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Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder

Coach Bill Snyder Talks To The Media At The Cotton Bowl

HEAD COACH BILL SNYDER

Opening remarks: "Thank you to the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. We're honored to be here and compete against a tremendous football program and team in the University of Arkansas. We're honored that AT&T, Rick Baker and the entire selection committee chose Kansas State. Our youngsters are pleased, proud and are enjoying the daylights out of themselves, they'll be dead-tired by game time so it might be a slow game on our part."

Preparing players in handling the environment at the Cotton Bowl Classic:

"Beginning tomorrow night, we're going to tie them to their bed. You have to put faith and trust in the young people that you have and hope that they don't wear themselves out. I think our guys understand that, we've had a lot of dialogue about it. There's a lot to see and a lot to do and a lot of activities. It's understanding how to pace yourself and still be able to practice well."

On QB Collin Klein winning All-Purpose Big XII Player of the Year:

"I think it's pretty obvious that is appropriate for him [to win that award]. He's an awful lot of things. He's been very instrumental to whatever degree of success we have had this season. He maybe doesn't fit every category but certainly fits an allpurpose category. He's a youngster that is deserving of an honor. As you see across the nation in terms of national media, there's been recognition virtually the same way and, not sure exactly what category to put him in but they found one and he was honored for it. He's a very humble young guy and accepts it quite well, on behalf of his teammates."

Is there a recipe of success in reviving this Kansas State program?

"Just have good people around you, a great university and wonderful community. Kansas State University is about people. I have been blessed and fortunate to always have quality people, good people, caring people, genuine people. Not that other schools don't, I'm not saying that. I don't think there's a secret to that or anything else. It's just that I've been blessed and fortunate to have quality people around me: players, coaches, support staff, administration, following. The last time we were here, the numbers are debated somewhat, but if anyone was here at that time they know it was almost exclusively purple and we had somewhere in the vicinity of 55,000 people here from Kansas State. That's the kind of following we have. That's very beneficial to our program and any other program for that matter."

Evaluation of Arkansas QB Tyler Wilson and receiving corps as a whole:

"Tyler is a very talented young guy, I think everybody knows that. If you follow him, you're quite aware of that, he's a tremendously gifted young guy. I think he has a great command of their offense. I think he understands it very well and works through progressions extremely well. He seems like a very physically and mentally tough young guy, can run if he has to, and obviously very very accurate. He has a nice touch on the ball and puts it in places that make it hard for defenses to get to. I think that's why he's been so successful. The receiving corps is probably as good as anyone I've seen. There's a tremendous amount of speed, tremendously elusive, catch the ball well and seem to have an excellent working relationship with their quarterback."

How does it feel being the oldest coach in Division One football with all the hours and demands, how much longer to you think you'll coach?

"It's day-by-day. When you're my age, who knows what tomorrow brings. I don't know how long this will go. I'm not only the oldest coach in the world, I might be the oldest person in the world. In reference to your question, I don't any other way to do it, if I could do it differently I would probably would, but it is what it is. I came back to Kansas State, again, because of the people, and hope to be able to soothe the waters at Kansas State University with the tremendous alumni base that we have and hopefully we're closing in on that."

Satisfaction after starting the season with low expectations:

"I'm pleased with where we are. We would have liked to have won the other two ball games. One of them, we played very poorly and really had no chance to win it. One of them we had the opportunity, it went to the last play of the ball game, we had an opportunity to win. What really satisfies me more than anything else is

whether or not our football program gets better and the young people in our program improve on a regular basis in a variety of different arenas, not just football. That's what I gauge my satisfaction on and I feel very good about this football team and the progress they've made and the fact they continually improve themselves on and off the field in a variety of different ways. They're good young people and they make me proud."

Preparing for game with Arkansas's two new coordinators:

"It creates more problems for us that put you in position to not be able to focus on how they call, tendencies with down-and-distance. It also creates issues schematically, just exactly what a coordinator will bring in and be what they'll be able to implement in their offense or defense in the preparation time they have. It means that you basically have to expand your preparation and in doing so it may take away a little time and effort you can direct-react, it may be a smaller package that you might have had if the coordinators had stayed in place."

On Jordy Nelson's success in the NFL and walk-on success in the Kansas State program:

"I think we've been known to a certain extent to be able to bring in guys in our program that are not highly-recruited and have had the good fortune and blessing to have some wonderful young people join our program eventually earn scholarships and go on to become very successful at our level and so many have gone on to the NFL and had great success, Jordy certainly exemplifies that. Jordy came to us as a defensive back as a walk-on in our program and really did a wonderful job for us. He's an excellent person, wonderful young man and we moved him from the safety position to wide receiver position and he became a very talented player for us. As I said, we have a number of young guys, OL B.J. Finney is just one of a number of walk-ons we have in our program, DE Jordan Voelker is a starter on the other side of the ball who walked-on in our program."

How big of a role has Director of Strength and Conditioning Chris Dawson played in your success and how has he affected the culture in the weight room?

"We've always had very talented strength and conditioning coaches as we have on-field position coaches. Chris has done a wonderful job for us. He is a young person we love to have in our program. He's very committed to what he does, he works diligently and very hard at what he does. He brings a good deal of discipline to our program and our youngsters have great respect for him. That's a vital element of working with young people 18-23 years of age. He's been super."

Philosophy regarding recruiting from junior colleges:

"We've had a lot of youngsters that have helped our program that have come from community colleges or have been transfer students, as well as high school youngsters. My feeling is a lot of people might stigmatize a youngster that has gone through a community college, 'baggage,' etc., there must have been a problem or he wouldn't have gone to community college. I don't necessarily see it that way. A good person is a good person and a bad person is a bad person. We have good young guys from high school and community college transfers as I've indicated and that's what's important to us; people that fit the values that are significant to our football program. Values in terms of how they conduct themselves, how they handle themselves, what kind of work ethic they have, how they carry responsibility, their accountability factor, toughness and discipline, all those kind of things become significant to us and regardless of what level of education you come from."

Experiencing exciting games from the sidelines and how it will help Friday:

"It probably doesn't help my health much at all so I have to have a cardiac surgeon close by at every one of our ball games. I've been doing this for an awful long time, so it seems as though there have been a lot of very close ball games in the season, but we've played a lot of close ball games over the years, certainly not as many as we have this year. I'm proud of our youngsters, I'm proud of our coaches because it indicates some of those values we hold so dear, the discipline and the toughness, to come back from adversity, to be able to never give in and continue to fight the battle."

Brownback: Boeing Decision Disappointing

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback issued the following statement regarding The Boeing Company's decision to phase out its presence in the state.

"No one worked harder for the success of the Boeing Company than Team Kansas -whose membership included the outstanding workforce, city and county officials, state legislators, governors, and the congressional delegation - and I have been pleased to do my part as a U.S. Senator for 14 years and as Governor during the last year. We have been there with the company through every battle, whether it was the 10 year tanker battle or securing funding for other key Boeing Defense programs vital to national security. Our team never wavered, always keeping its commitment to the success of the Boeing Company for the good of the state and of the nation.

"Today's announcement on the phase out of Boeing's presence in Wichita is very disappointing to all of us. We are deeply saddened Boeing Defense at the end of this transition period will no longer have operations in Kansas. Wichita has been at the company's operations core since 1929 with the production of Kaydet Trainers and B-29 Bombers during WWII, B-47 & B-52

Bombers during the 1950's & 60's, modification of various airframes during the following years from tankers to Air Force One. The dedication and hard work of generations of Kansans built the success The Boeing Company enjoys today.

"The bottom line for Kansas is jobs. During this time of transition, my Administration will work with Team Kansas to aggressively pursue the booming commercial opportunities that exist with both Boeing and Airbus. Wichita still has world-class facilities and best trained workforce in the aviation industry which makes us the best place in the world to build airplanes. The city is strategically positioned to capture additional work packages from Boeing, Airbus and other groups in the rapidly expanding commercial side of the aviation business which is in a growth pattern.

"My Administration and the delegation will work with all of those impacted by this transition from a defense focus to the growing commercial market to make it as smooth as possible. With any change, there comes uncertainty and issues and questions that can't be answered at the beginning of the process, but we are committed to working together as Kansans have always done to address these issues going forward."

Area Counties Fail Open Government Test

By Gene Meyer | Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — When compared to the national average, Kansas taxpayers have a better chance of tracking what the state does with their tax money. But what local governments show remains murkier, says an online organization that advocates for open government.

Sunshinereview.org, which regularly checks more than 6,000 state and local governments across the U.S., in late December gave Kansas state government an overall grade of B for how clearly and thoroughly it provides access to public officials, budget and tax information, contracts and other public records, according to 10 categories that Sunshine tracks.

