-of-251 aim and just five interceptions.

Place kicker Anthony Cantele and defensive backs David Garrett and Ty Zimmerman also earned honorable mention selections. Cantele, who earned three Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week honors, is 17-of-22 on field goals and is 10-of-14 in the 30-49-yard range. He is tied for fifth in school history for field goals made in a season and fifth for field goals attempted in a season. It was the first All-Big 12 selection in Cantele's career.

Garrett earned his first All-Big 12 selection from the league's coaches after earning honorable mention accolades from the Associated Press in 2010. This year, the senior is second on the team with 78 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and two interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown against Kent State.

Zimmerman picked up his second-straight All-Big 12 honor as he was a second-team

member last season. The Junction City, Kan., product tallied 57 tackles, including one for a loss, and a pair of interceptions.

KANSAS STATE 2011 ALL-BIG 12 SELECTIONS

Coach of the Year: Bill Snyder

Defensive Newcomer of the Year: Arthur Brown, LB

Offensive Freshman of the Year: Tyler Lockett, WR

First Team:

Clyde Aufner, OL; Ray Kibble, DL; Arthur Brown, LB; Nigel Malone, DB

Second Team:

Zach Hanson, OL; Tyler Lockett, KR/PR; Tysyn Hartman, DB

Honorable Mention:

Clyde Aufner (Offensive Lineman of the Year); Anthony Cantele, PK; David Garrett, DB; Ray Kibble (Defensive Lineman of the Year); Collin Klein, QB (Offensive Player of the Year); Tyler Lockett (Special Teams Player of the Year); Ty Zimmerman, DB

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K-State, Arkansas in Cotton Bowl

It's Official: No. 6 Arkansas vs. No. 8 Kansas State in the 76th AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic

A battle of Top-10 teams has been set as the No. 6 Arkansas Razorbacks will meet the No. 8 Kansas State Wildcats in the 2012 AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic on Friday, Jan. 6th at Cowboys Stadium.

"We truly feel like we ended up with one of the top bowl matchups in the country," Tommy Bain, Chairman of the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic said. "This is the first Top-10 matchup at the Classic since 1994 and one of only four bowls this year pitting two Top-10 teams."

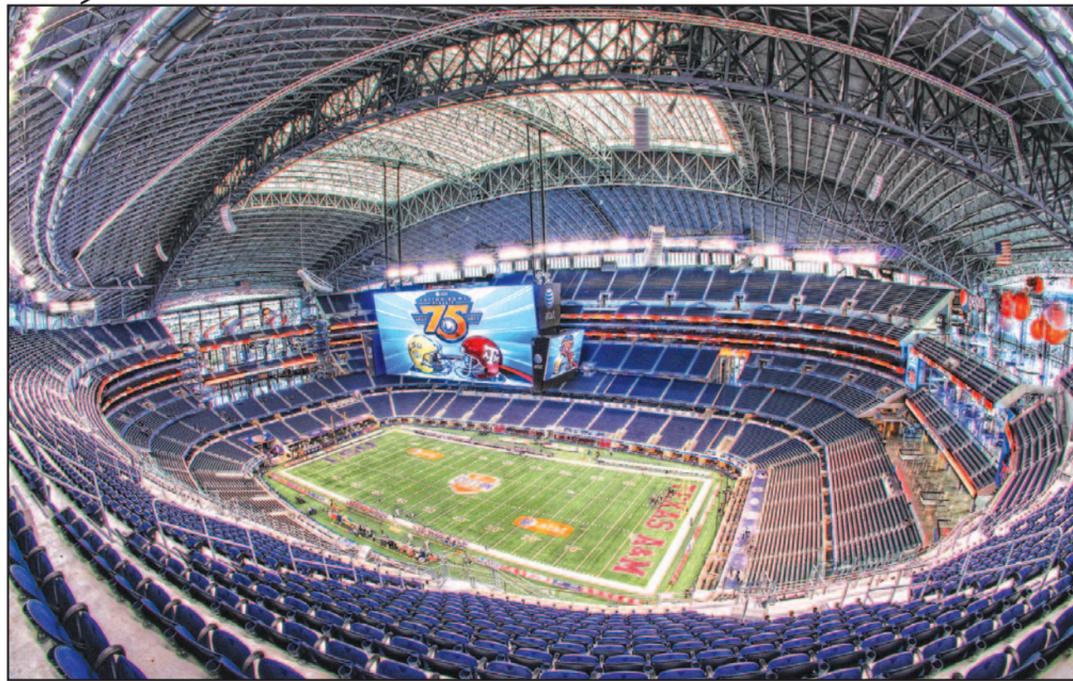
This is the first-ever Cotton Bowl meeting between these two top-ranked teams. Arkansas last played Kansas State in 1967.

