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James Butler: Manhattan's Amazing Senior

Oct. 18 was a remarkable day in the life of a remarkable man. Not only was James Butler honored as one of only 50 "amazing seniors" in the U.S., he enjoyed a private White House tour and the opportunity to visit the memorials to the wars in which he fought.

Accompanied to Washington by Jan Ioegeer, director of nursing at Via Christi Village, Amy Boller, CEO of Via Christi Village, and his son, Mr. Butler was met at the airport by his granddaughter, Jacqui Butler.

In addition to attending the reception at the Washington Conference Center and receiving a lapel pin from LeadingAge, he toured the Vietnam Memorial, World War II Memorial, Korean Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Memorial. The MLK memorial had just opened on the 16th of October, so they were fortunate to be able to see it on this trip.

James Butler has traveled many roads during his life, both those he helped build and those which opened doors for him.

Born in Kansas City, Kan., he started college classes at KU but was unable to continue because of the Depression. He joined the Army in 1942. He was stationed on the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska, working with Army engineers build-



James Butler

ing the Alcan Highway. He returned to the United States in 1943 for more training, then went to help build the Burma Road which went as far as Kunming, China, a transfer point for military trucks and equipment. He was discharged from the Army in 1945.

James took advantage of the GI Bill and attended K-State.

In 1948 he decided to re-enlist in the Army because he felt it was a better opportunity. He was a warrant officer. James served in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was also stationed in New Jersey, Kentucky, Ft. Riley and overseas in Germany, France, Italy, Spain and India. In 1965, James was the representative for the United States in the Congo.

He retired from the Army in 1976 after serving for 32 years.

James returned to KSU and graduated with a degree in social theology. He went to work for the Kansas Commission on Human Rights in the Manhattan and Topeka area. As a member of the Manhattan Human Rights and Services Board and Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights, he advocated for desegregation in places like the Wareham Opera House. He was also NAACP president for the Manhattan Chapter.

After retiring from the Human Rights and Services board, he worked as a custodian in a church in addition to his lay speaking. James enjoyed writing religious sermons and was a lay preacher. He became a member of the Bethel AME in 1948 and enjoyed singing in the choir as a tenor. He also married in 1948. He has one son, Marvin.

James stated he always had something to do and kept moving. He says by being busy, he has lived a long life. James continues to attend many activities with his church and goes out with his friends often. He enjoys lots of visitors from the community who drop by to see him at Via Christi Village on a regular basis.

School Finance Reform Plan Announced

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced today his administration's proposal to reform the state's K-12 education funding formula. The governor said the proposal was crafted after months of discussions with hundreds of Kansans who are interested in improving education.

"Our current K-12 funding formula is broken," Governor Brownback said. "In the Roadmap for Kansas, I vowed to introduce a new school finance formula that increases local control, transparency, and focuses more resources on the classroom. Our proposal is a modern formula that will provide districts the flexibility that is necessary to meet today's challenges, prepare tomorrow's opportunities, and excel in education."

The proposed plan is designed to provide stable, predictable, and fair funding to all of Kansas' 286 school districts. This is achieved through:

- Providing the statutory \$4,492 base state aid per pupil,
- Offsetting local property tax inequity through the Property Tax Equalization Fund that pays out in increasingly greater amounts to districts with low property tax valuation per pupil,
- Further equalizing district budgets through Supplemental Equalization to ensure that

each district has a stable funding amount year after year, and

• Allowing for unlimited local control of property taxes for educational purposes.

Other components of the governor's proposed consist of Base Line Amount that will determine how much funding each school district will receive and from what source they get the funding as well as a 106% cap on the amount of equalization fund payment.

Under the proposal, the new finance formula would take effect in FY2014. Assuming the current base state aid of \$3,780 is held in FY2012 and FY2013 and property values hold stable, the proposed formula would cost the State General Fund an additional \$45.1 million in FY2014. No district would receive less money under the proposal, and approximately half would receive additional amounts.

Governor Brownback called education the most important function of state government.

"Education is to the state government what defense is to the federal government: its primary function and the lion's share of its budget," Governor Brownback said. "It's time for the state to fix its broken funding formula."

Brownback's Policy Director Landon Fulmer presented the proposal to the Kansas Board of Education this morning.

Kansas Legislators Seek Meeting With Boeing

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Republican Senate leaders say they want to meet with Boeing Co. to hear what lawmakers can do to keep 2,100 aircraft manufacturing jobs in Wichita.

Boeing, one of the nation's largest aerospace companies, announced a little more than three weeks ago that it was studying whether to close the facility because of what it called "defense budget pressures."

"We believe it is mutually beneficial to sit down and work together on solutions that would have a positive

impact on Boeing's operations, on other Kansas employers and on the economic future of our state," said state Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton.

However, the recent collapse of congressional supercommittee efforts to cut \$1.2 trillion in federal spending triggered the prospect of potentially \$500 billion in automatic defense spending cuts in areas that haven't yet been determined.

Gov. Sam Brownback and members of the state congressional delegation, voiced alarm at the company's announcement and vowed to

hold the Chicago-based aerospace giant to pledges it purportedly made in April to base a significant amount of work on a \$35-billion U.S. Air Force tanker jet contract in Wichita.

Brownback said he intended to meet with Boeing executives to resolve the situation, but Sherriene Jones-Sontag, his press secretary, said Friday that she could not confirm whether that meeting had been scheduled.

Now, Morris and 10 other state Senate Republicans also want a meeting with Boeing executives.

The legislators want to

learn "what factors are being considered in the company's evaluation of its Wichita operations and what policies could be considered by the Legislature during the 2012 Legislative Session to improve the overall business climate in Kansas for Boeing and other businesses," Morris wrote in a letter to Steve Wade, Boeing's Wichita site leader.

The legislators have not received a reply to the meeting request, said Patti VanSlyke, Morris' communications director.

Boeing spokesman Jarrod Bartlett declined to comment on any meeting arrangements

with Brownback or the legislators. The company plans to say nothing more about its future in Wichita until after its review is done, he said.

Former U.S. Rep. Todd Tiaht, R-4th District, who was a Boeing executive before serving in Congress and is a consultant to the company now, said that he thought the likelihood of Boeing staying in Wichita have been improving since the study was first announced.

Boeing workers in Washington state and Kansas on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved a new four-year labor agreement that provides

a 2 percent pay increase and other incentives.

In return, Boeing members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union agreed to drop a complaint filed with the National Labor Relations Board over the company's previous relocation of jobs to a non-union plant in South Carolina.

In addition, the company appears to be rearranging supply lines and other work among its manufacturing plants to direct more resources toward the expected tanker projects in Wichita, Tiaht said.

"Cats" Help Preserve Historic Schoolhouse

By Gloria Freeland

Local schoolchildren will now have a chance to experience what it was like to be a student in rural Kansas a century ago. Rocky Ford School, a one-room limestone schoolhouse located on the corner of Tuttle Creek Boulevard and Barnes Road near Manhattan, Kan., was placed on the Register of Historic Kansas Places in November.

Arlene Hopkins, who served as the 2009 president of the Riley County Historical Society board, has been interested in the property for a long time.

"My folks taught in one-room schools (in Washington County) and I remember them telling stories about teaching all eight grades," Hopkins said. "I wondered how they handled students in that many levels."

Hopkins said she always believed it was a shame to have Rocky Ford School sit vacant without anyone seeming to care about it.

"I thought we needed to pay attention to it or it would go downhill," she said.

Over the years, the school's roof had been heavily damaged by hail and wind, and baby vultures had even taken up residence in the coal shed



Rocky Ford School

at the back of the building. The historical society replaced the roof in early November 2009.

Although the school was built in 1903, it eventually became part of the Manhattan school district when smaller districts consolidated.

In 1987, U.S.D. #383 gave the school to the historical society with the understanding that it would be used for his-

torical purposes.

Hopkins said she found it interesting that a couple of local teachers had taken their students to the school for a day to teach them what it was like to be a student in the late 1800s or early 1900s.

"They would dress up in period costumes, take their lunch buckets and play games from that time," Hopkins said. "It's a good way to teach his-

tory. I'd like to see more teachers do that so more students understand what school was like back then."

Listing on the state or national register is also a good way to preserve that history, and it can make properties qualify for certain state or national financial incentives, according to Cheryl Collins, director of the Riley County Museum.

It also publicly recognizes the historic status of the building, she said.

