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Former President Trump to return to White House



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President Donald Trump was sworn in on Jan. 20, 2017 at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. He holds his left hand on two versions of the Bible, one childhood bible given to him by his mother, along with Abraham Lincoln's bible.

COLE BERTELSEN

editor-in-chief

Donald Trump's chaotic political career, which includes felony convictions, two impeachments and two assassination attempts, will soon lead him back to the Oval Office.

Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States Wednesday after winning Wisconsin — surpassing the required 270 electoral votes.

Many key swing states went the president-elect's way, with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Georgia and Michigan all turning red. At the time of writing on Thursday, Nevada and Arizona also considerably lean in his

favor, which would bring Trump's electoral votes to 312.

Trump will likely be the first Republican presidential candidate to win the popular vote since George W. Bush in 2004. In 2016 Trump lost the popular vote by nearly 3 million voters but won the electoral votes with 306.

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Kansas Remains Red | State, local election results



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House candidate Angel Roeser and Senate candidate Brad Starnes celebrate their simultaneous lead in the 2024 Kansas Primary election on Nov. 5.

MEREDITH MCCALMON
managing editor

During the presidential election on Tuesday, Kansas voters favored former President Donald Trump. He received 57.4% of the popular vote in Kansas, gaining 6 electoral college votes. Vice President Kamala Harris trailed with 40.8% of the popular vote in Kansas.

“This is a movement like nobody’s ever seen before and frankly this was, I believe, the greatest political movement of all time,” Trump said in his victory speech Wednesday morning.

In the race for the U.S. House for Kansas District 1, Tracey Mann (R) won with 66.2% of votes against Paul Buskirk (D), who received 33.8% of votes.

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K-State engineers to send condensation study to International Space Station

KYRA CASE
news editor

Kansas State associate professor of mechanical and nuclear engineering Amy Betz was granted around \$400,000 from the National Science Foundation in collaboration with the International Space Station National Laboratory to develop new models for predicting ice and frost formation, according to a K-State news release.

Betz, assistant dean for retention, diversity and inclusion, began her investigation of condensation and freezing “a little over 13 years” ago. She said the space station “rotates around in subject areas,” eventually deciding they wanted a study of phase change heat transfer.

“People have been

studying this for 80 years, and we still don’t have a definitive answer, and this research might help us get that definitive answer,” Betz said. “So we were really excited.”

Betz works in conjunction with Melanie Derby, Dr. Charles E. Wilson chair in engineering and professor of mechanical and nuclear engineering; and Hande McGinty, assistant professor of computer science.

The research team uses tools such as AI and machine learning to help develop models.

“... It takes a lot of work to sift through all these videos,” Betz said. “So we, just in our lab from previous work, have thousands of hours of



Hande McGinty, Amy Betz and Melanie Derby are the three principle researchers in the study about condensation.

videos of droplets forming on surfaces. So the idea that we might be able to put together models that would allow us new insights into what was happening on the space station made it even more exciting for us.”

Kerry Garcia, senior

in engineering, said his current role is to learn how to use Computer Numerical Control to help benefit the research.

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Woman killed in knife attack

THE COLLEGIAN

Riley County Police officers responded to a report of a stabbing Tuesday morning on the 3000 block of Arbor Drive. Police located 24-year-old Tabatha Deer from Mountain Home, Arkansas “who had sustained multiple stab wounds,” according to an RCPD press release.

Deer was transported to Ascension Via Christi Hospital, then airlifted to Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka where she succumbed to her injuries.

Hunter Smith, a 24-year-old Manhattan resident, was apprehended at the scene and transported to Stormont Vail Hospital.

Smith was arrested on charges of first-degree murder with bond set at \$1 million.