The Wildcats will be making their third appearance at the AT&T Cotton Bowl, and their first since 2001 (Kansas State 35, Tennessee 21). Arkansas will tie Texas A&M with the second-most appearances at the Classic with 12. The Hogs last matchup at the Classic came in 2008 (Missouri 38, Arkansas 7).

"From top to bottom, the SEC and Big 12 are arguably the two best football conferences in the country," Fin Ewing, AT&T Cotton Bowl Team Selection Chairman said. "The 2012 Classic should garner some significant attention since it's the only bowl matchup between the Big 12 and SEC."

Kansas State, 10-2 and 7-2 in the Big 12, is led by legendary coach Bill Snyder, who is 1-1 in previous Classic appearances. Arkansas is making its third bowl appearance under head coach Bobby Petrino. The Hogs finished the regular season 10-2 and 6-2 in the SEC.

Kickoff of the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan.



Today's Cotton Bowl Stadium is an exciting sports venue that is larger and more sophisticated than ever before. A \$57 million makeover in the 2000s has resulted in an arena that is the ninth largest football stadium in the United States, with 92,100 seats.

6th and will be nationally televised on FOX. Tickets are only available through the two participating schools.

AT&T COTTON BOWL STATEMENTS

Tommy Bain, Chairman, AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic

"We are so excited with our lineup of teams for the 76th Classic. This is our first Top 10 matchup in 18 years and it's the first time Arkansas and Kansas State have faced once another in 44 years. Coach Petrino and Coach Snyder are remarkable coaches. Their track records prove that and more. The Razorbacks and Wildcats have been permanent fixtures in the BCS rankings all season long and that in itself is a wonderful tribute to the hard work of their players and coaching staff and the tremendous support of their fans. It's going to be a fun month as we count down their

arrival in North Texas."

Fin Ewing, Team Selection Chairman, AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic

"When you stop and think about our matchup for the 2012 Classic, you can't help but break into a huge smile. Arkansas is No. 6 and Kansas State is No. 8. What does this mean? It means two awesome teams that are evenly matched, and that should translate into a heck of a football game. The Razorbacks and Wildcats have enjoyed many great moments in the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic through the years. Getting them together under the roof at Cowboys Stadium in primetime on FOX is going to be special and fun for everybody."

Rick Baker, President, AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic

"We have had a lot of ter-

rific games in recent years, but it's been a long time since the AT&T Cotton Bowl has hosted a pair of Top 10 teams. You have to go all the way back to 1994. Kansas State vs. Arkansas is a blockbuster matchup for us. This is exciting. Few bowls have a matchup that is as intriguing as our game. It's going to be a special night at Cowboys Stadium when the Hogs and Wildcats get together. We can't wait. Anyone who has a ticket for this game is in for a treat."

KANSAS STATE STATEMENTS

John Currie, Director of Athletics

"We couldn't be more proud to represent the Big 12 Conference in the AT&T Cotton Bowl following a terrific and memorable season for our football program, fans and university community. I

am pleased to accept the invitation on behalf of President Kirk Schulz, Coach Bill Snyder and our entire institution. Showcasing our football program and university on a primetime national stage in one of the nation's most tradition-rich bowl games is a tremendous opportunity, and the experience our student-athletes, band members, cheerleaders and fans will have in Texas and at Cowboys Stadium will certainly be world-class."

Bill Snyder, Head Coach

"We are so very proud of the young men in our program and the courage they have shown this year, and we are very pleased to represent the Big 12 Conference in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. The Cotton Bowl is a first-class bowl and organization and we appreciate Rick Baker and the entire bowl staff for their

efforts and support of college football."

ARKANSAS STATEMENTS

Jeff Long, Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics

"The University of Arkansas is thrilled to accept a bid to play in the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic following our second consecutive 10-win season. Congratulations to Coach Bobby Petrino, our coaching staff and our football student-athletes on earning the opportunity to participate in one of college football's greatest postseason traditions. The AT&T Cotton Bowl has been an integral part of our program's history for more than six decades playing host to many unforgettable moments and memorable games. Based on the tremendous response from our fans and messages on my twitter account, it is clear the Razorback Nation is excited to return to the Cotton Bowl."