Various repairs and improvements were made to the property beginning shortly after it was built. An outhouse was constructed in 1904, a well was excavated in 1909, a merry-go-round was installed in 1929, and a second well was dug in 1933. Although the building was nearly destroyed by a fire in 1927, builder Fred Hulse was able to use the original limestone in its reconstruction.

Even though the building and grounds are now a historical site, historical society members are planning additional improvements to the interior of the school. They formed a group, Pals of Rocky Ford School, to help raise funds.

They are currently selling Christmas ornaments. The wooden ornaments were inspired by a hand-drawn, illustrated map of Kansas State University (then Kansas State Agricultural College), drawn in 1928 by Vida Harris, an associate professor of art. "The map was very detailed with university buildings and street names, and along the perimeters, she drew bobcats or wild cats," Hopkins said. Hopkins' daughter, Terezie

Stanberry - inspired by Harris' "cat" - made her own design and used a wood-burning set to draw the details. Each cat is unique, and some include holiday designs such as strings of Christmas lights or Santa hats.

The ornaments are \$10 each and are available at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Clafin, and Vista Drive-In.

The vision of Pals of Rocky Ford School is "to have the school available for today's schoolchildren to experience a day in the footsteps of their ancestors."

The organization also would like anyone who attended or taught in a one-room school to send their school memories to the Riley County Historical Society, 2309 Clafin, Manhattan, Kan. 66502. Donations for the interior of the school may be sent to the RCHS at the same address.

(Gloria Freeland is a board member of the Riley County Historical Society and an assistant professor in the A. Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. She also writes a weekly column, "Kansas Snapshots," www.kansasnapshots.com)

James J. Coleman

James J. Coleman, age 64, of Manhattan, died December 9, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, KS. He was born May 30, 1947, in Lackawanna, New York, the son of James A. and Loretta Grace (Kimmitt) Coleman, and had lived in Cheektowaga, NY, Vandalia, IL, Clermont, FL, Alamogordo, NM, and Manhattan, KS. Mr. Coleman graduated from St. Mary's High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, and his Master of Arts in English from

Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. Mr. Coleman was a passionate teacher who cared deeply about creativity and self expression. He believed strongly that students who are shown respect and challenged to excel can transform themselves and those around them. He began his teaching career as an English composition and literature teaching assistant at Southern Illinois University and was then a 9th grade English teacher at Vandalia Community Schools in Vandalia, IL from 1972 to 1977. He was an 8th grade

language arts teacher for USD 383 in Manhattan, KS from 1977 to 2002 and was honored to receive the Bob Srack Excellence in Teaching Award in 1991. He also taught a college English honorarium, "The Handicapped in Literature" at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Mr. Coleman retired in 2002, but continued teaching as an adjunct faculty member at Lake Sumter Community College in Clermont, FL. Jim enjoyed playing the guitar, writing poetry, bicycling, bird-watching, hiking, and astronomy. He was most

happy, however, when sharing stories, debating, and telling jokes with friends and family. He also coached track, flag football, and intramural football. Jim married Peggy J. Williams on May 25, 1968, in Morganville, NY. Mr. Coleman is survived by his wife, Peggy Coleman. Additional survivors include three children: Jason Coleman of Manhattan, KS, Sara Rosenkranz and her husband, Richard, of Manhattan, KS, and Benjamin Coleman and his wife, Sheena, of Prairie Village, KS; his mother,

Loretta Coleman of Buffalo, NY; three grandchildren: Ella and Miles Rosenkranz, and Declan Coleman; and six siblings: Christine Farris of Bridgewater, MA, Mary Coleman of Buffalo, NY, Thomas Coleman of Buffalo, Daniel Coleman of Fredrickton, New Brunswick, Canada, David Coleman of Buffalo, and Ruth Coleman of Buffalo. He was preceded in death by his father, James J. Coleman, Sr., and two brothers Joseph and Paul Coleman. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, December 22nd, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen

Funeral Chapel. The family of Mr. Coleman will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 21st, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. 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 Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Harold Herbic

Harold Herbic, known as Hal, died December 11, 2011 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. He was 75 years of age. He was born in Alma, Kansas, the son of Martin and Ida Herbic and graduated from Alma High School. During the Korean Conflict he served with the U.S. Army. Hal worked for Shield of Shelter Insurance in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Later he moved to Dallas, Texas, then to Manhattan, Kansas,

where he worked in the Men's Suits Department of Dillard's. Hal later worked for McCullough Development Co., retiring at the age of 70. He was a helpful friend to all who knew him. He was an excellent pool player and enjoyed traveling and taking vacations. Hal was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Melvin and Edward, and his sister Eleanor. Survivors include one daughter: Natalie Herbic of

Brooklyn, New York, four brothers: Vernon, Larry and Don Herbic all of Alma, Kansas and Ken Herbic of Beloit, Kansas, and one sister: Lila Oliver of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is also survived by his longtime companion: Gloria Newingham and her daughter: Michele Berroth and children, Morgan and Jayten and her son: Mark Newingham. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2011, at the

Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Ben Duerfeldt officiating. On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the American Lung Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Martin Travers SGM (retired)

Marty Travers, 62, Manhattan, passed away on Thursday, December 8th, at Mercy Regional Health Center. He was born July 5, 1949 in Glasgow, Scotland, the son of the late Agnes (Shannon) and Martin Travers. When he was 10 years old, he came to America and proudly became a United States citizen in 1970. He received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland and his Master of Science in Adult Occupational and Continuing Education from Kansas State University. He married Jeannie (Tillman) Travers on January 3, 1997, in Manhattan. She survives. He was previously married to Wess Collier. They were later divorced. (She is the mother of the children.) He attended St. Thomas More Catholic

Church in Manhattan. Marty served 22 years and retired as a Sergeant Major from Fort Riley as a CID Agent in 1996. He received numerous awards, including The Army Lapel Button; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Army Commendation Medal; The Army Achievement Medal; The Meritorious Unit Commendation; The Army Good Conduct Medal; The National Defense Service Medal; The Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars; The Development Ribbon; The Army Service Ribbon; The Overseas Service Ribbon; The Kuwait Liberation Ribbon; The Kuwait Liberation Medal. After his retirement, he worked as the Alcohol and Drug Control Officer for the 89th Army Reserve in Wichita, Ft. Jackson and Ft. Leavenworth, retiring in

2011. Marty was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 58 and the Audie Murphy Club. In addition to his wife, Jeannie, Marty is survived by a daughter, Susan Travers of Massachusetts; two sons Martin Travers (Jill) and Alexander Travers, both of Massachusetts; two step daughters, Rachel Braddy, of Manhattan and Gretchen Braddy-Wear (Adam), of Cheney, Washington; a grandson, Zachary Travers; a granddaughter Colleen Travers; two sisters, Nancy Roman of Massachusetts and Sheila Putsey of Ontario, Canada. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project Fund and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home. To leave a message for the family visit our website at www.irvinparkview.com.

2011. Marty was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 58 and the Audie Murphy Club. In addition to his wife, Jeannie, Marty is survived by a daughter, Susan Travers of Massachusetts; two sons Martin Travers (Jill) and Alexander Travers, both of Massachusetts; two step daughters, Rachel Braddy, of Manhattan and Gretchen Braddy-Wear (Adam), of Cheney, Washington; a grandson, Zachary Travers; a granddaughter Colleen Travers; two sisters, Nancy Roman of Massachusetts and Sheila Putsey of Ontario, Canada. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project Fund and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home. To leave a message for the family visit our website at www.irvinparkview.com.

Elizabeth "Betty" Henderson

Elizabeth "Betty" Henderson, age 93, of Manhattan, Kansas, formerly of Atchison, Kansas, died December 9, 2011, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. Mrs. Henderson was born on October 20, 1918, in rural Atchison County, Kansas, the daughter of LaRue Erastus and Georgetta May (Stedman) Ross. Mrs. Henderson was a long-time resident of the Atchison area and a 1935 graduate of Effingham High School. She was united in marriage on January 20, 1941, in Hannibal, Missouri to William

C. Henderson. She spent most of her life as a housewife; and worked at the First Christian Church of Atchison as the secretary after her children were grown. Mrs. Henderson was very active in her church serving on many committees, teaching Sunday School, and participating in other church activities such as women's fellowship groups, deacon, elder, regional lay minister licensing committee, etc. She also was a Hospice volunteer, an avid reader and enjoyed keeping aware of community and political events. Most of all she

was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend. In 2008, she and her husband moved to Manhattan. William and Betty had four children: John W. Henderson (deceased), Roger L. Henderson, Atchison, KS; Ruth Ann Lackey and her husband Dale, Manhattan, KS; and James R. Henderson and his wife Kim, Atchison, KS. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Roger Henderson, Jr. (Phonsamay), Christi Sexton (David), Michelle Moore (Matt), Elizabeth Sedlock (Scott), John Lackey, Monique

Burns (Jesse) and seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and one son she was preceded in death by her siblings: Edith Mickelson, Ruth Lockhart, Herbert Ross and Ralph Ross. On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. A memorial has been established for the Atchison First Christian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas, 66502.