The investigation is ongoing, and according to RCPD updates “will be released as they become available.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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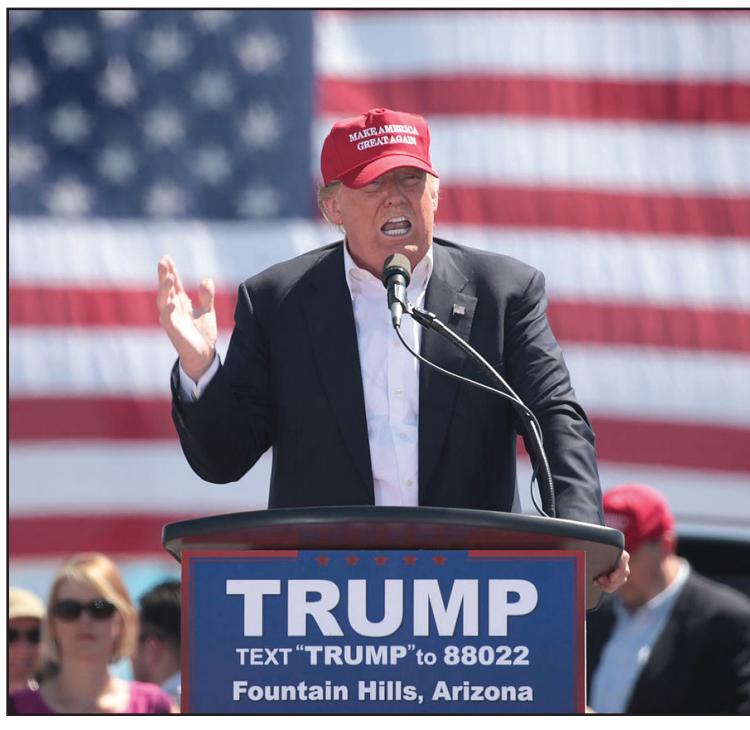
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Donald Trump speaks at a rally in 2016 at Fountain Hills, Arizona.

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This is the second time in American history that a president was elected after a four-year gap between terms. Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd president after an 1884 election and later became the 24th president after his 1892 run.

This election also marks the second time a female candidate for president was defeated, both times when running against Trump.

His opponent this election, Vice President Kamala Harris, gave her concession speech the afternoon after the race was

called, vowing to support the results of the election.

"Earlier today, I spoke with President-elect Trump and congratulated him on his victory," Harris said. "I also told him that we will help him and his team with their transition and that we will engage in a peaceful transfer of power."

As current U.S. vice president, it will be Harris' role to certify her former opponent's win in the Senate.

Trump referred to winning the popular vote as "a great feeling of love."

"I hope that you're going

to be looking back someday and say, 'That was one of the truly important moments of my life when I voted for this group of people' — beyond the president, this group of great people," he said in reference to his campaign team and supporters.

Trump is the first convicted felon in U.S. history elected as president. The 78-year-old is also the oldest person elected in the office.

According to the Associated Press, his running mate, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will soon be the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.

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Business development strategist Angel Roeser (R) defeated Kim Zito (D) in the race for Kansas House with 52.8% of votes, representing District 67 (Riley County).

"The voters spoke, and we won," Roeser said to The Collegian at her watch party with Brad Starnes on election night.

Small business owner Megan Steele (R) won the race for Kansas House District 51 in a landslide win with 68.7% of votes. Her opponent, Linda Morse (D),

received 31.3% of votes.

House District 51 includes Riley County, Wabaunsee County and Pottawatomie County.

For Kansas Senate District 22, former Riley County and Wabaunsee County superintendent Brad Starnes (R) unseated former Manhattan Mayor Usha Reddi (D). Starnes received 51.1% of votes.

Senate District 22 covers Riley County, Clay County and northern parts of Geary County.

"[I'm] excited to see what

God's plan is for us, and to determine where the future is," Starnes said.

Kansas representative Kenny Titus (R) defeated Matthew Robin (D) for the Kansas Senate District 18 seat, though Robin officially ended his campaign in August. Titus received 67% of the vote.

Senate District 18 includes Pottawatomie County, and parts of Jefferson and Shawnee Counties.