The state's five largest cities fared slightly higher, averaging a B+, but only six of the state's 105 counties scored a C or higher. Kansas' 10 largest school districts averaged a C+. The numbers are disappointing, Sunshine president Michael Barnhart said in a summary released with the report.

"Anything less than an A+ is a disservice to Kansas taxpayers," Barnhart said.

Few governments achieve the A+ level of perfection, said Kristin McMurray, Sunshinereview's senior editor who monitors the governments' websites. The Albuquerque, N.M., city

government, for instance, routinely posts more than a dozen categories of open government information, including what Mayor Richard Perry charges each month on the municipal credit card.

Kansas and most other governments that fall short of those ideals typically provide some basic information about government operations and spending. But these governments fail to provide easily accessible information about items as diverse as contracts signed by government officials, lobbying activity done on the government's behalf, or whom to ask and how to request more detailed records, McMurray said.

"This has been a national trend at local levels of government and, sadly, Kansas is no exception to the rule," McMurray said.

Kansas' less-than-ideal scores aren't surprising, said Mike Merriam, a First Amendment lawyer in Topeka who fields hotline calls on open government from members of the Kansas Press Association.

"In my experience, we don't get good cooperation at any level of government," Merriam said.

City and county governments seem slightly more inclined to try to close meetings or work out of the public eye than the state or most school districts, Merriam said.

Area Counties

Riley County, Kansas - D Website evaluation

The Good

The website has budget information.

The website has county commissioners meeting information.

The website has information on elected and administrative officials.]

The website has building permits and zoning information.

The website has some tax information.

The Bad

The website does not have information on committee meetings, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, or tax breakdowns.

Marshall County, Kansas - F Website evaluation

The Good

The website has some tax information available.

The website has some county officials information available.

The website has the county commissioners listed.

The Bad

The website does not have information on budgets, meetings, building permits, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, or local taxes.

Pottawatomie County, Kansas C- Website evaluation

The Good

The website has county commissioners meeting minutes.

The website has budget and audit information.

The website has information on elected and administrative officials.

The website has building permits and zoning information.

The website has some tax information and online tax payment.

The Bad

The website does not have information on committee meetings, contracts, lobbying, public records, or tax breakdowns.

Clay County, Kansas - F Website evaluation

The good

The website has county commissioner's meeting minutes.

The website has contact information for elected and administrative officials.

The website has some zoning information.

The Bad

The website does not have information on budgets, upcoming meetings, meeting agendas, building permits, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records or local taxes.

Nemaha County, Kansas - F Website evaluation

The Good

The website has information on elected and administrative officials.

The website has some tax information.

The Bad

The website does not have information on budgets, meetings, building permits, zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, or tax breakdowns.

Morris County, Kansas - F Website evaluation

The Good

The website has elected and administrative officials information.

The website has some tax information available.

The Bad

The website does not have information on budgets, committee meetings, building permits, zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, or online tax payment.

Washington County, Kansas -F Website evaluation

The Good

The website has county commissioners meeting minutes.

The website has information on elected and administrative officials.

The website has some tax information available.

The Bad

The website does not have information on budgets, committee meetings, building permits, zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, or tax breakdowns.

Pauline Josephine Burlie Bushey



Pauline Josephine Burlie Bushey, 99, of Manhattan died on Dec. 28, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

Pauline, a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, was born on September 11, 1912 in Bluff City, Kansas, to Charles and Mary (Mraz) Burlie. She and her family moved to Anthony, Kansas in 1918 where she attended grade school and high school through her junior year. Her senior year she attended the Immaculate Conception Academy for Girls in St. Marys, Kansas where she met her future husband, Henry (Hank) Phillip Bushey. After

graduating from high school, Pauline attended St. Mary of the Plains (a women's Catholic Junior College in Dodge City, Kansas) for one year.

Pauline and Henry P. Bushey were joined in matrimony on October 3, 1934, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anthony, Kansas. He preceded her in death in November of 1973.

Pauline and Hank made their home in St. Marys, Kansas where they raised their two daughters. They moved to Flagstaff, Arizona in 1961. Pauline worked as a volunteer in the library of St. Marys Catholic Grade School in

Flagstaff for several years and enjoyed the wonderful staff and joyful children in that school. In 1996 she moved to Manhattan, Kansas to be closer to family and lived in the Georgetown Apartments until May in 2007 when she moved to Assisted Living at Via Christi Village.

Holding her in loving memory are the following family members; her daughters and their husbands, Mary Pat and John Johannes of Manhattan, Kansas, and Janie and Wayne Ernst of Boise, Idaho: six grandchildren; Sherry McKee (Wes), Salina, Kansas; Tracey Evans (Link), The Woodlands,

Texas; Greg Johannes (Jennifer), Wamego, Kansas; Christine Donnelly (Thad), Wamego, Kansas; Kelly Parsley (Pete) of Boise, Idaho, and Lisa May of Boise, Idaho, and 20 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her two brothers, Louis V. Burlie and Charles J. Burlie.

Her family is deeply grateful for the care she received from the staff at Via Christi Village and The Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan and Mercy Regional Health Center.

The family received friends on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home with a vigil recited at 7:00pm. A funeral mass was Wednesday January 4 at 10:30am at the St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Manhattan, burial followed at the Calvary Cemetery in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The family suggest memorial to the Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School in Salina, Manhattan Catholic Schools or the American Cancer Society. For more information or to send an email condolence visit www.irvinparkview.com.

Dale Pershing White



Dale Pershing White, age 92, of Manhattan, Kansas died Wednesday evening at the Mercy Regional Health Center with loved ones by his side.

He was born on February 11, 1919 at the farm home near Garrison, Kansas the son of John and Ida (Davenport) White. Dale attended grade school at Monterey and graduated from Garrison High School in 1937.

He worked at the Manhattan Hatchery, Griffith lumber and was very proud to be a Custodian for the Manhattan Schools, especially loving the kids.

Dale loved animals of all kinds, especially horses, and he told stories about riding his pony "Smokey" to school, acting in school plays, and especially being around and raising dogs and cats. He also enjoyed watching birds and squirrels. He helped on the family farm into his early adulthood. Later in life, he loved to work in the garden and took great pride in his flowers and growing tomatoes. He also supervised the walking track at Bishop Stadium, visiting with people as they came and left, especially his future wife.

He was married to Carolyn

Rees on December 4, 1993 in Manhattan, Kansas. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings: Vernon White, Doris Springer, Kenneth White and Willard White.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: James (Arlene) Freed of Phoenix, AZ and Timothy Ross White of Manhattan; one daughter: Brenda (Willard) Wells of Manhattan; a step-son: Brian (Andrea) Rees of Peine, Germany; a step-daughter: Deanna (Butch) Ptasznik of Wichita, KS; and a brother:

Donald (Wilma) White of Lawrence, KS. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren: Tiffany (Robert) Echols of Riley, KS, Lacey Wells of Stockton, KS and Holly Regan of Manhattan, KS; 4 step-grandchildren: Timothy and Sarah Rees, Molly and Hannah Ptasznik and 4 great-grandchildren: R.J. and Skeet Echols, Mason and Carter Regan, along with many nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral Services were at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 3, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue,

Manhattan, Kansas with Rev. Kevin Larson officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas.

There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or to the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter 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.

Gary M. Paulsen

Gary M. Paulsen of Manhattan, KS died December 28, 2011. He was born in Frederic, Wisconsin to Gilbert M. and Jeanette M. (Boe) Paulsen on March 23, 1939; raised on a local dairy farm; and graduated from Frederic High School in 1957. During summers of his later high school years, he was employed as weighmaster by Stokely-Van Camp, where he often worked over 100 hours per week at \$1.49 per hour because, as he put it, he had to weigh in the first truck of the day and weigh out the last truck at night and then grade the produce. The job enabled him to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was elected to Alpha Zeta and Phi Kappa Phi honorary societies and graduated with a B.S. as the out-

standing senior in Agronomy in 1961. He then attended graduate school as a WARF Scholar and received an M.S. in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Agronomy and Biochemistry in 1965 from UW-Madison.

He was appointed Assistant Professor of Agronomy at Kansas State University in 1965 and promoted to Associate Professor in 1968 and Professor in 1975. He was also a Visiting Scientist at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines under a Rockefeller Foundation grant during 1971-1972. At K-State, he was the major professor for 80 M.S. and Ph.D. students, many of whom were international; at times, there were students and visiting professors from six continents in his laboratory. Gary was rec-

ognized nationally and internationally as an extraordinary crop physiologist. He received many awards for his teaching and research. He was a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and American Association for the Advancement of Science. Gary received the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Faculty Award, the Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Scholar Award, Sigma Xi Outstanding Senior Scientist Award, K-State Research and Extension Builder's Award, and the College of Agriculture Graduate Teaching Award. His most cherished award was from the Department Heads of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Pathology for "Outstanding leadership and tireless effort during planning,

construction, and equipping Phase I and Phase II of the Throckmorton Plant Sciences Center." He retired from K-State in 2003 and operated an Angus and Hereford cattle partnership on the family farm near Olsburg, KS.