Bobby Petrino, Head Coach

"Our team looks forward to becoming part of the long-standing tradition the Razorbacks have with the AT&T Cotton Bowl. I am very proud to be the coach of this team, which has stuck together all season long and kept competing. The mentality our players have demonstrated is what has allowed us to accomplish all we have this year. We've enjoyed success in Cowboys Stadium and the hospitality and experience the AT&T Cotton Bowl provides gives our team a special opportunity to compete together one more time. I know this game will be highly anticipated by our fans and the support they will give the Razorbacks will once again be tremendous."

Final Big 12 Football 2011 Statistics

| RUSHING | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|----|----|-------|
| | Cl | G | Att. | Yds | Avg | TD | Lg | Avg/G |
| 1. Josey, Henry-MU | So | 10 | 145 | 1168 | 8.1 | 9 | 68 | 116.8 |
| 2. Ganaway, Terrance-BU | Sr | 12 | 229 | 1347 | 5.9 | 16 | 80 | 112.2 |
| 3. Michael, Christine-TAMU | Jr | 9 | 149 | 899 | 6.0 | 8 | 48 | 99.9 |
| 4. Randle, Joseph-OSU | So | 12 | 198 | 1193 | 6.0 | 23 | 62 | 99.4 |
| 5. Gray, Cyrus-TAMU | Sr | 11 | 198 | 1045 | 5.3 | 12 | 63 | 95.0 |
| 6. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 293 | 1099 | 3.8 | 26 | 63 | 91.6 |
| 7. Hubert, John-KSU | So | 12 | 188 | 933 | 5.0 | 3 | 47 | 77.8 |
| 8. Brown, Malcolm-UT | Fr | 10 | 159 | 707 | 4.4 | 5 | 27 | 70.7 |
| 9. Franklin, James-MU | So | 12 | 199 | 839 | 4.2 | 13 | 61 | 69.9 |
| 10. Sims, James-KU | So | 12 | 182 | 727 | 4.0 | 9 | 56 | 60.6 |

| PASSING AVG/GAME | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|
| | Cl | G | Comp | Att | Int | Yds | TD | Avg/G |
| 1. Weeden, Brandon-OSU | Sr | 12 | 379 | 522 | 12 | 4328 | 34 | 360.7 |
| 2. Jones, Landry-OU | Jr | 12 | 339 | 537 | 14 | 4302 | 28 | 358.5 |
| 3. Doege, Seth-TTU | Jr | 12 | 398 | 581 | 10 | 4004 | 28 | 333.7 |
| 4. Griffin III, Robert-BU | Jr | 12 | 267 | 369 | 6 | 3998 | 36 | 333.2 |
| 5. Tannehill, Ryan-TAMU | Sr | 12 | 300 | 491 | 14 | 3415 | 28 | 284.6 |
| 6. Franklin, James-MU | So | 12 | 223 | 353 | 10 | 2733 | 20 | 227.8 |
| 7. Webb, Jordan-KU | So | 12 | 179 | 281 | 12 | 1884 | 13 | 157.0 |
| 8. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 145 | 251 | 5 | 1745 | 12 | 145.4 |
| 9. McCoy, Case-UT | So | 11 | 88 | 144 | 4 | 1034 | 7 | 94.0 |
| 10. Ash, David-UT | Fr | 12 | 85 | 151 | 8 | 937 | 3 | 78.1 |

| PASS EFFICIENCY | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|
| | Cl | G | Comp | Att | Int | Yds | TD | Eff. |
| 1. Griffin III, Robert-BU | Jr | 12 | 267 | 369 | 6 | 3998 | 36 | 192.3 |
| 2. Weeden, Brandon-OSU | Sr | 12 | 379 | 522 | 12 | 4328 | 34 | 159.1 |
| 3. Jones, Landry-OU | Jr | 12 | 339 | 537 | 14 | 4302 | 28 | 142.4 |
| 4. Franklin, James-MU | So | 12 | 223 | 353 | 10 | 2733 | 20 | 141.2 |
| 5. Doege, Seth-TTU | Jr | 12 | 398 | 581 | 10 | 4004 | 28 | 138.9 |
| 6. Tannehill, Ryan-TAMU | Sr | 12 | 300 | 491 | 14 | 3415 | 28 | 132.6 |
| 7. McCoy, Case-UT | So | 11 | 88 | 144 | 4 | 1034 | 7 | 131.9 |
| 8. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 145 | 251 | 5 | 1745 | 12 | 128.0 |
| 9. Webb, Jordan-KU | So | 12 | 179 | 281 | 12 | 1884 | 13 | 126.7 |
| 10. Ash, David-UT | Fr | 12 | 85 | 151 | 8 | 937 | 3 | 104.4 |