According to the State Electoral Vote History by 270 To Win, 1964 was the last election in which Kansas did not vote in favor of a Republican presidential candidate, and this trend remains consistent through 2024.



Photo by Kelsey Chellberg | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
Usha Reddi (left) poses for a picture with supporters at her watch party. Reddi lost the election for Kansas Senate District 22 to Brad Starnes.

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"So it's like a machine that machinists would use in order to create ... parts or whatever else you need, designed out of metal," Garcia said. "It works kind of like a 3D printer, but the opposite way. Instead of adding material onto itself, it subtracts it. So you start off with, like, imagine a big block of metal or whatever material you're using, and

then you cut away at it slowly to get the final design."

Despite the pressure from working on such a large investigation, Garcia said he chooses to focus on his "small portion" of the project.

"I feel like sometimes when you focus ... on the project as a whole, you can get overwhelmed," Garcia said. "But since I have this

smaller part of this bigger puzzle, it's not as bad."

Jane Turner, masters student in mechanical engineering, said the study focuses on how air molecules move.

"What we're trying to investigate is how much the heat transfers, because part of that value, the part of the contribution to that value is from natural convection," Turner said. "We're trying to figure out through the experiment how much heat — the natural convection, which is due to gravity —

affects how the frost forms."

Turner said the research can be used in several aspects of everyday life.

"Condensation is something that's really important for a lot of things, like HVAC,"

Turner said. "You know, in the summertime, your condenser will freeze up, it'll turn to a solid block of ice, and then doesn't work anymore. So if we can figure out ... these bigger driving mechanisms between how water forms on a surface, or how water condenses

on a surface, and then how those water droplets grow into frost, and the size of how it grows, then we can engineer better things so that we don't have issues with condensation freezing."

Turner said she is excited about the opportunity to work on the research.

"I feel very lucky that I get to be a female in STEM that has two female principal investigators, and that ... all the principal investigators on this research project are women, which is really cool," Turner said.

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From the Archives | Topeka reacts to 1980 Reagan landslide

THE COLLEGIAN

In the heart of Kansas, opposing watch parties reacted as the election between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter unfolded. This article from Nov. 5, 1980 by Collegian staff writers covered Topeka watch parties as Reagan won by a landslide, receiving 489 electoral votes.

Both parties held a state event in the capital's respective headquarters as results poured in. As Reagan took an early lead, the Republican Party swarmed with joy and celebrated victory, while across town the Democratic Party celebrated their sole victory of Nancy Parish defeating opponent Bill Allbott for 19th District senator.

Read the article here, or scan the QR code to view the full newspaper on the online archive.

Election results subdue party excitement

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Staff Writer

TOPEKA — The mood was staid last night at both state party headquarters in Topeka with one exception—the Democrats camp downtown at the Holiday Inn housed a considerably smaller population,

Quiet highlights at the Republican headquarters in the Regency Ballroom at the Ramada Inn, included President Carter's televised 8:50 p.m. concession speech, Sen. Bob Dole's 9:20 p.m. acceptance speech, and Rep. Jim Jeffries 9:50 p.m. acceptance speech.

Even these, however, held seemingly little excitement for party loyalists. There was only one highlight at the Democratic headquarters when Nancy Parish, can-

didate for State senator in the 19th district won a large victory over her Republican opponent Bill Allbott.

John Simpson and Sam Keys both gave modest concession speeches thanking campaign workers for support. Following these concessions, Democratic party faithfuls left the hall for private hotel rooms—the party was over.

Top Kansas Republicans showed little surprise over the early Reagan victory.

Janice Hardenburger, State campaign director for Ronald Reagan, said she "felt for about two or three days that there was a ground swelling of support for Gov. Reagan."

She said she could see "development of an early victory." One reason for the victory she said, is the hostage situation.

"The hostage situation really influenced the women's vote. Women tend to respond to emotional issues."