Gary met the love of his life, Avelina R. "Belen" Quiaoit, in classes at UW-Madison, and they were married at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison on June 25, 1966. Two children, Pamela of Hutchinson and Patrick of Lawrence, were born to the marriage.

Gary was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Duane. He is survived by his wife and children; sisters Janice Johnston of Hugo, Minnesota, Betty Byram and husband Clarence of Chisago City, Minnesota, and Carol

Kolasinski of Chico, California; brother David and wife Gale of Frederic, Wisconsin; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM Tuesday, January 3rd, at the First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverend Dr. Keith Wiens officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

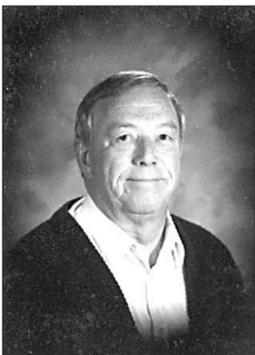
The family received friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Monday at the Yorgensen-

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 donations may be made to the KSU Foundation for Agronomy scholarships. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

John Rockne Bloomfield



John Rockne Bloomfield, 80, of Ogdén, Kansas, died Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. He was a long time resident of the area.

John was born on March 31, 1931, in Wyandotte, Michigan,

the youngest of fourteen children, to George and Nellie Walsh Bloomfield. He attended local schools and graduated from Saint Patrick High School in Wyandotte.

John served twenty years in the United States Army during the Korean War and Vietnam Conflict. At his retirement he had achieved a rank of Master Sergeant-E8. He was stationed in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, and various locations stateside, including Fort Riley. John also served as part of the honor guard at Arlington National Cemetery. He retired from military service in 1969.

John then worked briefly for the railroad. He then sold insurance and real estate. John did several years of missionary work near Gallup, New Mexico at a mission school. He did many things for the school in

its daily operations and girls home.

John was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ogdén. In 1991, he was ordained as a Deacon and served in that capacity for many years. John's faith was a very important and affected all aspects of his life. He was a Forth Degree Knights of Columbus and a member of the VFW.

John married Darlene Schwalm on May 3, 1952, at Fort Riley, Kansas. She survives at their home.

He is also survived by his daughter, Jennifer Bauer and her husband, Roger, Santa Maria, California; his son, John Bloomfield and his wife, Carmen, Alma; sister, Patricia Oswald, Trenton, New Jersey; grandchildren, Natalie Sargent and her husband, Doug, Justin

Bauer, John James Bloomfield and his wife, Bekah and Joseph Bloomfield and three great-grandchildren, Paris, Avery, and Braden.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 6, 2012, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ogdén. Father Donald Schwalm will be the Celebrant. Inurnment and military honors will follow at the Kansas Veteran Cemetery. A rosary prayer service will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the church, prior to Mass. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Disabled American Veterans, and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Mildred Ruth Schmanke



Mildred Ruth Schmanke, 92, of McFarland, Kansas, died Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at her home. She was a life-long resident of the area.

Mildred was born February 11, 1919, in Newbern, Kentucky, the daughter of Milton S. and Marie Bennett Scott. She attended local schools and graduated from Alma High School in 1936.

Mildred married Victor Gustav Schmanke on April 18, 1937, in rural McFarland. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1989.

Mildred was a homemaker and also worked for twenty years as a nurses aid at the Alma Manor. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the LWML. Mildred loved to quilt and gathered weekly with her friends at the Wabaunsee County Museum to make quilts. She was a founding member of the McFarland

Senior Citizens and loved to tend her flowers and garden. She enjoyed working crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

Mildred is survived by her daughters, Mary Ann Schroeder and her husband, William, Topeka, Shirley Pryor, Topeka; her sons, Kenneth Schmanke and his wife, Margaret, Gerald, Missouri, Robert Schmanke and his wife, Gayla, Olathe, and Gerald Schmanke and his wife, Tara, Alma; her sister, Mary Lou Gnad and her husband, Martin, Alma; eleven grandchildren, twenty seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Ella Mae Hillmer.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 3,

2012, at Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland. Reverend Ron Rather will be officiating. Burial followed at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. The family greeted friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday, at the church. They suggest memorial contributions to the Wabaunsee County Historical Society or Midland Care Hospice, and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

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Clara Louise "Helen" Wolf Shanteau

Clara Louise "Helen" Wolf Shanteau, age 91, of Manhattan, died December 29, 2011 at Meadowlark Hills -Wroten House.

She was born December 26, 1920, in Arcadia, California, the daughter of Helen Carrie (Keyt) and Walter Richard Wolf.

She graduated from Glendale Junior College and San Jose State University, where she earned her Masters of Education degree.

Mrs. Shanteau taught elementary school in San Jose for 18 years in the Moreland School District.

She was a member in the Unity Church of All Faiths Church in Sun Lakes, AZ, and the Unitarian-Universalist in Manhattan. She volunteered with Cub Scouts and was known for writing plays that the troop performed.

Her hobbies included sewing, painting, and playing

the piano and organ. Along with her husband, Bob, she was a competitive ballroom dancer. They also taught ballroom dancing in Sun Lakes, AZ, for many years.

She also enjoyed tennis, golf, camping, water skiing and playing bridge.

On July 11, 1941, in Glendale, CA, she was married to Claiborne Otis "Bob" Shanteau. Mr. Shanteau preceded her in death on July 14, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her son William "Bill" Shanteau; three brothers, Baxter, her twin Walter and Robert Wolf; and her daughter-in-law, Doreen Shanteau.

Survivors include her three sons: James "Jim" Shanteau of Manhattan, KS, John Shanteau and his wife Susan of Farmington Hills, MI, and Robert "Bob" Shanteau and his wife Jackie of Seaside, CA; one sister, Carol Marshall of Anaheim, CA; five grandchild-

dren: Karen Davis, David, Jill, Mark and Nancy Shanteau; and five great-grandchildren: James and Zachariah Davis, Alexandra, Jeromey and Jaquelyn Shanteau.

Cremation is planned with memorial services held at 3:00 P.M. Monday, January 2nd, at the Meadowlark Hills Community Room with Reverend Michael Nelson officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the All Faiths Church in Sun Lakes, AZ, or to the Meadowlark Hills Foundation in Manhattan, KS. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Hoop Holler N' Shoot Finals

The finals of the boys and girls competition in the 2011 Hoop Holler N' Shoot contest were held during half time of Saturday's K-State game against Howard University.

The winners in the girls division:

1st Hanna Tamura, Woodrow Wilson - hitting 3 out of 7 free throws

2nd Cailey Perkins, Bergman - hitting 3 out of 7 free throws

3rd Cody Ballou, Blument

- hitting 2 out of 7 free throws

4th Kiersten Gillam, Amanda Arnold - hitting 0 out of 7 free throws

(Winner was determined by a sudden death shoot off)

The winners of the boys division:

1st Carson Marsh, Amanda Arnold - hitting 7 out of 7 free throws

2nd Parker Stephens, Berman - hitting 5 out of 7 free throws

3rd Carson Gros, Manhattan Catholic - hitting 4 out of 7 free throws

4th Chase Dillon, Woodrow Wilson - hitting 2 out of 7 free throws

Participants won their way into the finals via free throw shooting contests conducted at Manhattan area elementary schools among 5th and 6th grade students. Over 860 students participated in the competition. Semi finals were held at a previous K-State Womens

Basketball game.

Hoop Holler N' Shoot is a free throw contest for 5th and 6th graders in the Manhattan area schools. A boy and girl champion is determined at each school. The grade school champions move on to semi finals and finals held at K-State basketball games. Hoop Shoot is a youth program of the Little Apple Optimist Club.

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Girls 1st place winner Hanna Tamura.



Boys 1st place winner Carson Marsh.

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Obituaries

Lavon Maxine Nelson



Lavon Maxine Nelson, 76, of Manhattan, formerly of Garden City, KS, passed away, Sunday, January 1st, 2012 at her home with her family.

Lavon was born in Garden City, on December 31, 1935, the daughter of the late Juanita Kathryn (Wass) and Francis Glen Shea. She graduated from the Garden City High School and attended Garden City Community College both in Garden City, KS. On April 27, 1956 she was united in marriage to Robert E. Nelson at the First Lutheran Church in

Manhattan, he preceded her in death on July 12, 2009.

Lavon worked for USD 383 as a secretary at both the Woodrow Wilson Elementary and the Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, she also owned and operated the Little Peoples Day Care; worked with the Riley County Attorney office, also as a secretary and care provider for the Big Lakes Developmental Center in Manhattan, and in later years she was a day care provider for many local children. She was a member of First Lutheran

Church and former member of the Bowling Association.