| RECEPTIONS/GAME | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|------|----|----|-------|-------|--|
| | Cl | G | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | Yds/G | Rec/G | |
| 1. Blackmon, Justin-OSU | Jr | 12 | 113 | 1336 | 15 | 54 | 111.3 | 9.4 | |
| 2. Broyles, Ryan-OU | Sr | 9 | 83 | 1157 | 10 | 64 | 128.6 | 9.2 | |
| 3. Wright, Kendall-BU | Jr | 12 | 101 | 1572 | 13 | 87 | 131.0 | 8.4 | |
| 4. Ward, Eric-TTU | So | 12 | 84 | 800 | 11 | 48 | 66.7 | 7.0 | |
| 5. Swope, Ryan-TAMU | Jr | 12 | 81 | 1102 | 11 | 79 | 91.8 | 6.8 | |
| 6. Cooper, Josh-OSU | Sr | 11 | 64 | 660 | 3 | 37 | 60.0 | 5.8 | |
| 7. Stills, Kenny-OU | So | 10 | 58 | 818 | 8 | 58 | 81.8 | 5.8 | |
| 8. Fuller, Jeff-TAMU | Sr | 12 | 63 | 709 | 5 | 29 | 59.1 | 5.2 | |
| 9. Moore, Darrin-TTU | Jr | 9 | 47 | 571 | 8 | 56 | 63.4 | 5.2 | |
| 10. Torres, Alex-TTU | Jr | 11 | 51 | 616 | 4 | 44 | 56.0 | 4.6 | |

| RECEIVE YDS/GAME | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|-----|------|----|----|-----------|-------|--|
| | Cl | G | No. | Yds | TD | Lg | Avg/G | Yds/G | |
| 1. Wright, Kendall-BU | Sr | 12 | 101 | 1572 | 13 | 87 | 15.6131.0 | | |
| 2. Broyles, Ryan-OU | Sr | 9 | 83 | 1157 | 10 | 64 | 13.9128.6 | | |
| 3. Blackmon, Justin-OSU | Jr | 12 | 113 | 1336 | 15 | 54 | 11.8111.3 | | |
| 4. Swope, Ryan-TAMU | Jr | 12 | 81 | 1102 | 11 | 79 | 13.691.8 | | |
| 5. Stills, Kenny-OU | So | 10 | 58 | 818 | 8 | 58 | 14.181.8 | | |
| 6. Williams, Terrance-BU | Jr | 12 | 53 | 895 | 11 | 77 | 16.974.6 | | |
| 7. Reynolds, Jaz-OU | So | 10 | 41 | 715 | 5 | 62 | 17.471.5 | | |
| 8. Reese, Tevin-BU | So | 12 | 46 | 811 | 7 | 69 | 17.667.6 | | |
| 9. Ward, Eric-TTU | So | 12 | 84 | 800 | 11 | 48 | 9.566.7 | | |
| 10. Moore, Darrin-TTU | Jr | 9 | 47 | 571 | 8 | 56 | 12.163.4 | | |

| TOTAL OFFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Cl | G | Rush | Pass | Plays | Total | Yds/G |
| 1. Griffin III, Robert-BU | Jr | 12 | 644 | 3998 | 530 | 4642 | 386.8 |
| 2. Jones, Landry-OU | Jr | 12 | -16 | 4302 | 565 | 4286 | 357.2 |
| 3. Weeden, Brandon-OSU | Sr | 12 | -95 | 4328 | 537 | 4233 | 352.8 |
| 4. Doege, Seth-TTU | Jr | 12 | 46 | 4004 | 635 | 4050 | 337.5 |
| 5. Tannehill, Ryan-TAMU | Sr | 12 | 296 | 3415 | 546 | 3711 | 309.2 |
| 6. Franklin, James-MU | So | 12 | 839 | 2733 | 552 | 3572 | 297.7 |
| 7. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 1099 | 1745 | 544 | 2844 | 237.0 |
| 8. Webb, Jordan-KU | So | 12 | -86 | 1884 | 351 | 1798 | 149.8 |
| 9. Josey, Henry-MU | So | 10 | 1168 | 0 | 145 | 1168 | 116.8 |
| 10. Ganaway, Terrance-BU | Sr | 12 | 1347 | 0 | 229 | 1347 | 112.2 |