Hardenburger said she believed women were changing their mind because of Carter's policy fluctuations on the hostage issue.

In Dole's acceptance speech he said he was not surprised by the Reagan victory either.

"We've finally gotten the message from the people in this state and in this country, that they want a more responsible and conservative government in America."

In the U.S. Senate race Kansas incumbent senator Bob Dole won easily over John Simpson.

In his speech Dole said he has not interested in a Reagan administration position.

"I'm not looking for a job in the Reagan administration. I want to be a good U.S.

Senator and I need you're support in the next six years."

The race for the 2nd Congressional District seat was a seesaw race until 9:30 p.m. when incumbent Jeffries began pulling ahead.

"This election at times seemed a bitter one," Jeffries said in his acceptance speech. "But I feel no animosity towards Sam Keys."

Keys however, in his concession speech, said he did not run a dirty campaign and that "everything I said about Jim Jeffries is true."

The big issue on election evening seemed to be the possibility of a surge of interest in the Republican party. With Reagan's landslide victory and six new U.S. Senate seats won away from the democrats, and four U.S. Senate races close, as of 11:35 p.m.



The winner

Jim Jeffries gives his wife a kiss after winning the 2nd District Congressional race. Jeffries defeated ex-K-State Dean of the College of

Education Sam Keys in a contest termed "negative" by the news media.

Staff photo by Craig Chandler

Museum of Art + Light opens to Manhattan public

KAITLYNN FABER
arts & culture editor

The Museum of Art + Light will officially be open starting at 10 a.m. Friday.

The first floor will have an immersive art experience through a gallery called Mezmerey, where the walls and floors will move using technology to submerge

viewers in sound and sight. The second and third floors will have traditional and digital galleries, named the De Coded Gallery, the Byrnice & Gordon Hurt Gallery and the Fine Art Gallery.

The Museum of Art + Light will be the first museum in the world to have the immersive, permanent and digital gallery upon establishment. The third

floor will also feature Café Azul by Radina's, which will have outdoor dining overlooking the Kaw river valley. Student tickets start at \$12 and adult tickets cost \$15, and can be purchased online in advance.

Readers interested in more information on The Museum of Art + Light can visit its website at artlightmuseum.org.



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How much money should you save each month?

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Saving for the future might be the furthest thing from your mind when you're trying to stay afloat financially in college. After all, students don't tend to have much cash left after paying their tuition, room and board, book fees and other incidental costs.

It's still a good idea to start developing a savings habit now. Any amount you save is better than nothing, and there are methods you can follow in college to put away a small amount each month and build a safety net.

Here's how to know how much you should be saving each month, and what kind of accounts can help make it easier to grow your funds.

How much should you be saving?

There's no standard answer for each person – how much you save depends on your goals and budget. Any amount you contribute, however, will build your savings in the long run, even if it's \$1 a day.

Crafting a budget can help you manage your spending and find ways to save a portion of your income. Consider the following steps to get started:

- **Count your funds:** List all your sources of income, such as student loans, gifts from family and loved ones, and earnings from a job.

This will give you an idea of how much comes in every month. For most people, this can change with the seasons or month to month, so think about accounting for fluctuating funds.

- **Track monthly expenses:** Start with your recurring bills, such as rent. List the consistent costs that you have to pay every month and assign them to categories.

- **Watch your flexible spending:** Decide how much you need for your flexible spending budget, which can include food and entertainment costs.

These are expenses that can vary and that you can often control.

- **Save what you can:** Find room for savings and decide how much you can allocate to savings, even if you adjust it month to month.

Once you have created your budget, check it often and look for more ways to save money.

What kind of account do I need?

A savings account with an interest rate will allow your funds to increase over time. You can even set aside a portion of your money into a certificate of deposit (CD). A CD will usually give you a higher interest rate in exchange for having your deposit locked up for a set

period. Because most CDs have an early withdrawal penalty, there's less of a temptation to take out funds.