Lavon is survived by a daughter, Tamra Marie Nelson, of Chapman; two sons, Timothy Nelson, and wife Deborah, of Chapman; Francis "Mike" Michael Nelson, and wife Lindsay, of Manhattan. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Jordan Shorter and wife Rachel, Morgan Shorter, Hillary Shorter, Justin Nelson, Kaitlynn Nelson, Sara Nelson, Jennifer Nelson and one great grandchild, Isabelle Shorter; two sisters, Roxie Hilton, of

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Aurora, Colo.; Alice Porter, of Garden City, KS; and a brother, Larry Shea, of Lakewood, Colorado.

Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; son, Robert Douglas Nelson; sister Patricia Collins; and a brother Jerry Shea.

Friends are invited to call at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation on Thursday from 9:00am to 8:00pm with the family receiving friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The funeral service will be held at 10:00am on Friday, January 6, 2012 at

the First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Ave, in Manhattan with Rev. Keith Weins officiating. Burial will follow at Valley View Memorial Gardens, Manhattan.

The family request donations to Home Care and Hospice House, 3801 Vanesta Dr., Manhattan. For more information or to send an email condolence visit www.irvin-parkview.com

Frederick Charles Beverly

Frederick Charles Beverly, 21, of Manhattan, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012 at Mercy Regional Health Center.

Frederick was born in Manhattan on May 7, 1990 to Clara (Bolton) Thompson and Fred Beverly. He attended school in Manhattan graduating from Manhattan High School with the class of 2008.

He was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, and had also attended The Fellowship Temple, The Church of God in Christ (both in Manhattan) and The Fifth and Adams Pentacostal Church of Junction City. Frederick was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Frederick was a Supply Clerk with the Kansas National

Guard at Fort Riley.

Frederick is survived by his parents, Fred Beverly and Clara Thompson; six sisters; Ericka Beverly, of Wilmington, DE; Simone Beverly, of Manhattan; Rimona Beverly, of Houston, TX; Sharlene Beverly, of Manhattan; Marjorie Guillory and Raina Guillory of Midland, TX; three brothers; Eric

Beverly, of Chester, PA; Georgory Watts, of Houston, TX and Issac Beverly of Manhattan. He is also survived by his grandmother, Emma - Jean Crumdy.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Charles and Geneva Beverly and Henry Bolton.

A funeral service will be held

at the Morris Hill Chapel - Fort Riley, at 10:00 am Friday, January 6th, with Apostle A.S. Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends at 9:00 am at the Morris Hill Chapel. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Interment will be at The Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan, KS, immediately

following the service.

Services are under the direction of the Irvin Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation. For more information, or to leave a condolence for the family, visit www.irvinparkview.com.

Helen M. Jones

Helen M. Jones, 7100 Anderson Avenue, died Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, Kansas at the age of 81 years from complications due to her battle with cancer.

Helen Marie Daniels was born March 21, 1930 in Wellington, Kansas, the first child of Estus Cecil and Ethel Pauline (McDonald) Daniels. She attended the public schools and graduated from Wellington High School in 1948. From there she matriculated to Bethany, Oklahoma, where she studied at Bethany Peniel College and earned a B.A. degree in religion in 1952. For a time she worked for Dr. Cole in Wellington and engaged in lay preaching for Church of the Nazarene congregations in the area. On July 10, 1953, she married Richard Andrew Jones in Wellington, Kansas. In the summer of 1955, they moved to Manhattan, Kansas, where her husband soon enrolled in the

School of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. During her time in Manhattan, Helen worked in the offices of Dr. White and Manhattan Reliable Transfer. In 1961, she moved to Freeman, South Dakota where Dr. Jones practiced veterinary medicine for the next thirty years. During those years she raised her family and was very involved with Bethany Mennonite Church and the Dorcas Society. Later, she became involved with local education as a member, and then served as president for a term, of the Freeman Public School Board in the mid-1970s. In 1976, she returned to college at the University of South Dakota where she earned a M.S. in Selected Studies in 1979. She worked in geriatric social work at the Freeman Community Hospital for several years before going to work as a psychiatric counselor at the South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton in 1984.

During these years she was involved and provided leadership for professional organizations such as the South Dakota Counseling Association. In 1981 she participated on the President's Council on Aging in Washington, D.C. and helped write what became national aging policy in the 1980s. In 1995 she retired and moved to Grove, Oklahoma, where she became very active in the state's largest Senior Citizens Center and joined the First United Methodist Church, where she served as a lay care minister and as a leader in the United Methodist Women's Fellowship, and was active in the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Also during her time in Grove, she became involved as an advocate and mediator in the Delaware County court system and, in 2010, was name Early Settlement Volunteer of the Year in the State of Oklahoma. In addition, to her many professional and volunteer activities,

Helen loved to travel and enjoyed many tours and cruises in her later years.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents, her spouse, and one sister, Virginia Jacobs. Survivors include her son, the Rev. Dr. David A. Jones (Linda) of Manhattan, KS, and daughter, Janice K. Burk (Keith) of Yelm, WA. Five grandchildren including Nathan A. Jones of Manhattan, KS, Lindsey L. Jones of Ames, IA, Ryan T. Burk, Justin M. Burk and Ashley D. Burk of Yelm, WA. Also two sisters, Betty Ramsey (Kenneth) of Grove, OK, Barbara Stonehocker of Wellington, KS and one brother, Larry Daniels (Gloria) of Grove, OK. Also 3 sister-in-laws, one aunt, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Friday, January 6th, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel in Manhattan with the Reverend Paul J. Allen, IV officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday at the Penwell Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum in Hutchinson, KS, with the Reverend Kim Biery officiating.

The family of Mrs. Jones will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Suggested memorials include First United Methodist Church in Grove, OK, or the Ecumenical Campus Ministry in Manhattan, KS. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Glenn Harley Gordon



life-long resident of the community.

Glenn was born October 3, 1916, in rural Westmoreland, Kansas, the son of T.A. and Nellie Snapp Gordon. He attended local schools and graduated from Westmoreland High School. He then attended Kansas State University.

For thirty years, Glenn was the manager of Dick's Thriftway grocery store in Wamego. Prior to that he farmed the family farm north east of Westmoreland for thirty eight years.

Glenn married Helen Marie Stevenson on May 29, 1938, in

Marysville, Kansas. She preceded him in death on March 23, 1992.

He loved to fish and do wood working. After his retirement, he and Helen enjoyed traveling around the country. He attended Trinity Baptist Church.

Glenn is survived by his son, David Lee Gordon and his wife, Tina, Emmet; his daughters, Jean Ann Wilcox, Concordia, Sue Gordon, Wamego; and three grandchildren, Branson, Scott and Christine. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Guy and Clyde Gordon.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. Reverend Dr. Tony Mattia will be officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Wamego City Cemetery. The family will greet friends at 1:00 p.m. until service time. They suggest memorial contributions to the Wamego Public Library and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

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Letters to Tom: "When You Are in the Minority ..."

"When you are in the minority, talk; when you are in the majority, vote." - Roger Sherman, Constitutional Convention, 1787

Roger Sherman was the only Founding Father to sign all of the major documents -- the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. At the Constitutional Convention he proposed and pushed through the Great Compromise that defined the legislative structure and representation that each state would have under the United States Constitution. When Sherman spoke, his contemporaries (Washington, Adams, and Jefferson) listened. We should too, particularly if you are a conservative and especially when it comes to voting. In Riley County, 13,458 voters are registered as Republicans, 7312 are registered as Democrats, 9884 are unaffiliated. While not all



Mike Kryschal

Republicans are conservative, almost all conservatives vote Republican. In Riley County we are the majority.

2012 is an election year at the national, state, and local level. Nationally, we will vote for President and Vice President, and United States Representatives. State officials include: Senators, Representatives, State Board of Education, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, District Court Judge,

and District Magistrate Judges. County officials include: Commissioners (District 2 and 3), County Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Township Trustee, Township Treasurer, Precinct Committee Man, Precinct Committee Woman, and Improvement District Officers. Think of it -- this year we have the opportunity to vote for (or against) more than twenty politicians. If you are happy with how things are going, this is your chance to vote for the status quo. If you think that we need to change course, this is your chance to make that happen.

Before you the voter can make a real difference, you have to educate yourself on the issues and the candidates. Easier said than done, especially when you consider the sorry state of political reporting. One example is the fact the election to retain Justices of the Kansas

Supreme Court, and Judges at the Appeals and District level receives almost no coverage in the media. Justices and Judges are subject to a retention vote after one year in office. No Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court has ever lost a retention vote. This is astonishing, given the political nature of issues decided by the courts and their tendency to make, rather interpret, law. It's also an erosion of our rights as citizens. This year the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, the Honorable Robert E. Davis, is subject to a retention vote. Let's make it a meaningful election.