| SCORING | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| | Cl | G | TD | FG | XPT | 2XP | Pts | Pts/G | | |
| 1. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 156 | 13.0 | | |
| 2. Randle, Joseph-OSU | So | 12 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 12.5 | | |
| 3. Sharp, Quinn-OSU | Jr | 12 | 0 | 20 | 74 | 0 | 134 | 11.2 | | |
| 4. Bullock, Randy-TAMU | Fr | 12 | 0 | 25 | 52 | 0 | 127 | 10.6 | | |
| 5. Hunnicutt, Mike-OU | Sr | 11 | 0 | 20 | 51 | 0 | 111 | 10.1 | | |
| 6. Ganaway, Terrance-BU | Sr | 12 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 8.5 | | |
| 7. Gray, Cyrus-TAMU | Sr | 11 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 8.2 | | |
| 8. Cantele, Anthony-KSU | Jr | 12 | 0 | 17 | 46 | 0 | 97 | 8.1 | | |
| 9. Jones, Aaron-BU | So | 12 | 0 | 9 | 67 | 0 | 94 | 7.8 | | |
| 10. Carona, Donnie-TTU | Sr | 12 | 0 | 14 | 50 | 0 | 92 | 7.7 | | |

| SCORING (TDs) | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|--|
| | Cl | G | TD | Run | Pass | Ret. | Pat. | Pts | Avg/G | |
| 1. Klein, Collin-KSU | Jr | 12 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 156 | 13.0 | |
| 2. Randle, Joseph-OSU | So | 12 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 12.5 | |
| 3. Ganaway, Terrance-BU | Sr | 12 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 8.5 | |
| 4. Gray, Cyrus-TAMU | Sr | 11 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 8.2 | |
| 5. Blackmon, Justin-OSU | Jr | 12 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 92 | 7.7 | |
| 6. Broyles, Ryan-OU | Sr | 9 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 6.7 | |
| 7. Wright, Kendall-BU | Jr | 12 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 6.5 | |
| 8. Franklin, James-MU | So | 12 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 6.5 | |
| 9. Whitaker, Fozzy-UT | Sr | 9 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 6.0 | |
| 10. Michael, Christine-TAMU | Jr | 9 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 6.0 | |

| SCORING (KICK) | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|------|--|--|--|
| | Cl | G | PAT | FG | Pts | Avg/G | | | | |
| 1. Sharp, Quinn-OSU | Jr | 12 | 74 | 75 | 20-23 | 134 | 11.2 | | | |
| 2. Bullock, Randy-TAMU | Sr | 12 | 52 | 54 | 25-29 | 127 | 10.6 | | | |
| 3. Hunnicutt, Mike-OU | Fr | 11 | 51 | 52 | 20-23 | 111 | 10.1 | | | |
| 4. Cantele, Anthony-KSU | Jr | 12 | 46 | 47 | 17-22 | 97 | 8.1 | | | |
| 5. Jones, Aaron-BU | So | 12 | 67 | 70 | 9-16 | 94 | 7.8 | | | |
| 6. Carona, Donnie-TTU | Sr | 12 | 50 | 50 | 14-18 | 92 | 7.7 | | | |
| 7. Tucker, Justin-UT | Sr | 12 | 41 | 41 | 17-20 | 92 | 7.7 | | | |
| 8. Guyer, Zach-ISU | Jr | 11 | 28 | 30 | 9-12 | 55 | 5.0 | | | |
| 9. Mueller, Alex-KU | Fr | 12 | 34 | 35 | 3-8 | 43 | 3.6 | | | |
| 10. Barrow, Trey-MU | Jr | 12 | 18 | 18 | 5-7 | 33 | 2.8 | | | |