Financial institutions also offer tools to help you save. Your bank's mobile app might offer autosave features where you can determine amounts to put away daily, periodically or every time you get paid.

For instance, you can set up an automatic transfer of \$20 from your checking account to your savings account once per week. You can also automatically transfer a percentage of money into your savings each time you get a deposit.

If you have a job and your employer offers direct deposit, they may also offer the ability to designate portions of your check to different bank accounts.

If that's the case, consider earmarking a percentage of your pay to be deposited into a savings account.

Remember—if the money is never in your checking account, you'll avoid the temptation to spend it.

Why saving money matters

Saving can help you build an emergency fund, which can help you manage unexpected expenses. Saving can also help you achieve short- and long-term goals, like paying off credit card debt, supporting a spring break trip, funding a study abroad program or making a big purchase like a vehicle. There's never a bad time to start saving. Even if you start small, developing a savings habit today in college can go a long way toward building a solid financial foundation for life.

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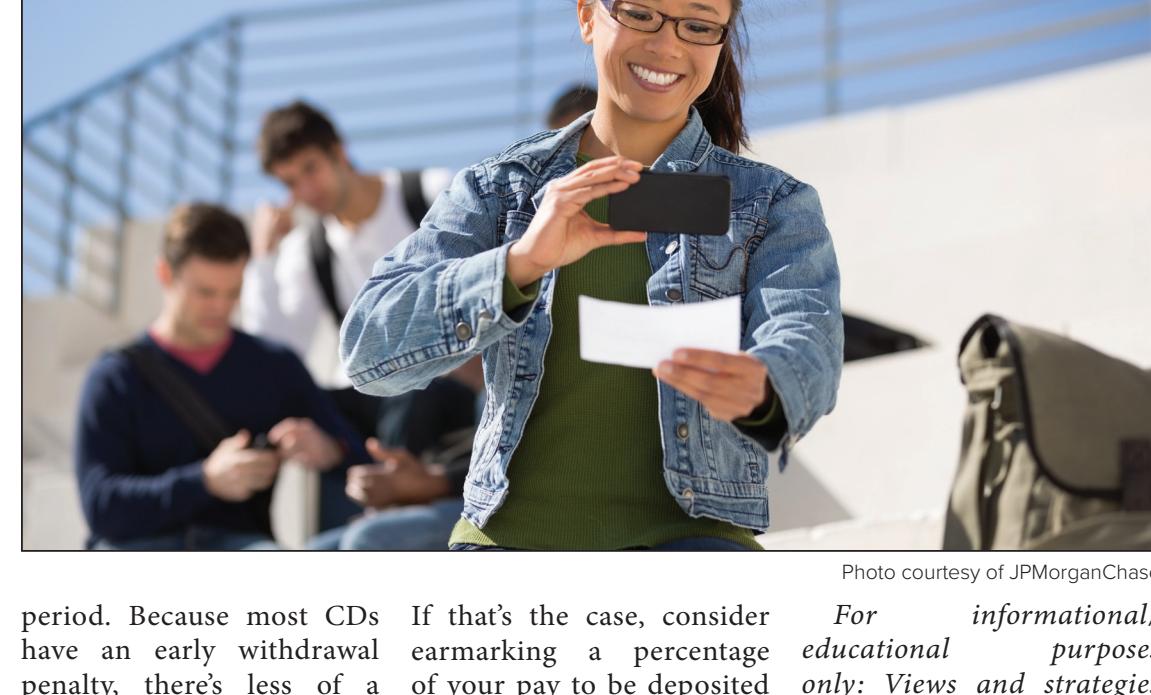


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Sand to the Hardwood | Ella Larkin's unique volleyball journey returns home

KAMDEN TATKENHORST
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Ella Larkin's journey from the heart of Kansas to the sandy shores of LSU, then back to her home state, was unique to say the least.

It's not the path the Kansas State transfer imagined for herself growing up, but as she's back home in her home state, she reflects on the trail she took.