Every election is important but the 2012 election is particularly significant. Obviously the most important choice we will make this November is the vote we cast for President and Vice President of the United States. However, in terms of what we pay in property tax, the single most important is that of Riley

County Commissioner for District 2 and District 3. If you don't believe me, check your 2011 Real Estate Tax Statement. 27% went to Riley County -- ouch. The only way to really get the message across to the politicians that we are taxed enough already is at the ballot box. Remember: we are the majority.

The Iowa Caucus, held this week, marks the real beginning of the 2012 election campaign. In Riley County, the Filing and Withdrawal Deadline is June 1, 2012. The Kansas Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2012. Between now and election day we are going to examine each of the contested races and provide voters with the information they need to make an informed and responsible choice.

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.

Opening Day Set For Flint Hills Discovery Center

MANHATTAN, KS - The opening of Kansas' next major tourism attraction, the Flint Hills Discovery Center has been set for April 14, 2012. Planning is underway for public festivities that underscore the importance of this much-anticipated cultural institution in Manhattan's downtown redevelopment district.

"This project is stunning evidence of what can be accomplished when the public and private sectors collaboratively work together," said Ron Fehr,

city manager. "The Flint Hills Discovery Center is a key component to Manhattan's successful downtown redevelopment and the award of \$50 million in STAR bonds from the State of Kansas. We are proud to have created this great place of both learning and fun. It will support all our efforts to preserve the Flint Hills and promote tourism within our state."

A detailed schedule of events will be forthcoming. Opening day will include a ribbon cutting, remarks by local and state

dignitaries, and the public's first look at the facility. Dedication of the adjoining Blue Earth Plaza also will take place April 14.

Construction of the 35,000-square-foot facility began in July 2009 with a promise to inspire and educate visitors to the uniqueness and importance of the Flint Hills of Kansas and the Osage Hills of Oklahoma, said Bob Workman, director of the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

"It's fantastic to be planning

our opening. Our visitors are the reason for this project, and on April 14 we will come alive as everyone see and enjoys all that the Discovery Center has to offer," Workman said.

Through dynamic interactive exhibits visitors will have an opportunity to explore the science and cultural history of the last stand of tallgrass prairie in North America - one of the world's most endangered ecosystems. The building is nearly complete and installation of exhibits is in progress.

The \$24.5 million project anchors the second phase of Manhattan's downtown redevelopment. Key players in the development of this project were the 2004 Attractions Committee that created the concept and a Steering Committee of local community leaders and a Technical Committee of content specialists. Their efforts were supported by a team of architects, exhibit and audio/visual designers, and fabricators and contractors.

The Flint Hills Discovery Center contains permanent and temporary exhibits, classrooms and meeting rooms, a store and beautiful outdoor terraces and landscaping. It will be open 363 days a year and serve as the visitor information center for Manhattan and the surrounding Flint Hills region. For more information, please visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org and our Facebook page.

Federal court strikes down California air-quality law

TOPEKA - (December 30, 2011) - A federal court has agreed with Kansas that a California law favoring California-produced ethanol over that manufactured in the Midwest is unconstitutional, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today.

In an order entered yesterday, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California barred California from enforcing its state-based Low Carbon Fuel Standards. In March, Kansas and five other Midwestern states had filed a brief asking the court to block the California law because it

avored use of California-produced ethanol over that produced in the Midwest in violation of the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

"This is good news for Kansas ethanol producers and for our state's farmers who sell grain to them," Schmidt said.

"It means that the California market remains open to Kansas ethanol, and it means that Kansas ethanol can continue to be part of the solution to air-quality problems on the west coast."

Schmidt joined with attorneys general from Nebraska, Michigan, Missouri, North

Dakota and South Dakota in asking the Court to block the California law because it discriminated against the use of ethanol produced in the Midwest without any lawful basis for doing so. Yesterday, the court agreed.

"This Court finds that the [California fuel standard]

impermissibly discriminates against out-of-state corn ethanol and impermissibly regulates extraterritorially in violation of the dormant Commerce Clause and its jurisprudence," the Court wrote in its opinion.

Garden Planning for 2012

By Gregg Eyestone
Riley County Extension Agent

The right plant for the right place is good gardening. K-State research has identified many plants that will help you plan for growing here in our Kansas climate. These plant lists are available from Extension offices and on the web at www.ksu.edu/ornamentals. This site includes all rec-

ommended plants like vegetables, grasses, trees and shrubs.

Planting in the right place is as important as the right plant. Food crops require the right place for good production. Full sun, well drained soil enriched with organic matter and wind modification are considerations. A good annual horticultural practice to follow is crop rotation. That requires planning and making a sketch for record

keeping.

Moving different plant families around the garden from year to year is practicing good horticulture. It is an effective and economical means of reducing insect and disease issues and soil nutrient requirements. For example, the plant family of tomato, pepper, eggplant and potato would only be grown in the same location every third or fourth year.

Crop rotation needs to be done by plant families. Switching tomato for pepper isn't rotating. There are four major vegetable plant families. Cucurbits are squash, melon and cucumber. Alliums include onion, garlic and leek. Broccoli, cauliflower, kale are in the cruciferous family. Solanum is the tomato family. Other vegetables you might like to grow can be rotated in

with these families.

Containers can be used in a cropping rotation. I rotate different vegetable families through my containers. This could buy you a season or two before going back into the garden site.

Gardeners anxiously wait for the 2012 growing season. Planning now and following through with horticultural practices will make your gardening successful.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State

Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. And you can contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension at 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan, by calling 785-537-6350 or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu

Weaver Hotel Culinary Retreat



Karen Adler

Noted culinary instructor Karen Adler comes to the Weaver Hotel in Waterville Kansas for the third annual CULINARY RETREAT.

Karen has taught throughout the country from Copia in Napa Valley, California to A Southern Season in Raleigh, North Carolina, to Cooks of Crocus Hill in Minneapolis, MN.

She has been featured in "Grill Gals" on the TV Food Network and appeared on national TV for Dole Bananas, plus appearances at the Seattle Book Festival and the LA Times Book Festival.

She is author of more than 16 cookbooks including The BBQ Queens Big Book of BBQ, Fish & Shellfish Grilled & Smoked, 25 Essential Techniques for Planning and the Best Little BBQ Cookbook Series. Her love of cooking began when she married her hunter husband

and her first lesson in cooking pheasant came from good friend LueAnn Roepke of Waterville, Kansas. The two of them have enjoyed cooking for each other over the last 25 years and as Karen's cookbook career flourished, they cooked up the Culinary Weekend at the Weaver Hotel as an annual fundraiser.

This year Karen teaches Julia Child's classic Boeuf Bourguignon (Beef Burgundy) with all the trimmings including another fancy yet simple to make dessert -Rustic Apple Charlotte. "Sometimes the simplest ingredients can yield the most delicious results as the charlotte uses apples, sugar, bread and butter... for something quite sublime!" says Adler.

The event is \$40 plus sales tax before January 15, \$45 plus sales tax after January 15 Call 785-363-2515 for your reservation. Space is limited.

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Free Press Big 12 Sports

K-State Holds Off Gritty Marist, 57-56

KSU Sports Information
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Kansas State built a 12-point second half advantage at Marist on Thursday night and needed every point to hold off the Red Foxes, 57-56, at a near sold out McCann Arena. The Wildcats concluded its non-conference schedule with a 9-3 mark.

K-State was led on Thursday night by the trio of Jalana Childs, Brittany Chambers and Tasha Dickey. Childs tied for game-high honors with 21 points and hauled in a game-high nine rebounds. The effort by Childs was her fourth 20-point game of the season and the eighth of her career.

Chambers registered 15 points, six rebounds and three assists. The junior from Jordan, Minn., was 3-of-8 from beyond the arc and moved into fifth in school history on the career three-point field goals made list with 187.

Dickey finished the night with 13 points, six rebounds and three steals. The senior guard from Sandy, Utah tied her career-high and notched a season-high with three connections from beyond the arc. Her three steals marked her seventh contest this season with two or more steals.

Marist (5-6) was paced by preseason MAAC Player of the

Year recipient Corielle Yarde with 21 points.

K-State was able to overcome its early shooting doldrums to secure a 16-13 lead on Chambers' second 3-point field goal of the first half. The Wildcats opened up its largest lead of the opening half of seven, 29-22, on a Jalana Childs hook shot with 2:40 to play. The Red Foxes cut the K-State lead to two at the break, 29-27, with a 5-0 run highlighted by a three-pointer from Leanne Oeckenden.

The Wildcats were led in the opening half by the duo of Childs (14) and Chambers (12) with 26 of K-State's 29 points.

K-State was 11-of-30 (.367) from the field in the stanza and forced Marist into nine turnovers including seven steals for the Wildcats.