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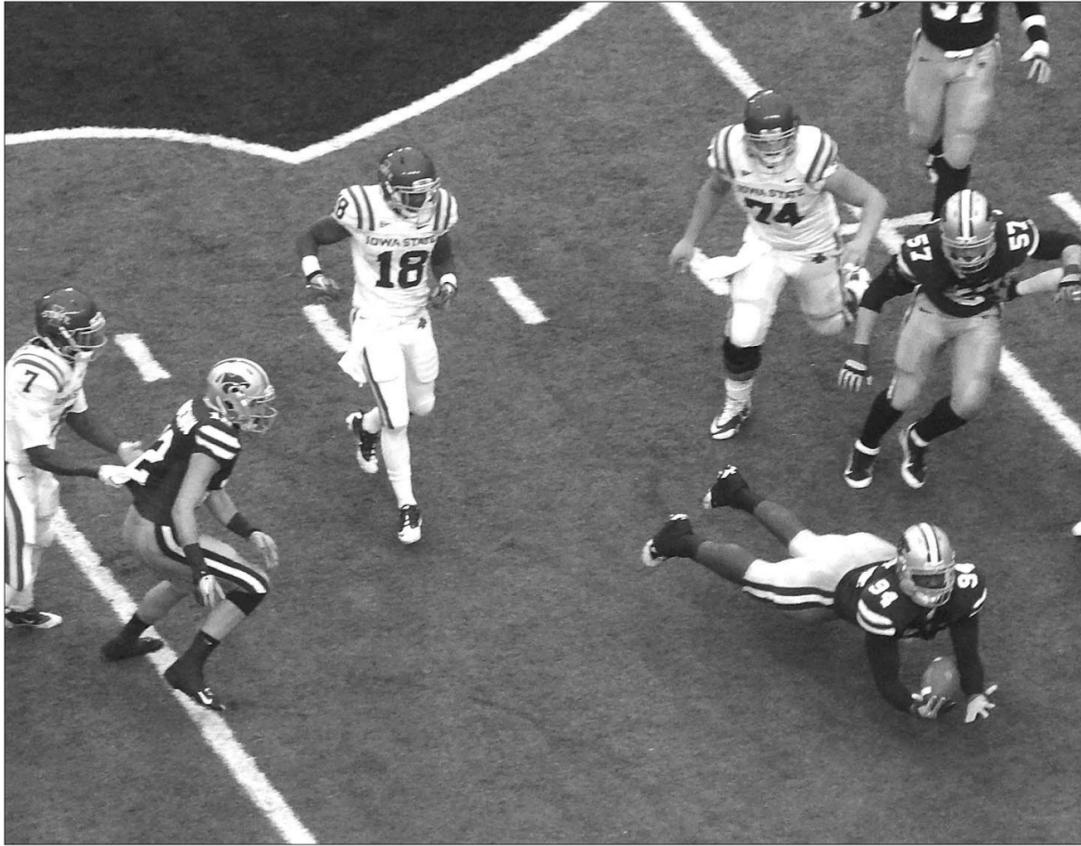
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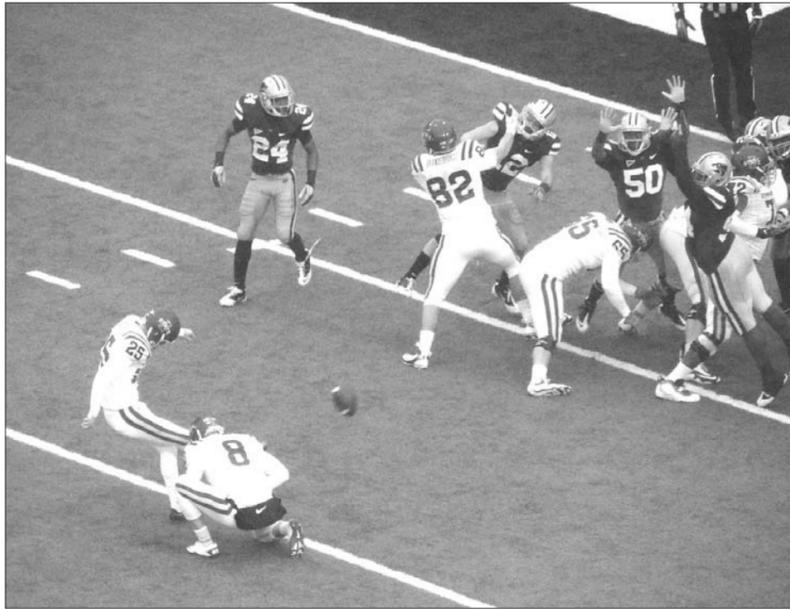
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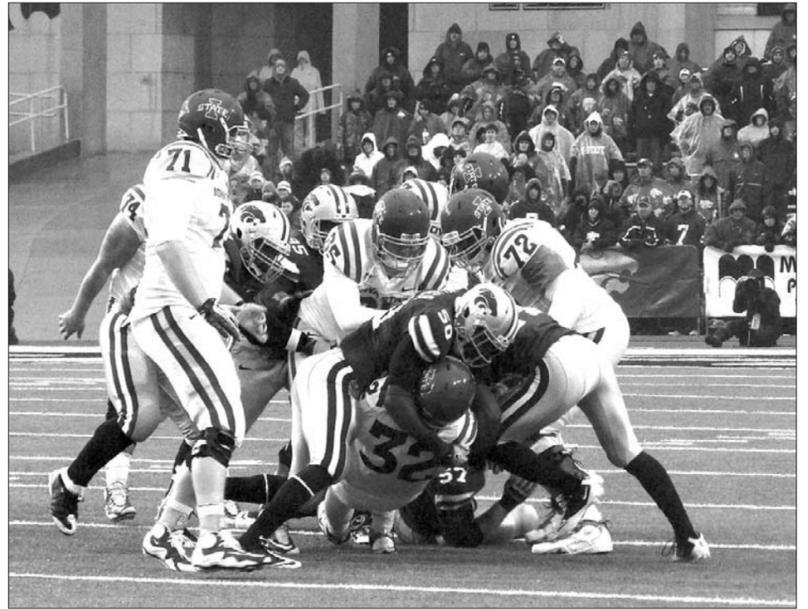