The senior libero grew up in Wichita, loving to play volleyball every day. She idolized her father, who played collegiately at BYU and ended up playing professionally.

Larkin knew she wanted to play volleyball in college, but something on television sparked her interest in another way.

"I sat down one day and watched the AVP, a professional beach volleyball league, and thought it was so much fun," Larkin said. "It's two people and you basically get to touch the ball every play."

In the Midwest, beach volleyball players are hard to come by. Luckily for Larkin, she had a friend who was also interested. They decided to enter some tournaments but had no idea what they were getting themselves into.



Photo by Payton Lee | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
K-State libero Ella Larkin serves up the ball in a matchup against Houston on Sept. 25. The senior transfer leads the Wildcats defensively with a team-high 44.5 digs.

"We went to our first tournament in Kansas City, and lost every single game," Larkin said. "We didn't know the rules and went there to play for fun, but everybody we played was so serious about it."

Larkin and her teammate, Ellie Shank, decided to take the sport seriously and learn more about it. Fortunately, there were beach volleyball courts in town for them to practice, and their careers took off from there.

"We trained at the Wichita Sports Forum for years and finally started to fully understand the game," Larkin said. "We started

traveling again and went to California for a big tournament where college coaches came. We had success and it kind of took off from there."

Larkin and Shank both committed to LSU out of high school to play beach volleyball, but they kept the door open for indoor volleyball as well. Larkin continuously played indoors alongside the sand, so she committed to the Tigers to play both.

After finishing up her sophomore year at LSU, Larkin decided to fully focus on the beach side of volleyball. Once she finished that year, LSU hired a new staff

that Larkin didn't mesh with at first.

She decided to enter the portal with her eyes set on finding a school that would offer both, but when K-State called, she couldn't pass it up.

"Whenever [head coach Jason Mansfield] and K-State reached out to me, it was the perfect scenario," Larkin said. "It just seemed like the perfect situation being able to come home for my senior year."

With Larkin fully focused on indoor volleyball, her life looks less stressful as she no longer has to juggle playing two different sports.

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Big 12 Power Rankings | New team climbs to top spot after Week 10 upsets

BRAYDEN MESEKE

staff writer

No. 1 | BYU 8-0 (5-0)

This week's new No. 1 is BYU, benefitting from an Iowa State loss during its bye week. The Cougars will be rested before their matchup against rival Utah in the Holy War. With its less-than-impressive remaining schedule, BYU has a good chance to go undefeated into the Big 12 Championship.

No. 2 | Iowa State 7-1 (4-1)

Through the elements of a cold and rainy game, Iowa State was upset by Texas Tech at home on Saturday. Iowa State looked like the best team in the conference early on but struggled in its last two games. The Cyclones' defense faced continued difficulty against the running game as a late touchdown from Texas Tech's star running back Tahj Brooks led to the upset.

No. 3 | Colorado 6-2 (4-1)

Colorado was another big winner despite being on its bye week, with K-State and Iowa State losing. Furthermore, the bye week allowed its stars to rest and get healthy, which is paramount down the stretch. A big matchup on the road at Texas Tech this week will go a long way in deciding the Big 12 Championship teams.



Archive photo by Macey Franko | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
K-State head coach Chris Klieman hoists the Big 12 Championship trophy after defeating TCU in overtime 31-28 on Dec. 3. K-State's trip back to Arlington in 2024 took a hit after losing to Houston.

No. 4 | Kansas State 7-2 (4-2)

K-State suffered an ugly loss at Houston, potentially haunting it at the end of the year. The Wildcats' run game — their typical identity — has struggled lately, causing issues. K-State's bye week should allow it to right the run game, along with its passing defense — a much-needed fix before facing three of the top seven Big 12 teams down the stretch.