Marist continued its run to 7-0 to tie the game at 29 in the early stages of the second half. Kansas State used a pair of baskets from Tasha Dickey, including her second 3-pointer of the game, to rebuild the lead to 34-29 with 16:33 to play.

K-State upped its lead to 11, 44-33, following a Mariah White fast break layup to force a Marist timeout with 11:53 remaining in the game. The Wildcats improved the lead to 12, 50-38, as Childs recorded a

second chance layup with 8:23 to play.

Marist closed the deficit to three, 54-51, on a three and a pair of free throws from Yarde to cap a 5-0 rally. A clutch Dickey three-point field goal with 2:23 remaining in the game pushed K-State's lead back to six, 57-51. The Red Foxes benefitted from five missed free throws by K-State to close the game and bring the final margin to one, 57-56, on a last second three-pointer from Oeckenden.

Kansas State will return to Manhattan to open Big 12 action on Wednesday, Jan. 4 against defending national

champion and No. 10/9 ranked Texas A&M. The game time is now set to tip-off at 5:30 p.m., in Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State fans can take advantage of the Wildcat Weekday 4 Pack promotion for Wednesday's contest. For just \$30, fans will receive four general admission seats, four hot dogs and four drinks. Single game tickets are also available for: \$5 for general admission youth, \$8 general admission adult, \$9 for bench seating and \$12 for chairback. To purchase tickets, fans can contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS or visit www.kstatesports.com/tickets.

K-State Opens Big 12 Play Against Aggies

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State returns to Manhattan on Wednesday night looking to extend its four-game winning streak in Big 12 openers, as the Wildcats host defending national champion and No. 9/9 ranked Texas A&M at 5:30 p.m. This is the third time in the last six seasons K-State will open Big 12 action with an opponent ranked in the Associated Press top-25 poll.

Wednesday evening's contest can be seen live on K-StateHD.TV and will be broadcast on the K-State Sports Network. Audio for both will be provided by the award-winning Brian Smoller on the play-by-play and former K-State letterwinner Kristin Waller on the color analysis. At 4:45 p.m., K-StateHD.TV will broadcast K-State Gameday live from court-side at Bramlage Coliseum with Smoller hosting the show and former Wildcat letterwinner Danielle Zanotti providing analysis.

After the holiday break, K-State handed Marist just its 13th home loss in the last nine seasons with a 57-56 win on

Dec. 29. The victory capped a 6-1 month of December for the Wildcats, which was the best mark by a K-State team in the 12th month since going 7-0 in the 2008-09 season.

The Wildcats were led against the Red Foxes by a trio of players in double figures, as Jalana Childs, Brittany Chambers and Tasha Dickey all scored 13 or more points. Childs tallied a game-high 21 points on 8-of-15 shooting and 5-of-6 from the foul line. The senior from Orlando, Fla., also hauled in nine rebounds. For the season, Childs is averaging 15.2 points per game and a team-leading 6.4 rebounds.

Chambers recorded 15 points, six rebounds and three assists. During the contest, Chambers moved into fifth place in school history on the career three-point field goals made list (187). For the season, the junior from Jordan, Minn., leads the Wildcats in scoring with 15.6 points per game and is second on the squad with 6.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists.

Dickey tallied 13 points, including a 3-of-6 effort from beyond the arc, and added six

rebounds and three steals to her final stat line. The senior guard from Sandy, Utah, leads the Wildcats in steals with 26.

Following the Wildcats' Big 12 home opener on Wednesday, K-State will travel to Lawrence, Kan., to face in-state rival Kansas in the Dillons Sunflower Showdown. Game time in Allen Fieldhouse is set for 7 p.m.

Childs Sets Sights on 1,000 Points for Her Career

Jalana Childs has continued her strong play from the 2010-11 season into the early stages of the 2011-12 campaign. Childs is second on the team in scoring (15.2 ppg) and leads the team in rebounding (6.4 rpg) per game. Her scoring average ranks 10th in the Big 12 and 145th in the nation. For the season, she is shooting .460 from the field and a career-best .842 from the foul line. She ranks fifth in the Big 12 from the charity stripe.

For her career, Childs has scored 933 points and has scored in double figures in 45 career games and scored at least 20 points in eight contests. With 67 points, Childs will join

Brittany Chambers in the 1,000-point club and become the 38th player in school history with 1,000 career points. It will be the first time since the 2008-09 season that K-State has had at least two players on its roster with 1,000 career points.

From Nov. 24 to Dec. 3, Childs averaged 21.0 points and 5.7 rebounds. In the Cancun Challenge, she tallied her third career double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds against Hofstra on Nov. 24. Childs followed that performance by scoring a career-high 23 points against Purdue on Nov. 25. Against Iowa on Dec. 3, she tallied 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting.

Childs, a 2011 All-Big 12 second team honoree, was K-State's second-leading scorer in 2010-11 and ranked 19th in the Big 12 with a career-best scoring average of 12.8 points (411 points) for all games and ranked 12th for league-only games with 15.7 points per game (251 points). Her field goal percentage of .454 for all games ranked 15th in the Big 12 and 104th in the nation.

Chambers Climbs Career Scoring List

Brittany Chambers continues to climb the K-State career scoring list, which was aided by her performance at the BTI Invitational in Las Vegas on Dec. 18-20. During the three games, Chambers averaged 18.7 points per game and tallied a season-high 29 points on 9-of-18 shooting including a career-high 8-of-14 effort from beyond the arc. She is the first player since Laurie Koehn on Jan. 5, 2003 (vs. Iowa; 11-of-15; 10-of-13 from 3) to make at least nine field goals from the field with eight or more coming from beyond the arc.

Chambers became the 37th player in the program's history to reach the 1,000-point mark, as she recorded her 1,000th point on a three-point field goal in the closing moments of K-State's win over Wichita State on Dec. 7. With the performance, Chambers became the 12th player in school history to reach the milestone as a junior.

For her career, Chambers has scored 1,089 points in 76 career games (14.3 ppg) to rank 30th in school history. The 2011-12

preseason All-Big 12 honorable mention selection has scored in double figures in 57 career games including 16 games with 20 or more points. She is the 22nd player in school history and the ninth guard to record 1,000 points and 400 rebounds in a career.

During the 2011-12 season, Chambers ranks eighth in the Big 12 and 120th in the country in scoring with her 15.6 points per game. For the month of December, Chambers is averaged 18.4 points per game on a .413 field goal percentage.

In 2010-11, Chambers' point total of 514 ranked fourth in school history for points by a sophomore. The unanimous All-Big 12 first team honoree was the fourth player in school history to record 500+ points in their sophomore season and the first since 2002-03 (Kendra Wecker). Chambers led the squad, ranked 10th in the Big 12 and 95th in the nation with a scoring average of 16.1. Among sophomore guards in the NCAA Division I final scoring rankings, Chambers ranked 10th.

K-State Sports Extra: Postmark Dallas, Texas

By Mark Janssen

Howdy, y'all: (That's Texas talk)

First, the news of the day.

There are so many areas where Bill Snyder does it better than anyone else coaching the game and one of those is finding a way to get his best athletes on the field.

He's proven that can mean moving quarterbacks Ty Zimmerman and Tysyn Hartman to safety, or switching Jordan Voelker from the offense to defensive end.

Already in progress today and continuing into the spring season could be Kyle Klein, Collin's brother, moving from defensive end to wide receiver, and, reserve quarterback Justin Tuggle from quarterback to linebacker.

On the possibility of a Klein to Klein touchdown pass, Kyle laughed, "Let me be the first to say I'd like to see that."

On the possible move, offensive coordinator Dana Dimel said, "We knew he had the ability to learn and then he demon-

strated a degree of toughness. When you have that desire to learn and get better, with a toughness to go with it, you can create some real issues."

Klein, who is 6-4, 230 and with 4.63 40-speed, last played receiver in high school in Loveland, Colo., when he was both a wide receiver and tight end. As a senior, he caught 47 passes for 853 yards and 13 touchdowns.

"It's all kind of coming back to me," said Klein, who first started tinkering with the move

in early-November. "There's no doubt in my mind that I can play."

Tuggle first approached the K-State coaches on his move late in the year with defensive coordinator Chris Cosh welcoming the idea with open arms.

"I've always had my eye on him because of the quality of athlete he is," said Cosh of the 6-3, 227-pound junior. "You could see in the off-season that he had great change of direction ability, plus was a good

leader and ran the ball with toughness. When you put all of that together, it's the formula for being a good linebacker."

Plus, there was the knowledge that Tuggle came from quality stock being the son of Jessie Tuggle, who played 14 seasons in the NFL and was named to five Pro Bowl teams as a defensive standout.

"I just want to get on the field and be a productive team player," said Tuggle, who was the third-team quarterback following an award-winning

career at Blinn College. "I'm a football player, so I like hitting. I'm not afraid to hit, or be hit. We'll see what happens. It's early."