Zelma Marie Dodge

Zelma Marie Dodge, 94, Manhattan, passed away on Friday, December 09, 2011, at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, she was born December 10, 1916, on a farm near Hoisington, KS, the daughter of Clara (Bicknell) and Charles Finn. Zelma received a bachelor's degree in Micro-Biology from Kansas State University. She also served a Medical Technology internship at Kansas University Medical Center, and received a teaching certificate from Emporia State University. Zelma Marie Finn was united in mar-

riage to Darold A. Dodge on March 22, 1943, who preceded her in death on December 17, 2008. She was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, a member of the American Association of University Women, Daughters of the American Revolution, Retired Educators Association, and the Welcome Club of Manhattan. Zelma is survived by six daughters; Rae Marie Crisel, wife of John, of Zionsville, IN; Alvena Spangenberg, wife of Kenneth, of Great Bend, KS; Cecilia Smith, wife of Floyd, Newnan, GA; Beth

Warren, wife of Jimmy, of Manhattan, KS; Clare Rehme, wife of Erwin, of Longmont, CO; and Eileen Rinke, wife of Mark, of Lakeville, MN. She is also survived by ten grandsons, five granddaughters, and four great grandchildren. The family requests donations to Good Samaritan Fund at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, 2121 Meadowlark Rd. Manhattan, KS 66502. For more information or to send an email condolence to the family visit www.irvin-parkview.com

Warren, wife of Jimmy, of Manhattan, KS; Clare Rehme, wife of Erwin, of Longmont, CO; and Eileen Rinke, wife of Mark, of Lakeville, MN. She is also survived by ten grandsons, five granddaughters, and four great grandchildren. The family requests donations to Good Samaritan Fund at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, 2121 Meadowlark Rd. Manhattan, KS 66502. For more information or to send an email condolence to the family visit www.irvin-parkview.com

Ruth Lavon Coonrod

Ruth Lavon Coonrod, age 83, of Manhattan, died December 8, 2011, at Meadowlark Hills - Collins House. She was born October 10, 1928, in Manhattan, the daughter of Foster and Margaret Unice (Colwell) Blockolsky. Mrs. Coonrod grew up in the Zeandale Community and graduated from Manhattan High School. She had lived in Wichita, Kansas, Elk Falls, Kansas, and Winfield, Kansas, prior to returning to Manhattan. She was a member of the Methodist and Christian churches all her life. Mrs. Coonrod was devoted

to her family and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling for many years in several different leagues. On June 3, 1949, at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan, she was married to Carl M. Coonrod. Mr. Coonrod preceded her in death on March 4, 2002. She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kristin Coonrod and one brother, Robert Blockolsky. Survivors include two sons: Carl F. Coonrod and his wife Donna of Wichita, KS, and Randall R. Coonrod and his wife Jacquie of Wichita, KS; three siblings: Imogene Farley of Manhattan, Donna Simpson

of Carson City, Nevada, and Bill Blockolsky of North Pole, Alaska; five grandchildren: Sandra (Steve) Ackley of Wilmington, Delaware, Christopher Coonrod of El Dorado, KS, Nicole (Justin) Parks of Wichita, KS, Laurie (Robert) Cassidy of Manhattan, and Morgan Coonrod of Kansas City, KS; five great-grandchildren: Alexander and Nicholas Ackley, Lillana and Samantha Parks, and Parker Cassidy; three step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, Kansas State University Foundation to establish the Ruth L. Coonrod General Scholarship Fund, or the Community Foundation of Kansas for the Cato Restoration Project. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Pastor Wilbur Burton

Pastor Wilbur Burton of Manhattan, Kansas, went to sleep in Jesus Monday, December 5, 2011. Wilbur and Esther's children include Mary, Joy, Reggie & Jamie Burton, and Wilma & Doug Bing; two adopted children: Yasko Mendiola and Surangel Whipps; Grandchildren: Benjamin & David Burton; Chelsea, Alex, Tristan Burton, & adopted son, Jake Minesinger; aEric, Kaleigh, & Ryan Bing; Great-grandchildren: Ada & Ian Burton. He has one brother, Lael Burton. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Wilbur Eugene. Wilbur was born to Arthur and Lois Cagle Burton, near Perkins, Oklahoma, on March

20, 1931. He attended Southwestern Adventist University where he met his wife Esther Hoehn. They were married June 3, 1951, in Valley View, Texas. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this spring. Wilbur and his wife, Esther, were missionaries in Guam, Palau, Japan, and Saigon, Vietnam. On return to the U.S.A., Wilbur served as youth director and educational superintendent for Adventist schools in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska. He earned his doctorate in educational administration at Kansas State University. Most recently he served in the Trust Department of the KS-NE Conference.

Wilbur was an ordained minister for more than fifty years. Helping people experience Jesus as a friend was the passion of his life. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Adventist Southeast Asia Projects-In Memory of Wilbur Burton. For information please visit the website at www.asapministries.org. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Boys Hoop Holler N' Shoot

The boys finalists were determined Wednesday at Bramlage Coliseum in the 2011 Hoop Holler N' Shoot free throw contest. Four boys from a field of eleven go on to shoot in the finals of the boy's competition on December 31st at the K-State vs. Howard game. All contestants were champions from their respective grade schools.

The four finalists are:

- Carson Marsh, Amanda Arnold, 6th grade...hitting 7 out of 7 shots
- Chase Dillon, Woodrow Wilson, 6th grade...hitting 6 out of 7 shots
- Parker Stephens, Bergman, 5th grade...hitting 4 out of 7 shots
- Carson Gros, Manhattan Catholic School, 5th grade...hitting 3 out of 7 shots

free throw contest for 5th and 6th graders in the Manhattan area grade schools. A boy and girl champion is determined at each school. The grade school champion's move onto the semi-finals and finals held at Kansas State University basketball games. Over 860 students participated in the school competitions.

Other boy school champions that did not make the cut to the

- finals are:
- Gavin Bishop - Blumont
 - Caleb Staatz - Flint Hills Christian
 - Xavier Drummond - Lee
 - Luke Miller - Marlatt
 - Isaiah Clark - Northview
 - Deywan Hunt - Ogden
 - J'Donte Richardson - Theodore Roosevelt

Obituaries

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Sara Guillen

Sara Guillen, age 87, died December 11, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House, Manhattan, Kansas.

She was born on February 10, 1924 in Armourdale, KS, the daughter of Julian M. and Marie P. (Perez) Silva. The family moved to Manhattan where Sara grew up. She graduated from Manhattan High School with the class of 1942. Sara worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a Dietician's Aide for 20 years.

On November 17, 1945, she was united in marriage to Joaquin B. Guillen at Seven Dolores Catholic Church, Manhattan, Kansas. This union was blessed with four children: Luis J., Steven E., David A. and Teresa M.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She loved spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the happiest when she was holding a baby. Her family was always her first priority

and she dedicated her life to taking care of them. Sara also enjoyed gardening, crocheting and watching the birds that came to nibble from her bird feeder.

Sara was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church of Manhattan, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Joaquin, her parents, a sister: Eleanor, and a brother: Julian Silva, Jr.

Survivors include her sons: Luis J. Guillen of Wamego, KS, Steven E. Guillen of Topeka, KS and David A. Guillen of Kansas City, KS; a daughter: Teresa Guillen Carter of Mission Viejo, CA; nine grandchildren: Dianna Ginther, Michael Guillen, Daniel Guillen, Shawnie Hays, Tyla Guillen, Esbeban Guillen, Christina Fernandez, Andrew Guillen and Antonio Carter; 10 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers: John Silva and Richard Silva both of Manhattan, KS; 3 sisters: Mary L. Sandoval of Manhattan, KS, Rita C. Silva of Cimarron, CO and Rosie A. Broderick of Las Vegas, NV. She is also survived by

many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday December 17, 2011 at Seven Dolores Catholic Church, Manhattan, KS with Father Merlin Kiefer as Celebrant. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, KS.

A Christian Wake Service with Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday December 16, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan with visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice House, Manhattan, Kansas 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.