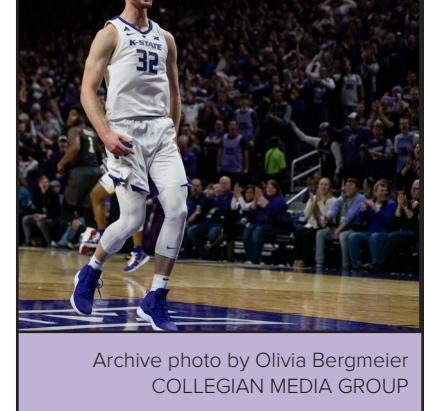
No. 5 | Texas Tech 6-3 (4-2)

Texas Tech lost two consecutive contests entering last week, including playing poorly on defense. However, all of that changed with a massive win on the road at Iowa State. Texas Tech now finds itself with a chance at a trip to Arlington; a run starts this week with Colorado coming to Lubbock.

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"RANKINGS"

Wildcats in the Pros

Wade helps Cavs early season success



Archive photo by Olivia Bergmeier | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP

Forward **Dean Wade** celebrates a dunk against the Oklahoma Sooners on Senior Night in 2019 as K-State clinched the Big 12 title.

TREY THOMAS

staff writer

Dean Wade, PF, Cleveland Cavaliers

Switching gears to basketball season, Wade fixes to be the star of the Wildcats in the NBA this year. Cleveland is 9-0 to begin the NBA season and is 18-2 in the last 20 games Wade has started.

The power forward had eight points, two assists and four rebounds in a win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday. The Cavs extended their perfect start to the season on Wednesday night against New Orleans, winning 131-122.

Josh Hayes, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

In his debut as an NFL starter, cornerback Hayes reeled in five solo tackles, a fumble recovery and a deflected pass. It was a strong starting debut for the 2023 sixth-round pick.

Hayes, a one-year player in Manhattan, collected 13 starts during his senior season at K-State. He started his career at North Dakota State under head coach Chris Klieman, before transferring to Virginia and lastly K-State for a Big 12 title in 2022.

The Bucs came up short against the Kansas City Chiefs in overtime, but Hayes certainly made his name known in Tampa Bay.

Ben Sinnott, TE, Washington Commanders

Sinnott recorded his first NFL reception on Oct. 20 for his first career touchdown. It stood as his only catch until this last week when the tight end caught a pass for 12 yards.

The second-round rookie found a good landing spot as the Commanders are 7-2.

D.J. Reed, CB, New York Jets

Reed is considered one of Pro Football Focus' highest-graded cornerbacks this year. In the New York Jets' 21-13 win over the Houston Texans, Reed recorded five solo tackles, a tackle for loss and a pass deflection.

Tyler Lockett, WR, Seattle Seahawks

The Seahawk great scored a touchdown in the team's 26-20 overtime loss to the Rams. In addition to the score, Lockett had three receptions for 63 yards as the veteran wideout continues being a reliable asset for Seattle.

Felix Anudike-Uzomah, DE, Kansas City Chiefs

Anudike-Uzomah finished the overtime nailbiter against Tampa Bay with four total tackles and a quarterback hit.

KNOW YOUR WILDCATS

No. 19 K-State football stumbles into bye week after Houston loss

BYE WEEK: *Can the 'Cats get back on track to Arlington?*

BRAYDEN MESEKE

staff writer

No. 19 K-State (7-2, 4-2)

Kansas State had a tough loss last Saturday in a game which included a delay and heavy rainfall, ultimately plaguing its game plan. Despite the elements, K-State still led 19-10 in the fourth quarter and blew the lead, which was inexcusable no matter the conditions.

K-State's run game, which was dominant early in the year, has struggled lately. Johnson ran a little bit against Houston, but moving forward his legs will be key for the Wildcats' offense to succeed.

The Wildcats' secondary continued being a point of concern in the loss. Houston quarterback Zeon Chriss went 11/11 for 100 yards and a touchdown.

The loss complicates the Wildcats' run to the Big 12 Championship — but it's not impossible.