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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	W, 71-58	7-1
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic			
12/22/11 vs. Southern Illinois	Stan Sheriff Center	W, 83-58	8-1
12/23/11 UTEP	Stan Sheriff Center	W, 78-70	9-1
12/25/11 Long Beach State	Stan Sheriff Center	W, 77-60	10-1
12/31/11 vs. Howard	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 82-46	11-1
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 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.	W, 70-47	7-2
12/19/11 vs. Northwestern	Las Vegas, Nev.	W, 64-45	8-2
12/20/11 vs. UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 38-44	8-3
12/29/11 at Marist	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	W, 57-56	9-4
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	
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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 TBD	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA	

Big 12 Men's Basketball Standings

	Big12	Overall
Baylor	0-0	13-0
Missouri	0-0	13-0
Kansas State	0-0	11-1
Oklahoma	0-0	10-2
Iowa State	0-0	10-3
Kansas	0-0	10-3
Texas	0-0	10-3
Texas A&M	0-0	9-3
Texas Tech	0-0	7-5
Oklahoma State	0-0	7-6

Big 12 Women's Basketball Standings

	Big12	Overall
Baylor	0-0	13-0
Texas Tech	0-0	12-0
Kansas	0-0	11-1
Missouri	0-0	10-1
Oklahoma State	0-0	8-1
Texas	0-0	10-2
Iowa State	0-0	9-2
Texas A&M	0-0	9-2
Kansas State	0-0	9-3
Oklahoma	0-0	8-3

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No. 17 Kansas beats North Dakota 84-58

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

Saturday did not mark just the last day of 2011 for North Dakota.

In all probability, it was the last day the Fighting Sioux will be officially known as the Fighting Sioux.

However, through a series of events, the nickname could make a comeback. Despite the 84-58 loss to No. 17 Kansas on Saturday, coach Brian Jones said his team played hard.

"I talked about going out and representing, not only our program and your families, but representing our former athletes and former student bodies and alumni who have a lot of passion for this," Jones said. "We're playing on New Year's Eve for a reason, so go out there and embrace it. Lay it all out there and understand when you walk off that floor, there are a lot of people you're representing."

Jones told his team to not let it own them, but to understand that there has been a lot of tradition behind the mascot.

When Kansas coach Bill Self was at Illinois, he was part of Chief Illiniwek, which was the mascot until February 2007. He said the nickname switch was a big deal at Illinois.

"Everybody that supports the Illini, that was a sad day," Self said. "I'm sure it will be sad for North Dakota, too."

Troy Huff led the Fighting Sioux with 16 points. Aaron Anderson added 11 and Jordan Allard scored seven points.

"We have a great community (in Grand Forks, N.D.) that has been behind that name for a while, but if it causes issues with anybody that will affect our program, we'll be all right without it," Allard said. "We'll continue to go in the right direction."

Allard opened the scoring 4 minutes and 10 seconds into the game with a 3-pointer that he banked in, but the lead was brief.

On Kansas' next two possessions, Thomas Robinson was fed alley-oops to give Kansas the lead for the rest of the day.

"I've guarded this as an assistant (at Iowa) prepping for coach Self when he was at Illinois," Jones said. "They want you to front and get caught on an angle so that they can just catch and dunk or lay it in. I think, because of his sheer size, tape and DVDs do that young man no justice with the size of his body and strength."

Robinson had 30 points and 21 rebounds, both career-highs, while adding four assists.

But as head-turning as the numbers are, the 30 points and 21 rebounds were not what excited Self the most.

"He played the most unselfishly he's ever played," Self said. "He was poised. I just thought he played great."

Statistically speaking, the muscular 6-foot-10 junior had Kansas' finest game in more than half a century. Quick research by the athletic department indicated no one in the storied program had registered 30 points and 20 rebounds in a game since Wayne Hightower had 36 and 21 against Missouri

on Feb. 13, 1961. It's believed to be the ninth time a Jayhawk has turned the trick. Robinson's monster game also included four assists, two steals and a block.

"He should have had six or seven assists if we could make a shot," Self said.

The Fighting Sioux tried both single- and double-teams against him.

"He is so patient down there," Jones said. "He lets the game come to him."

His first two years, fighting for playing time behind twins Marcus and Markieff Morris, patience and smart play were not what characterized Robinson's game.

But now he admits he's made so much improvement, "I can't even put it in words."

"I was out of control. I was just a raw athlete. Now I know I'm a better basketball player. I just know more about the game," he said.

North Dakota (5-8) simply had no answer for the muscular junior. With 12 points and 10

rebounds, he socked away his Big 12-leading ninth double-double by halftime as the Jayhawks (10-3) won their 55th straight nonconference home game.

An 11-4 run ending the first half gave the Jayhawks a 37-21 halftime lead. Robinson got the second half started by stealing a pass and feeding Travis Releford on a fast break three-point play. Robinson capped a 14-6 run with a hook shot and a one-handed dunk off a fast-break pass from Releford for a 51-30 lead.

Troy Huff missed his first four shots but wound up with 16 points for the Fighting Sioux, who fell to 0-7 away from home and were completely outclassed by the bigger, quicker seven-time defending Big 12 champs. Aaron Anderson had 11 points for the defending Great West Conference champions.

Tyshawn Taylor had 18 points and Releford added 14 for the Jayhawks, who held a 42-29 rebounding edge and had

21 assists.

Robinson was 10 of 14 from the field and 9 of 12 from the free throw line. In one play in the first half, he surprised the beleaguered North Dakota defense by hitting a long 3-pointer. The 30 points surpassed the 26 he scored against Long Beach State and the 21 rebounds erased the personal best of 18 he had against Davidson earlier this season.

Teammates say Robinson was the hardest worker on the team over the summer.

"He was a beast today and he's been playing like a beast for us," Taylor said. "I hope he can get some more of these 30-20s. He did a really great job of letting the game come to him and not trying to force it. I think that just shows how much he's improved as a player and having a better understanding of the game."

Robinson said he worked every day with one goal: "To be the best player in the country."

Wildcats Power Past Howard 82-46

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State used a barrage of 3-pointers to defeat Howard in its final game before conference play begins as the Wildcats defeated the Bison 82-46. K-State shot 48 percent from beyond the arc as the Wildcats made a season high 13 3-pointers. Rodney McGruder led the attack as he scored 14 points and was 4-of-4 from long range. The 13 3-pointers made it tied for eighth in school history.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 18-7 lead after making five of its first seven 3-pointers. A shot from behind the arc from Howard's Glen Andrews cut the lead to 18-10, but eight straight points from Angel Rodriguez started a 15-0 run the put the game away for good and gave the Wildcats a 33-10 lead with 5:47 left in the opening half.

Four other Wildcats, Will Spradling (13), Angel Rodriguez (11), Jeremy Jones (10) and Jamar Samuels (10), joined McGruder in double-digit scoring.

K-State (11-1) used a combination of suffocating defense and quick offensive tempo to set the tone in the first half. The Wildcats held Howard (4-11) to 20 percent shooting from the field and held the Bison only 18 points in the opening half. The 18 points allowed was the fewest scored in a half since Feb. 2 when the Wildcats held Nebraska to 17 first-half points.

K-State stayed hot from the field, as the Wildcats started the second half with an 18-3 run to go up 68-21 and take its largest lead of the afternoon with 12:51 left in the game. The Wildcats shooting cooled down

as they went nearly six minutes without a point and allowed Howard to go on a 12-0 run.

Bench depth was a deciding factor in the game, as the Wildcat reserves outscored Howards bench 34-12. Of the 14 K-State players to get into the game, only one did not record a point.

K-State will head into Big 12 conference play on a six game winning streak and are back in action on Wednesday, as the Wildcats travel to Lawrence to face in-state rival Kansas. The game can be seen live on the Big 12 Network at 7 p.m.

Kansas State Quotes

Head Coach Frank Martin

On the first game back from Hawaii...

"If you look at the teams who were with us in Hawaii, they came back home and got beat. UTEP and Southern Illinois got beat, and Auburn had to score at the buzzer to beat Georgia Southern. I am happy we did not have to play two days ago because we would not have been as good. We were a lot better in practice yesterday, and that is what I wanted to see. That is why I was excited for this game today. We showed that consistency and resolve to not take a step back, and we continued to do things the right way. I was really pleased with how we played today. Offensively, I was pleased with how we played the whole day. Defensively, we were sloppy in the second half, but I thought we played the right way the first 20 minutes."

On playing with intensity...

"We started the game the right way, and we started the second half the right way. We

were sloppy defensively in the last ten minutes of the game, which I am not a big fan of, but I was very proud of our focus. Our top eight or nine guys played the game how we needed them to continue to play the way we need them to play. I told our guys it is great to take two steps forward, but it is awful to take a step back because you are just wasting time and have to work twice as hard to get back to where you were. It was good to see us come out and play the way we did."