Albert M. Harenchar

Albert M. Harenchar, 90, of Manhattan died peacefully following an extended illness on December 11, 2011 at Meadowlark Hills in Manhattan.

He was born on May 24, 1921 in Farrell, Pennsylvania, the son of George and Frances (Mizenko) Harenchar. He was the youngest of eight children.

Albert joined the U.S. Army in 1939 and served until the end of WWII. He participated in the invasion at Normandy and served in the European theater of operations where he received a number of campaign ribbons and awards. While in the Army he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Albert was united in marriage to Marjory Wells, who

preceded him in death in 1973. On November 27, 1990 he was united in marriage to Margaret Anderson at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. She survives at their home in Manhattan.

Additional survivors include his children: G. Thomas Harenchar and his wife, Ruth, of Denville, New Jersey, and Pat (Harenchar) Lester and her husband, Mark, of Leewood, Kansas and daughter-in-law, Sue Harenchar, of Ft. Worth, Texas. Also three stepdaughters: Audrey Clowers and Linda Anderson, both of Manhattan, and Barbara Bright of St. Louis, Missouri. He is survived by his sister Frances Kiefer of Evanston, Illinois. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Albert "Bud" Harenchar, in 1998. He was also preceded in death by three brothers and three other sisters.

He was a past Commander of the Manhattan VFW and a member of the American Legion. Albert liked golf and listening to country and western music. He and Margaret enjoyed taking scenic tours and spent many enjoyable afternoons at Tuttle Creek watching bald eagles.

A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan with Father Keith Weber as celebrant. Inurnment will follow

in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Rosemary Arceneaux

Rosemary Arceneaux, 83, Manhattan, KS passed away Saturday, December 10th, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. Rosemary was born in Maurice, LA on June 2, 1928, a daughter of the late Felicia (Dalcour) and Remick Stevenson.

She worked for 15 years for Artex Company, was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Manhattan, and loved playing cards and Bingo.

Rosemary is survived by three daughters, Connie Jackson, Jeanette Arceneaux

and Joanne Arceneaux, all of Manhattan; two sisters, Anna Lou Stevenson and Esther Gedry both of Houston, TX; seven grandchildren: Floyd Lee Arceneaux, Ureka Arceneaux, Roy Lee Arceneaux, Jessica Arceneaux, Sylvian Arceneaux, Allen Arceneaux, Chanita Winbush; 14 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by six sisters & two brothers as well as parents.

A memorial service will be held on December 19, 2011 at

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Letters to Tom: Micromanagement

According to the Oxford American Dictionary, to micromanage is to control every part, however small, of an enterprise or activity. Recently, some members of the Manhattan City Commission were cautioned against micromanaging when they questioned the permanent addition of a third attorney to the city's legal staff and again, when they suggested that funds earmarked for economic development be used to pay for improvements to Poyntz Avenue. In the matter of hiring a third attorney, they were also accused of undermining the city manager, but that is another issue for another time. Let's talk about micromanagement.

Micromanagement is not a positive characterization. In the Army we associated it with leaders who didn't trust their subordinates. They would either do everything themselves or require constant feedback on the status of every mission. Orders were rigid



Mike Kryschal

and plans could not be modified without permission. The end result was poor morale and underperformance. The cure to micromanagement is empowerment which is based on the idea that all team members are capable (at least to some extent) of leading themselves. A major contributor to empowerment is delegation -- the assignment of formal authority and responsibility to another person. Delegation is narrower than empowerment because it deals with a specific task, while empowerment cov-

ers a broad range of activities. Empowerment and delegation are positive concepts, however when boundaries of empowerment are unclear or misunderstood, disharmony and dysfunction can result.

So what does this have to do with our city government? A lot. On April 5, 2011 voters elected three new city commissioners. The result was a city commission with a majority that came into office on a platform that sought to modify or reverse many of the policies favored by the preceding commission. This is why we have elections. Since then, the commission has accomplished a number of its objectives, however it has not been without friction and some acrimony. Having said that, the initial issues -- the Rental Inspection Program and the Sexual Orientation Discrimination Ordinance -- were pretty straightforward and clearly in the purview of the commission. While Rental Inspections and Sexual

Orientation Discrimination are controversial they do not have the municipal and individual economic impact as budget policy, whether it involves personnel, economic development, or paying for infrastructure improvements. Yet, when commission members challenge the status quo on hiring and spending, they are accused of micromanagement. That is not true. Questioning the decision to hire a lawyer at a six figure salary is not micromanagement. Determining the best way to finance infrastructure is not micromanagement.

Researching this article, I learned that while commissioners come and go, the city staff remains constant. While this provides for continuity and competent (usually) administration, it can and has resulted in a government that is not accountable to the citizens of Manhattan. It has also resulted in a staff that sometimes appears to be at odds with and dismissive of those it is supposed to serve and sup-

port. Empowerment can be a good thing but it's high time our elected representatives established real boundaries for the city staff. We elected the commission to ask the tough questions before things go wrong. That's not micromanagement -- that's attention to detail.

Mike Kryschal, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, has a Bachelor's Degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio and a Master's Degree in International Relations from Boston University. He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1999. He was a platoon leader in the 25th Infantry Division, company

commander in the 82d Airborne Division, battalion commander in the 1st Infantry Division, and brigade commander in the 2nd Infantry Division. He served in the 1st Infantry Division in Desert Storm. Since retirement, Mike has been an adjunct professor of history, political science, and leadership. He lives in Manhattan, Kansas with his wife, Karen and their Siberian Huskies.

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KHI news service alert

New Lansing prison clinic part of state effort to control inmate health costs

On-site facilities provide efficient access to services. A year after building a new health clinic inside the state prison at Lansing, officials at the Kansas Department of Corrections are so pleased with the results that they are starting to plan for another, perhaps inside the prison at Winfield. The clinic at Lansing Correctional Facility is part of the state's strategy for controlling inmate health care costs, officials said. As services are provided within prison walls, many costly hospital fees can be avoided and fewer staff hours are required for security, said Viola Riggan, director of

health care services for the prison system. The clinic also provides improved access to routine, preventive care, which minimizes the number of major procedures performed on inmates, she said. As wards of the state protected by constitutional safeguards against "cruel and unusual" punishment, inmates are guaranteed health care services. "They definitely don't get Cadillac care. They get constitutionally necessary care," said Riggan, whose office is charged with ensuring the care meets national standards. "It's a very thin line that we have to walk to make sure we're providing adequate service without being overindulgent."



Tavis Moten - an 42-year-old inmate convicted of aggravated assault and battery - receives one of three five-hour dialysis treatments per week. The new \$5.5 million clinic at Lansing Correctional Facility has capacity to treat about 26 inmates with kidney failure; this year it has treated an average of five.

KS reservoirs face sediment problems

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) Two federal reservoirs in Kansas have been losing significant amounts of water storage capacity because of sedimentation, according to a study that the U.S. Geological Survey says also shows the reservoirs can't be expected to last indefinitely. At least 95 percent of the sediment that flowed into Kanopolis Lake and Tuttle Creek reservoirs stayed in those reservoirs from October 2008 through September 2010, according to the study, which was conducted by the USGS and the Kansas Water Office. Water storage at Kanopolis, which is located outside Salina in central Kansas, dropped 34 percent by the end of the study. Tuttle Creek reservoir, located near

Manhattan in northeast Kansas, saw storage drop 43 percent. "This USGS study demonstrates that the useful lifetime for the valuable services of man-made reservoirs ... is measured in mere decades because they interrupt the natural sediment-transport process," Marcia McNutt, USGS director, said in a statement. Kanopolis and Tuttle Creek reservoirs were built more than 50 years ago for water storage, flood control and recreation. The study said the sediment came from the banks of upstream waterways, surface soil erosion and erosion along the banks of the reservoirs themselves. During the study period, about 600 million pounds of sediment flowed into Kanopolis, which

was built in 1948. But about 31 million pounds flowed out. About 13 billion pounds of sediment flowed into Tuttle Creek reservoir during the two years, with about 327 million pounds flowing out. Tuttle Creek reservoir was built in 1963. The study was expected to help the Kansas Water Office, which helps coordinate water planning in Kansas with the Kansas Water Authority, evaluate how best to manage sediment problems for the reservoirs. Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office, said in a statement that both reservoirs are important resources in Kansas and that the study's findings "greatly expand the state's knowledge of the conditions, functions and importance of our reservoirs."