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Kansas State's Defensive Tackle Raphael Guidry (94) made this interception when the Cats needed it the most.



Defensive Tackle Raphael Guidry (94) (far right) blocks the extra point.



Tre Walker (50) and the KSU Defense had another good day.



John Huburt (33) takes off around left end for good yardage.



Collin Klein (7) get good blocking from the offensive line.

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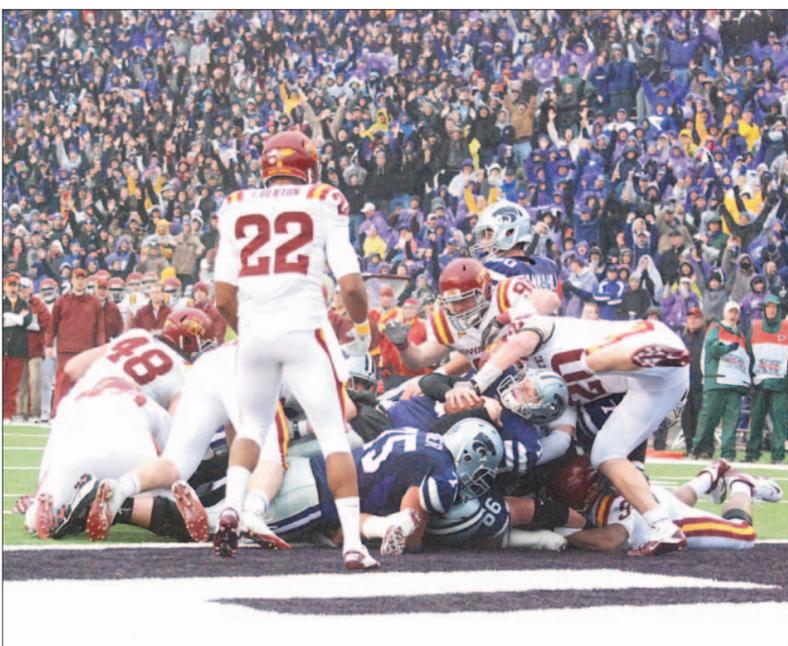
Tramaine Thompson (86) and Allen Chapman (3) do a high-five(?) at the end of a 30-23 victory over Iowa State Saturday night in Manhattan.



John Huburt (33) had another 100 yard rushing game Saturday.



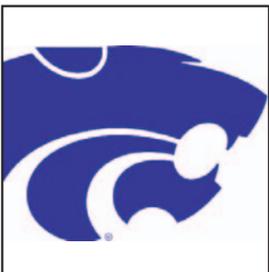
Arthur Brown (4) had another good game at Middle Line Backer for the Cat.



K-State Quarterback Collin Klein (7) gets another six-points.



Collin Klein greets the fans after the game.



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