On Jeremy Jones...

"He is getting better. When he was not playing at all, he did not hang his head, pout or moan, and that is somebody who is willing to do his job. So, he has earned that right. I think now that he has earned the right to get on the floor and it is easy to see why we think he can be a pretty good player. He has got tremendous speed, and he has great ball skills. As he continues to learn our concepts on both ends of the floor, he is going to continue to help our team out."

On differences in this year's team...

"That is what we preach, and that is what we try to do. As a team, we try to create depth and balance, and we try not to rely on one person. Coming into this year, nobody gave these guys credit because all they talked about was how we were Jacob Pullen and a bunch of misfits, and that was not the case. You look at our team at the end of last year; we started to take steps in the right direction. We had tremendous balance every time we played, and the only time we did not was when we were beat by

Wisconsin. We try to create depth, and we try to make our team dependent on everyone not an individual."

On preparation for Big 12 play...

"We are ready, and we have been ready. That is what these guys work for, and it is why they spend all of those hours in the gym and weight room. We go through the challenges of the preseason and nonconference schedule for one reason and that is Big 12 play. That does not guarantee wins, but I know these guys are ready to go."

On the upcoming three games...

"If you told me that I would get to choose who we played, I would say I would rather not play them. When you have to play at KU, it could be the first, fifth, eighth, or the 18th game of the season, but it will still be hard. When people come to Manhattan it could be the first, fifth, eighth, or the 18th game of the season, but it will still be hard. If you gave me the option of who we have to play, I would not choose those guys, but it is the same for everybody because we are all in the same boat. Everybody goes to Allen Fieldhouse, everyone comes to Bramlage, and everyone has to play at Mizzou. It is the same for everyone."

Forward Rodney McGruder

On being where he wants to be going into conference play...

"Going in to conference play, I am trying to play my best basketball that I can play. I guess I am right on track of where I want to be."

On what he has done to get the shot to fall...

"Mentally, I am just getting in to the gym and putting up shots. I am trying to work hard at getting in to a rhythm again."

Thoughts on playing KU...

"I am just ready to play that game. I wish that it was tomorrow. I am just excited and amped up for it. I cannot wait until Wednesday."

Guard Will Spradling

On not playing bad before Big 12 play...

"We came with some intensity today. A couple of the games that we played bad this year, we did not come out with any intensity and we gave the other team confidence. Today we came out and stepped on their throat right from the beginning and just kept at them the rest of the game. We did not want to have a bad game going into Big 12 play; it was definitely a good thing."

Thoughts on playing KU...

"They do not have the same players as last year, but they play the same way. They play the same defense every year. Offensively, they pretty much run the same thing, but with different guys."

Howard Quotes

Head Coach Kevin Nickelberry

On playing against K-State...

"They all play hard and that is a tough equation for eight new players and six freshmen. The first half we did not deal with the atmosphere; we did not deal with how hard Frank Martin's team plays. That is obviously one thing that they can hang their hat on — how hard they play. We are a man-to-man team. I for some reason became a genius tonight and wanted to play zone. They shot

us out of the zone. It was probably a good thing because we went back to man-to-man. It is the first time we have played that much man. We played that much man against Kansas. A lot of times, mid majors want to play zone against the bigger schools. We are a man team because we have some size. But, we are young; we played man in the second half primarily. We were able to slow down their inside game. When (Glen) Andrews makes shots, it is good for us. He went 1-for-10 against Kansas and 1-for-14 against Indiana. If he makes shots, we have a shot."

On K-State's play vs. Kansas later this week...

"They both play hard. They both get after it physically. They are two similar teams. Playing in front of 16,000 people is intimidating. That was probably one of the different things. It is a game that I would like to see. I would pay to see that game. You are talking about two coaches that really get after it; two teams that play really hard. If No. 55 (Will Spradling) shoots like the way he shot it tonight, you have to stretch out your defense. Then you have No. 42 (Thomas Gipson) in there working around. It creates problems. All of our guys knew the names of Kansas' players because they were big time recruits. Kansas State does not have a big time name, but how these guys play to that level is amazing. It is not a lot of big name guys from the recruiting circuit that you know. The way Frank (Martin) gets them to play at that level is impressive. They played at the same level as Indiana and as Kansas, and that was just impressive."

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K-State tunes up for Big 12, routs Howard 82-46

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MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

Frank Martin didn't want to see Kansas State play down to the level of the opposition.

That happened earlier this season in a narrow win over Charleston Southern. It happened again against Loyola of Chicago, and again in an overtime victory over North Florida.

It didn't happen against Howard on Saturday.

Rodney McGruder scored 14 points, Will Spradling added 13 and Martin was able to empty his bench in an 82-46 victory, which wrapped up the Wildcats' non-conference slate and set the table for their Big

12 opener against rival Kansas next week.

"We're ready. We've been ready. This is what the guys have worked for, to be ready," Martin said.

Angel Rodriguez added 11 points, and Jamar Samuels and Jeremy Jones scored 10 each for Kansas State (11-1), which hit a season-high 13 3-pointers and took advantage of a nearly 10-minute stretch over the first half in which Howard (4-11) managed only one field goal.

That allowed Kansas State to build a 50-18 lead by halftime and coast the rest of the way.

"I told the guys, 'It's great when you take two steps forward. It's awful when you take one step backward. That's wast-

ing time,'" Martin said. "Coming into the year, no one gave these guys credit. All they talked about was they were Jacob Pullen and a bunch of misfits. That's not the case."

The Wildcats, picked to finish sixth in the Big 12, will carry a six-game winning streak into their game Wednesday night against the Jayhawks, which opens an expanded 18-game conference schedule.

No. 17 Kansas is favored to win its eighth consecutive championship.

Kansas State has won 13 straight at Bramlage Coliseum, one shy of matching the school record set from Feb. 17, 2009, to Jan. 18, 2010. The Wildcats have also won 41 consecutive non-conference home games, and 23 straight at home in December, including all 16 under Martin's leadership.

"We came with more intensity. A couple of the games we played bad in this year, we didn't come out with much intensity," Spradling said. "We just kept burying them the rest of the game."

Glen Andrews scored 25 points to lead the Bison, though he needed 23 shots to get there. Howard shot 29 percent (14 of 48) as a team, including 6 of 22 from 3-point range.

The Bison certainly took their lumps on a trip through the Sunflower State.

They looked wide-eyed and unprepared during an 89-34 loss to the Jayhawks on Thursday night, and fared little better after a short drive west. Kansas State opened a 33-10 lead in the first 15 minutes of the game, riding some hot shooting from the outside to an easy victory.

"Offensively, I was pleased how we played the whole game, even though we didn't make shots in the second half," Martin said. "In the second half, we got sloppy defensively."

Andrews gave Howard its



Rodney McGruder (22) goes up for the net and led the Wildcats with 14 points.

only lead of the game when he hit a 3-pointer on the opening possession, but Shane Southwell — starting in place of Martavious Irving, who missed the game with a sprained left ankle — quickly answered with one at the other end.

Spradling hit another 3-pointer moments later, and the Wildcats were off and running.

The lead was 18-10 when Rodriguez's scooping layup starting a 15-0 run. The freshman guard popped a 3-pointer moments later, then drained another from the top of the key

on the Wildcats' next possession — Rodriguez actually hesitated because he couldn't believe he was so wide open.

By the time Samuels scored back-to-back baskets and Spradling added another bucket, the lead was 33-10 and Howard coach Kevin Nickelberry could do little more than shake his head.

The lead eclipsed the 40-point mark at 63-21 with 14:47 remaining when Spradling hit his third 3-pointer of the game. The Wildcats started to substitute liberally after that, allow-

ing Howard to go on a 13-0 run covering about six minutes midway through the second half.

That was reason enough for Martin to harp on his team, which won't have the luxury of taking any breaks when it heads to Allen Fieldhouse on Wednesday night.

"I'm just ready to play. I wish it was tomorrow," McGruder said of the cross-state clash. "I'm excited. I'm amped up for it. I can't wait to win there."



Angel Rodriguez (13) goes up for the layup and tallied 11 points for the Wildcats.



Will Spradling (55) fights to keep Howard's Anton Dickerson (4). Spradling scored 13 points for K-State.

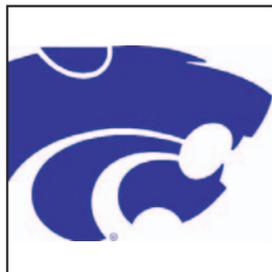


Jamar Samuels (32) climbs over Howard's Oliver Ellison (44) on his way to the net.



Jeremy Jones (24) plans his move around the Howard defense and scored 10 points for the Wildcats.

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