Flint Hills Discovery Centers hires 3

MANHATTAN, KS - The Flint Hills Discovery Center doubled its staff recently with three key hires in anticipation of its regional opening in April 2012. Roy Garrett joins the Flint Hills Discovery Center team as the Exhibit and Operations Manager; Susan Adams as Volunteer Coordinator; and Richard Dean Prudenti as Membership/Special Events Coordinator. All three bring a wide range of experiences that will enable the Flint Hills Discovery Center to open with dynamic exhibits, strong volunteer and membership programs, and an active schedule of special events and programs that serve the greater Manhattan and Flint Hills region, said Bob Workman, director of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. "We are delighted to welcome Roy, Susan and Richard. Each one has a rich and varied

experience base that will be key to our launching at the highest level of quality the Discovery Center and all associated programs and events in the coming months," Workman said. Garrett is responsible for the care of the permanent exhibit space totaling 10,000 square feet, the development and implementation of an engaging temporary exhibit program, and supervising Visitor Services. Garrett is a seasoned museum professional with 15 years of experience at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History in Texas. He is a KSU alumnus and a parent. The volunteer program is a critical component for the long-term success of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Adams is responsible for the recruitment, training and supervision of the 100-plus expected volunteers supporting

the programs and activities of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. She comes to the Flint Hills Discovery Center from Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan where she served as Director of Volunteer/Guest Services the last five years. Prudenti, the most recent addition to staff, has been hired to develop and implement the membership program and coordinate all special events. Prudenti comes to Manhattan from Rogers, Arkansas, where he worked as Executive Director of the Rogers Little Theatre. He is also an accomplished journalist. These hires follow the promotion of Jared Bixby, Sunset Zoo Curator of Education, to Curator of Education at both the Sunset Zoo and Flint Hills Discovery Center. Bixby is well known regionally for his knowledge, creativity and effectiveness as an educator in

animal and natural sciences. He will be supervising a staff of education specialists and volunteer interpreters to ensure a rich and impactful education program at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Bixby's promotion also assures the development of complimentary and cooperative programs at both City of Manhattan facilities. The Flint Hills Discovery Center is a new attraction for Manhattan and the State of Kansas. Through permanent and temporary exhibits, dynamic audio/video programs and interactives, and educational activities and outreach, the Flint Hills Discovery Center presents the importance of the science and cultural history of this region. Its mission is to inspire visitors of all ages to learn about and explore the Flint Hills, and to ultimately become better stewards of the last stand of tallgrass prairie in North America and one of the world's endangered eco-systems. For more information, please visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org and our page on Facebook.



Roy Garrett, Exhibits/Operations Manager, Susan Adams, Volunteer Coordinator, Richard Prudenti, Membership/Special Events Coordinator, Jared Bixby, Curator of Education. (Photo courtesy of Melissa Kirkwood)

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Free Press Big 12 Sports

Gipson Named Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week

KSU Sports Information

Gipson becomes first Rookie award winner since Michael Beasley in 2008

Dec. 12, 2011

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Freshman Thomas Gipson was named the Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week on Monday after posting double-doubles in overtime games with West Virginia and North Florida last week.

A 6-foot-7, 275-pound rookie, Gipson becomes the first K-State true freshman to earn the weekly honor since Michael Beasley collected the award for the eighth and final time on March 3, 2008. The Rookie honor is the 26th by a Wildcat since 1998-99 and the 11th by a freshman during the Frank Martin era.

A native of Cedar Hill, Texas, Gipson averaged 19.0 points on 53.8 percent shooting (14-of-26) in helping K-State split two overtime games with 11.0 rebounds in 32.5 minutes per game. The squad lost 85-80 in double-overtime to former head coach Bob Huggins and future Big 12 foe West Virginia on Thursday in the Wichita Wildcat Classic at INTRUST Bank Arena before posting a 79-68 overtime victory over North Florida at home on Sunday. He recorded double-doubles in each contest, becoming the first freshman since Beasley to do it in consecutive games, and has posted double-doubles in three of the last four games.

Gipson began the week with a 15-point, 10-rebound effort in the double-overtime loss to the

Mountaineers. He went 4-of-8 from the field and connected on 7-of-8 from the free throw line in 28 minutes. He led the Wildcats in rebounding, while he was one of three players in double-figure points.

Gipson tallied his first career 20-point game against North Florida on Sunday, scoring 23 points on 10-of-18 field goals to go with a career-high 12 rebounds and two steals in a career-best 37 minutes. He nearly posted a double-double in the first half with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Gipson is pacing the team in both scoring (14.0 ppg.) and rebounding (8.1) through the first seven games of the season on 25.6 minutes per game, while connecting on 52.1 percent from the field. He is the first fresh-

man since Beasley to start the first seven games of the season. Since a two-point, zero-rebound effort in the opener with Charleston Southern on Nov. 11, he has proved to be the team's best player, averaging 16.0 points on 52.9 percent shooting with 9.5 rebounds in 27.2 minutes per game.

Kansas State (6-1) will take the week off for final semester exams before returning to the court on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9 p.m. CT against No. 16 Alabama (8-2) in the Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. The game will be televised nationally on ESPNU. Tickets are still available through all Ticketmaster outlets, by calling (800) 745.3000 or online at www.Ticketmaster.com.



Thomas Gipson (42) scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds against West Virginia. (Photo by Ben Brake)

No. 13 Jayhawks hand No. 2 Ohio State first loss, 78-67

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

Ohio State coach Thad Matta gave Kansas coach Bill Self an early Christmas present Saturday.

The Buckeyes were without preseason All-American Jared Sullinger, who missed his second consecutive game because of back spasms. It wasn't until that point that Matta finally disclosed that Sullinger wouldn't be able to play against the Jayhawks in a marquee non-conference showdown.

With Sullinger in street clothes, Deshaun Thomas played all 40 minutes for the second-ranked Buckeyes, scoring 15 of his 19 points in the first half in a 78-67 loss to the No. 13 Jayhawks.

"As I told Coach Self when we shook hands before the game, 'Merry Christmas early,'" Matta said.

"I don't think his exact words were, 'Merry Christmas,'" Self said with a grin. "I think there were some other words in there, maybe

describing the holiday."

Matta didn't want to jeopardize Sullinger's future because of a game in December. If it was the NCAA tournament, though, Matta said there's little doubt he would have played.

"When we came back in off the floor, I had a long talk with the trainer. 'What do you say, we just roll him out there,'" Matta said jokingly.

William Buford led the Buckeyes with 21 points, 17 coming in the second half. He said playing without Sullinger is a tremendous change because he's the best big man in the country.

"When you're missing out on that, you're going to have difficulties and have to make some adjustments," Buford said.

Kansas wanted Sullinger to play.

"I don't think you put an asterisk with the win," Self said. "Ohio State can certainly say, and rightfully so, Jared

didn't play. And we know he didn't play, and they're a much better team with him. But just because he plays doesn't guarantee anything."

Thomas Robinson scored 21 points and Elijah Johnson added 15 for Kansas, which led for all but 23 seconds. Coming into Lawrence, Ohio State had trailed for 19 minutes, 34 seconds all season, and led the entire way in its victory over Duke.

Newcomer forward Kevin Young came off the bench to score a career-high 14 points, and Tyshawn Taylor had nine points and a career-best 13 assists for the Jayhawks (6-2), who extended their winning streak to 47 games over non-conference opponents at Allen Fieldhouse.

Taylor played despite a torn meniscus and sprained MCL in his right knee.

The Jayhawks were desperate for a high-profile victory after losses to top-ranked Kentucky and Duke, and they

got it against a Buckeyes (8-1) team that led the nation in scoring margin.

Buoyed by a frenzied crowd that jammed Allen Fieldhouse to the rafters, the Jayhawks raced to a 23-13 lead just over midway through the first half, the decibel level at one point registering 114 on the scoreboard — roughly equal to that of a rock concert.

Robinson did most of the work inside, capitalizing on the absence of Sullinger to score around the rim. He had all seven of his first-half points during the opening flurry, and Teahan and Johnson each hit 3-pointers as noise seemed ready to lift the roof from the building.

The Buckeyes finally hit their stride, and it was Thomas who jump-started them.

The sophomore forward hit consecutive 3-pointers from well beyond the arc, and Amir Williams added his only basket of the first half to slice into the lead. Thomas' third 3-

pointer of the half and free throws by Lenzelle Smith Jr. and Evan Ravenel trimmed it to 33-29 with a minute left.

Young's basket moments later off a feed from Robinson gave Kansas a six-point lead at the break.

The school announced new football coach Charlie Weis during the intermission, and he concluded a brief statement by saying, "Let's go whup Ohio State. Rock chalk, Jayhawk!"

The Jayhawks gladly obliged.

Johnson hit two more 3-pointers early in the second half, and the lead swelled to 47-37 when Releford hit a 3-pointer off a feed from Johnson and Jeff Withey scored on a putback.

Ohio State coach Thad Matta called timeout to calm his team down, and Buford proved his veteran poise by scoring the first basket when play resumed. It was the start of four-minute run in which he scored all five of the

Buckeyes' field goals, getting them back within single digits.

The closest it ever got was 62-58, though.

Back-to-back turnovers by Thomas and Jordan Sibert prevented the Buckeyes from having a chance to take the lead, and Robinson converted a three-point play when he was fouled on a putback off a miss by Young with 2:40 remaining in the game. His free throw restored the lead to 71-61.

Robinson and the Jayhawks took care of things from the foul line down the stretch, allowing the reigning Big 12 champions to beat the defending Big Ten champs for the fourth straight time.

"We competed. We're a competitive team and that's a positive," Thomas said.

"Without Jared, we came out and competed without him. We're a great team with him, don't get me wrong, but we came out and competed and that's one thing that coach noticed."

SE: A Never Before Seen Season for K-State

By Mark Janssen K-State Sports Extra

How did they do it?

How, coaches from Miami, Baylor, Texas, etc., are asking does Kansas State keep winning football games?

Heck, even coach Bill Snyder says, "We play good enough to win, but not good enough."

So to the players ... how, after being picked eighth in the preseason Big 12 poll, have you managed to win 10 games, place second in the Big 12 Conference, be ranked No. 8 in the final BCS poll and are now heading to the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 6?

How?

"We just stick together," said senior defensive back David

Garrett. "We stuck together and continued to play. We just refused to lose."

Senior Tysyn Hartman adds, "We are fighters and half of the games that we won, we had to come from behind and find a way to make plays."

The season of the "Cardiac 'Cats'" has been well chronicled with the eight down to the wire victories by 3, 4, 1, 7, 7, 3, 4 and 7 points, not to mention a 7-point loss to Oklahoma State in a game that went down to the final snap. Yes, eight wins by 7 points or less, and a ninth game decided by seven points.

How unusual is such a season? We're guessing here that such a frantic season has never happened in the history of the

college game.

Of all the seasons K-State has played football, only twice — 1911 and 1935 — has it played as many as seven games decided by seven points or less, and never has a Wildcat team won more than three games decided by seven points or less in a single year ... until this season.

"It is just crazy," admitted receiver Tramaine Thompson. "This whole season has been a magical season for everybody on this team. We expected to do well, but I do not think a lot of people expected us to be where we are right now."

In a 10-win season, K-State was tied or trailed after the first quarter, and in five games it was tied or trailed at the half.

In the second halves of games, six times K-State trailed, or was tied, with its opponent only to come back and win. In a seventh game against Oklahoma State, the Wildcats fell behind by 10 in the second half only to come back and tie the game.

To all of that Garrett says, "I think it is special because everyone brings their own thing to the team. We do not have a lot of five-star recruits or big athletes like other schools, but we all stick together and do our role. We continue to work hard until we see all zeros on the clock."

Snyder did admit that the team is one of high character: "That's extremely important to me. We still have some growth to make, but it is a collective

strong group of principled young guy, and guys who have those intrinsic values."

The result has been K-State's ninth season of at least 10 victories in the school's history, and the first since the 2003 season when the Wildcats won the Big 12 Championship.

"It feels great," said Garrett. "I got here as a sophomore and we've improved each year, so to finish the year like this is great."

Tre Walker added, "Every step of the way and every day we got better. We never sat down and wallowed in our defeat. We always made an effort to get better. People have started to realize that we have come a long way."

Hartman added, "We have

been through a lot and to get 10 wins in our last season ... we could not ask for more."

Well, except for an 11th win on Jan. 6, 2012, when Kansas State plays Arkansas in the AT&T Cotton Bowl.

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Kansas State Wildcats 2011-2012 Men's Basketball SCHEDULE

			Record
11/06/11 vs. Fort Hays State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 90-60	Exhibit
11/11/11 vs. Charleston Southern	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 72-67	1-0
11/14/11 vs. Loyola	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 74-61	2-0
11/22/11 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 92-50	3-0
12/01/11 vs. George Washington	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 69-56	4-0
12/04/11 at Virginia Tech	Cassell Coliseum	W, 69-61	5-0
Wichita Wildcat Classic			
12/08/11 vs. West Virginia	INTRUST Arena	L, 85-80 (2OT)	5-1
12/11/11 vs. North Florida	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 79-68 (ot)	6-1
Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic			
12/17/11 vs. Alabama	Sprint Center	9:00 PM CT	
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic			
12/22/11 vs. Southern Illinois	Stan Sheriff Center	4:30 PM CT	
12/23/11 vs. Clemson/UTEP	Stan Sheriff Center	TBA	
12/25/11 vs. TBD	Stan Sheriff Center	TBA	
12/31/11 vs. Howard	Bramlage Coliseum	1:00 PM CT	
01/04/12 at Kansas	Allen Fieldhouse	7:00 PM CT	
01/07/12 vs. Missouri	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT	
01/10/12 vs. Baylor	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT	
01/14/12 at Oklahoma	Lloyd Noble Center	12:30 PM CT	
01/18/12 vs. Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT	
01/21/12 at Oklahoma State	Gallagher-Iba Arena	12:30 PM CT	
01/25/12 at Texas Tech	United Spirit Arena	8:00 PM CT	
01/28/12 vs. Oklahoma	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT	
01/31/12 at Iowa State	Hilton Coliseum	8:00 PM CT	
02/04/12 vs. Texas A&M	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 PM CT	
02/07/12 vs. Texas Tech	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT	
02/11/12 at Texas	Erwin Center	1:00 PM CT	
02/13/12 vs. Kansas	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT	
02/18/12 at Baylor	Ferrell Center	12:30 PM CT	
02/21/12 at Missouri	Mizzou Arena	6:00 PM CT	
02/25/12 vs. Iowa State	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT	
02/28/12 at Texas A&M	Reed Arena	6:00 PM CT	
03/03/12 vs. Oklahoma State	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT	
Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship			
03/07/12 vs. TBD	Sprint Center	TBA	

Kansas State Wildcats 2011-2012 Women's Basketball SCHEDULE

			Record
11/03/11 vs. Oklahoma City	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 63-51	Exhibit
11/08/11 vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 52-50	Exhibit
11/12/11 vs. Dartmouth	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 54-20	1-0
11/16/11 vs. BYU TV	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 59-46	2-0
11/18/11 vs. Missouri State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 65-63	3-0
Cancun Challenge			
11/24/11 vs. Hofstra	Moon Palace Resort	L, 64-54	3-1
11/25/11 vs. Purdue	Moon Palace Resort	L, 46-42 (OT)	3-2
12/03/11 vs. Iowa TV	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-78	4-2
12/07/11 vs. Wichita State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 60-34	5-2
12/10/11 at South Dakota St.	Brookings, S.D.	W, 63-46	6-2
BTI Invitational			
12/18/11 vs. North Dakota State	Las Vegas, Nev.	9:30 p.m. CT	
12/19/11 vs. Northwestern	Las Vegas, Nev.	9:30 p.m. CT	
12/20/11 vs. UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	9:30 p.m. CT	
12/29/11 at Marist	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	6:00 p.m. CT	
01/04/12 vs. Texas A&M	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/07/12 at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/11/12 vs. Missouri	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/14/12 at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT	
01/17/12 vs. Oklahoma	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/21/12 at Baylor	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/25/12 vs. Iowa State	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
01/28/12 at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	11:30 a.m. CT	
02/01/12 at Texas	Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/04/12 vs. Baylor	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/08/12 at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/12/12 vs. Kansas	Bramlage Coliseum	12:00 p.m. CT	
02/15/12 at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/18/12 vs. Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 p.m. CT	
02/22/12 vs. Oklahoma State	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/25/12 at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	12:00 p.m. CT	
02/29/12 at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	7:00 p.m. CT	
03/03/12 vs. Texas Tech	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 p.m. CT	
2012 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships			
03/07/12 vs. TBD	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA	

Big 12 Men's Basketball Standings

	Big12	Overall
Missouri	0-0	9-0
Baylor	0-0	7-0
Texas A&M	0-0	8-1
Oklahoma	0-0	7-1
Kansas State	0-0	6-1
Kansas	0-0	7-2
Texas	0-0	7-2
Iowa State	0-0	7-3
Oklahoma State	0-0	6-3
Texas Tech	0-0	4-4

Big 12 Women's Basketball Standings

	Big12	Overall
Baylor	0-0	10-0
Texas Tech	0-0	8-0
Oklahoma State	0-0	5-0
Kansas	0-0	8-1
Missouri	0-0	7-1
Texas A&M	0-0	7-2
Iowa State	0-0	6-2
Texas	0-0	6-2
Kansas State	0-0	5-3
Oklahoma	0-0	4-3

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K-State Stifles Wichita State Wednesday Night, 60 - 34

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State put together a suffocating defensive effort and Brittany Chambers registered the 1,000th point of her career, as K-State defeated Wichita State on Wednesday night, 60-34.

Chambers finished the evening with a game-high 17 points on 6-of-13 shooting. She also added a team-high eight rebounds and pocketed a career-high-tying three steals. She is the 37th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark for her career and the first junior to do so since Ashley Sweat in the 2008-09 season.

Joining Chambers in double figures was Jalana Childs. The senior from Orlando, Fla., entered the game with three straight games of 20 or more points, but Childs was held to 12 points. She completed her stat line with five rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

As a team, K-State (5-2) held its fourth opponent this season to under 49 points by limiting the Shockers to a .190 field goal percentage which included an 0-of-5 effort from beyond the arc. The Wildcats forced 20 Wichita State turnovers and recorded 13 steals.

Wichita State (3-5) was paced by Chynna Turner with 11 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. Also adding to the effort was Jessica Diamond 10.

In the first half, a JuliAnne Chisholm three-point play followed by a Chantay Caron layup pushed K-State out to a 10-point lead, 22-12, with 6:22 remaining. After the Shockers called a timeout, Mariah White tallied a steal on the ensuing Wichita State possession. Chambers capped the resulting Wildcats' possession with a driving ball fake and layup for a 24-12 K-State lead.

K-State concluded the opening stanza with a 9-5 advantage, as Chambers tallied five points on a pair of free throws

and a three-pointer. The Wildcats shot .379 from the field on the way to a 33-17 halftime lead. The 17 points surrendered by K-State were the fewest in a half since the Wildcats held Dartmouth to 10 points in both halves of the season-opening win.

The Wildcats used an 8-2 run early in the second half to build a 20-point lead, 45-25. The run started on the back of a Branshea Brown layup, followed by a Chambers three and a layup and concluded on a Caron free throw with 13:15 remaining.

The Shockers cut into the K-State lead, 47-33, by holding the Wildcats without a field goal for over seven minutes. Childs ended the drought with a jump hook in the lane to give K-State a 49-33 lead with 4:49 to play.

Chambers put the finishing touches on the scoring for K-State, as she connected on her final attempt of the night, a three-pointer from the left wing with under a minute to play. The points gave her exactly 1,000 for her career.

Kansas State will now take to the road for its last five games of its non-conference schedule. The Wildcats will travel to Brookings, S.D., on Saturday to face South Dakota State at 5 p.m. The contest will be available on the K-State Sports Network.

Postgame Quotes

Kansas State Head Coach Deb Patterson

Opening Statement...

"I was pleased with our defensive effort tonight. It ended up being a game where we were obviously able to utilize a lot of our roster and I think the area of growth that we need to continue to bring to the table is that we do interchange and get deeper into our roster; we have got to maintain the production on the offense end of the floor. In the second half, we had an extremely long period of time without a basket and to me that is more about

the mental commitment you have got to make to execution. Again, tonight was a good effort on the defensive end but I want to continue to see growth with respect to coming in and out of the game and playing with different combination, if and when we get that opportunity."

On tonight's quality of shots...

"We had a lot of good looks at the basket and we were getting a lot of open 3-point looks. Whenever we get 16-25 looks from the 3-point line, I am happy. A lot of our misses in the paint are just shots that we have got to learn how to finish."

On the pace of tonight's game...

"It was a little iffy. I did not feel as though we really came out with a sustained punch at the beginning of the game. I thought we were both trying to feel each other out a little bit. Again, we got good looks but that are shots that we have to finish but we eventually pulled away. The tempo of the game tonight, until late in the second half, seemed pretty slow; especially in regards to what we faced against Iowa. I think we got a little passive at times when we needed to be aggressive."

On tonight's rebounding battles...

"I thought in the second half, there was a lot of offensive rebounds that we missed out on because we too deep under the rim. We went nine minutes with our second group and I thought that we did not rebound well at all. I just think it is about positioning and about the discipline of making it a priority. Many times tonight, we got lulled into standing and reacting late. I want to see a higher percentage of makes around the rim than we got tonight."

On playing multiple players tonight...

"I feel like we are improving; we are getting good looks. As the season moves on, I feel

like we are getting more consistent there. A lot of the tempo tonight was because I played a lot of people. I do feel very confident about seven or eight of us being able to contribute when we are focused, in rhythm and playing a rotation that is friendly to that. We looked to get some of our younger players some minutes tonight and I think was a factor with the game's rhythm."

On Brittany Chambers scoring 1,000 career points...

"She is a tremendous scorer and that is what is neat about her; we have had some pure shooters here and Brittany as hit some astounding threes, but even as she makes those threes, I think of her more as a scorer. It is fun to see someone get 1,000 points as a scorer, not just as a pure shooter. Some of them have been circus-shots from 23 or 24 feet, some of them have been off beautiful screens, some of them have been off of layups, and some of them have been off of 3-point plays. It is her versatility that has enabled her to reach this stature at this point in her career. As she has alluded to, she has had some great teammates and so many things have to be in place to for a player to achieve 1,000 points early in their junior season."

Kansas State Player Quotes Junior Guard Brittany Chambers

On the last shot making it her 1,000 point...

"It is a great honor, and it is something I am glad is over with. Not that I really knew but it is over. I attribute that to my teammates like Brandy (Brown), Mariah (White) and Jalana (Childs). It is great to play with them, and it has been amazing. They really get me open and set me up for a lot of shots that I would not have made without them."

Challenges while playing on the road...

"Playing on the road any-

where is a huge challenge you have to be mentally tough, and I think our team does have the experience. I think our team has enough toughness to do it, but a lot of our senior and junior leaders need to step it up. I am not worried because I believe there are some great teams and great challenges. I believe our team can definitely do well."

Wichita State Quotes

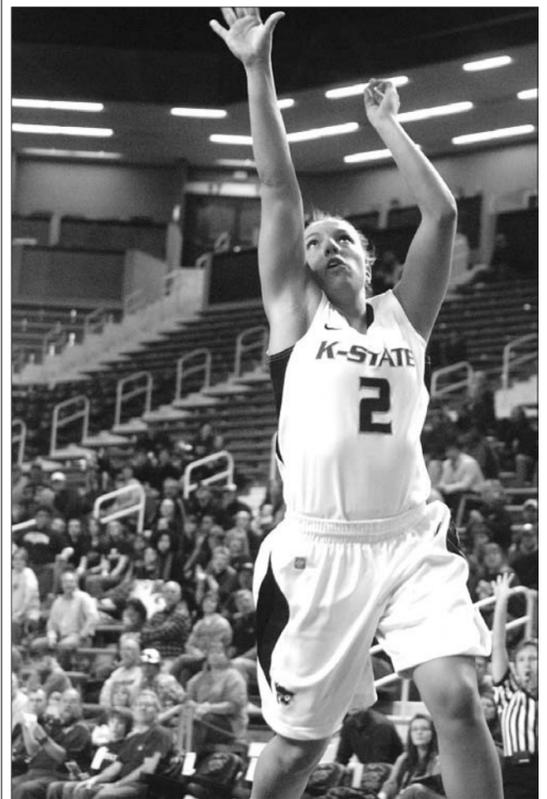
Head Coach Jody Adams Biggest problem on the night...

"We shot zero percent in the paint which is a blocked shot for us. We got to the free-throw line and shot 52 percent and we are not going to win

ball games like that. We did our goal holding them to 60 points when they do not average more than 59, so defensively I thought we did some great things."

On playing a Big 12 team...

"It is no different than playing LSU, Arizona or UC Davis. These programs have been established for years. We are still a program still trying to grow in its fourth year. Until our leaders are established and our leaders step up and give great examples like Chynna Turner did tonight, who had a double-double in 25 minutes, you are going to see these peeks and valleys."



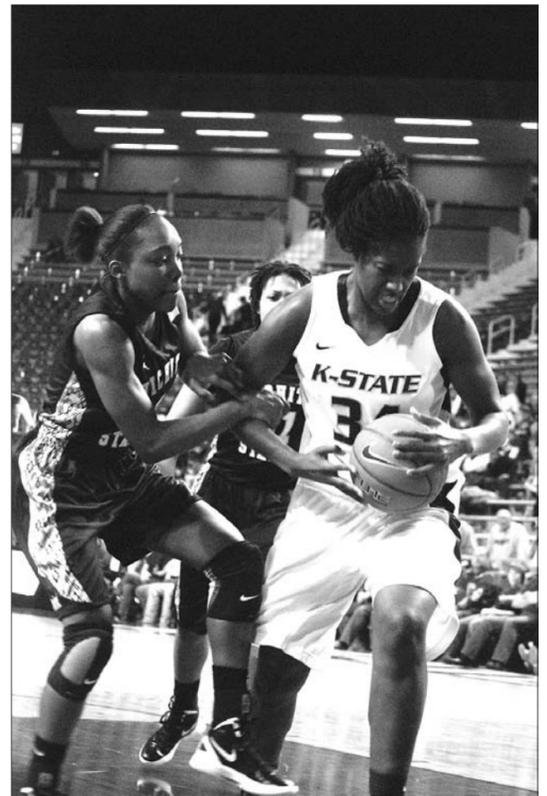
Brittany Chambers (2) takes a shot and got her 1,000th point of her career against Wichita State.



K-State's JuliAnne Chisholm (20) drives past the Wichita State Defense.



Mariah White (22) pushes her way through Wichita State's Molly O'Brien (5).



Branshea Brown (34) fights to keep control of the ball. This was her 30th career start.

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Sports Second Front

K-State holds off North Florida 79-68 in OT

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

Kansas State went to overtime for the second time in four days. They managed to win this time, but that didn't mean coach Frank Martin was happy about it.

"We had 19 turnovers halfway through the second half," Martin said after Kansas State beat North Florida 79-68 on Sunday. "We were completely disinterested, couldn't make any shots. It's hard to win that way."

Thomas Gipson had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats (6-1). Will Spradling had 12 points, including a big 3-pointer late in regulation, and Jamar Samuels also had 12 points for Kansas State.

The Wildcats were coming off their only loss of the season, an 85-80 double-overtime loss to West Virginia on Thursday night in Wichita, Kan.

Kansas State had a tougher time with the Ospreys than expected, and managed to pull it out in part because of free-throw shooting in overtime, when the Wildcats went 11 for 12. Gipson's basket made it 64-63 and Kansas State kept the lead the rest of the way, and committed no turnovers in the extra period, finishing with 19 for the game.

The Wildcats trailed late, but Spradling's 3-pointer with 19 seconds left gave Kansas State a 60-58 lead. Jimmy Williams' basket for North Florida beat the buzzer and sent the game to overtime at 60-60.

Williams and Parker Smith led the Ospreys (5-5) with 13 points.

North Florida didn't lead until Williams' basket with

12:37 to play gave the Ospreys a 40-38 edge.

Samuels' free throws put Kansas State ahead 57-55 with less than 3 minutes left before Williams' three-point play put North Florida in front 58-57 with 1:43 remaining.

Spradling said Kansas State is in trouble if it keeps allowing comebacks like that one.

"When we get up like that, we need to just bury teams," he said. "Once we get leads, we like to relax and let teams back in the game. We can't be doing that, especially when Big 12 (season) comes, because if we do, we're going to be the team getting buried."

The Wildcats began the game with a 12-4 run. Rodney McGruder slashing to the rim got them a pair of baskets early, and the 275-pound Gipson got another basket inside.

The Ospreys got within 26-23 on Andy Diaz's three-point play, followed by Williams' basket.

Adrian Diaz, Andy's younger brother who plays for the Wildcats, scored six straight points to push Kansas State's lead to 32-23 with a minute to go in the half. Spradling's accidental tip-in of a North Florida miss gave the Ospreys the final points of the first half.

North Florida scored the first six points of the second half to get within one, then Gipson took over to extend the Wildcats' lead back to 38-33. Then the Ospreys scored seven in a row capped by Williams' basket making it 40-38.

They continued to pick up steam, taking a 49-40 lead with 8:36 to play after Jerron Granberry's consecutive 3-pointers.

Kansas State pulled even at 55 behind inside play, with Gipson and Samuels each contributing four points to a 15-6 run.

"Obviously they had to increase the pressure," North Florida coach Matthew Driscoll said. "We knew that they were going to increase the pressure. We just had to do a better job executing at that time with a crowd like this that gets excited and gets their energy going."

While it was another close encounter with a team that Big 12 teams are expected to beat, Martin said the score does not bother him as much as the selfishness and immaturity he sees from the team right now.

"I'm not concerned with the final score; that's irrelevant to me," Martin said. "I'm concerned on how we do our jobs _ guys being on the same page, how you go out and play."



Thomas Gipson (42) recorded his 3rd career double-double with a game high 12 rebounds and career high 23 points.



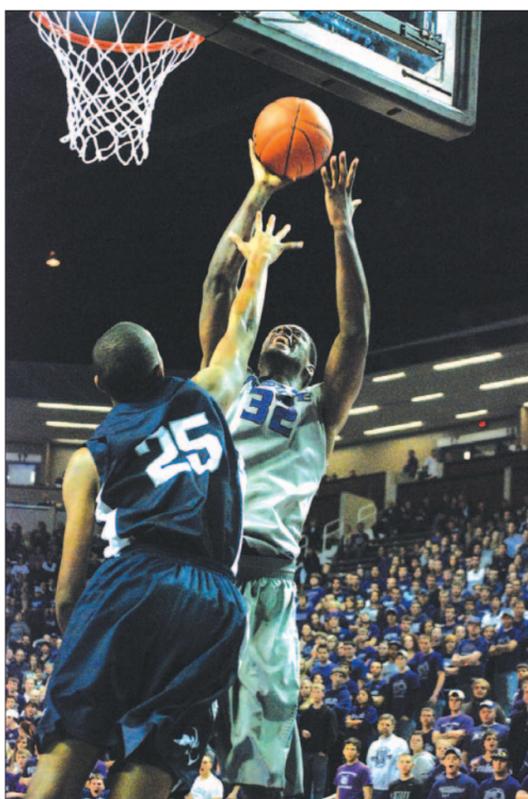
Rodney McGruder (22) moves in for his shot and scored 10 points for K-State.



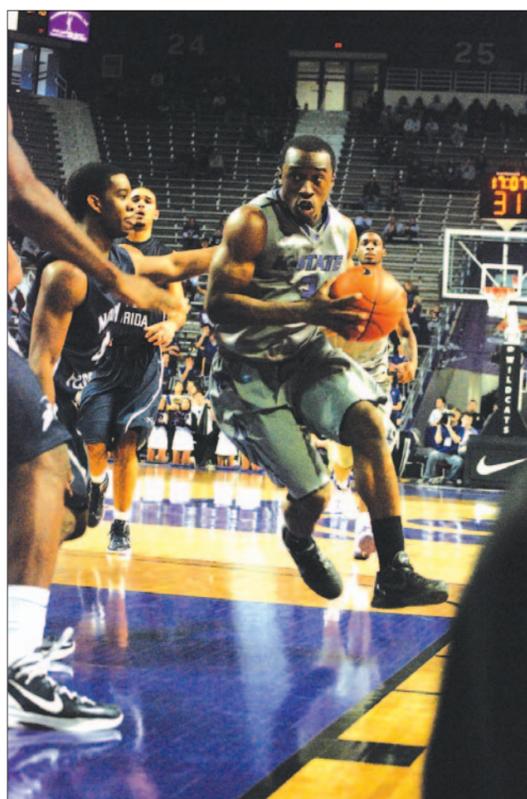
Will Spradling (55) moves past the North Florida defense and scored 12 points for the Wildcats.



Adrian Diaz (20) scored a thunderous dunk off a pass from Spradling.

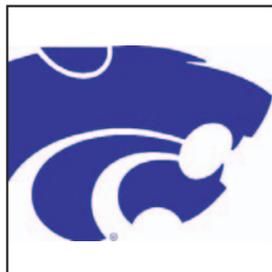


Jamar Samuels (32) goes up for the net and added 12 points to the Wildcat's score.



Martavious Irving (3) moves around the Ospreys towards the net.

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