First and foremost, K-State needs to win out to have a chance, as this would include a win and tiebreaker over Iowa State. After that, Colorado needs to suffer its second conference loss after K-State beat them on the road, earning the tiebreaker.

If Colorado were to lose, the victor would determine how many teams would be up for the tie in the second spot in the Big 12 championship, assuming BYU takes the No. 1 spot.

Many scenarios could play out for the rest of the season, but whatever happens, we know it will be chaotic in the wild Big 12.

After the bye, K-State has two home games against Arizona State and Cincinnati. K-State will need to continue being tough to beat at home before traveling to Ames to take on Iowa State in what could be a monumental Farmageddon game for Big 12 title hopes.

BY THE NUMBERS

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TURNOVER RATIO

+2

LAST 3 RUSH YDS./G

146 YDS

TOTAL RUSH YDS./G

208 YDS

PASS TDS

17 TDS

NET YDS. / PUNT

37.5 YDS

YDS. / KICK RETURN

18.8 YDS

OPP PASS YDS./G

246.8 YDS



WILLIE THE WILDCAT

Photo by Mallory Schroeder | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
Willie the Wildcat leads a "K-S-U" chant after K-State scored a touchdown in the home opener against UT-Martin on Aug. 31.

REMAINING GAMES (PREDICTION):

vs. Arizona State (W), vs. Cincinnati (W), @ Iowa State (L)

PREDICTED RECORD:

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Libero **Ella Larkin** huddles with her teammates during K-State's three-set loss to Oklahoma on Sept. 22 at Morgan Family Arena. Larkin is a transfer from LSU, returning closer to her home in Wichita.

"LARKIN"

CONTINUED FROM B1

"The coaches here have made it so much easier for me knowing that this potentially could be my last year," Larkin said. "That allows me to just want to ball out and have fun."

Although the sports are very different, Larkin is still able to use some beach volleyball skills on the indoor court. On the sand, players have to be able to attack and defend, which made Larkin a better all-around player.

"I feel like I got some fast, twitch muscles from the beach that help me

with my indoor game," Larkin said. "It's been easier to use that same kind of muscles and react as much as I did on the beach. You also have to have so much ball control for beach volleyball, which helps me on the indoor court being able to pass super well."

Defensively, Larkin leads the Wildcats with 4.45 digs per set this season, including notching 19 or more digs in each of K-State's last seven matches.

She's been a key cog in K-State earning a 7-4 mark in Big 12 play, climbing back toward .500 at 9-11 after a difficult non-conference start to the season.



Photo by Payton Lee | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
Libero **Ella Larkin** and setter **Izzi Szulczevski** rejoice during K-State's matchup with Houston on Sept. 25. The Wildcats lost 3-0 to the Cougars at Morgan Family Arena.



Photo by Payton Lee | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
Libero **Ella Larkin** slides to the ground while working for a dig against West Virginia on Oct. 31. The Wildcats won in a five-set thriller on Halloween with a team-high 23 digs from Larkin.

"RANKINGS"

CONTINUED FROM B1

No. 6 | Arizona St. 6-2 (3-2)

Arizona State took care of business last weekend against Oklahoma State thanks to another big outing from star running back Cam Skattebo. Arizona State has UCF this week at home before it travels to K-State and hosts BYU, giving a true test to the Sun Devils.

No. 7 | Cincinnati 5-3 (3-2)

Cincinnati comes off a bye week where it could potentially benefit from the losses of top teams as well. It hosts West Virginia in a battle between two 3-2 teams this week. Like Arizona State, Cincinnati has two tough tests approaching at Iowa State and K-State.

No. 8 | Baylor 5-4 (3-3)

Baylor continues to play well, winning three consecutive Big 12 games after losing its first three.

The Bears have found an explosive offense in the passing game, leading them to victories. As Baylor fights for bowl eligibility, head coach Dave Aranda may be fighting for his job as well. With Baylor's remaining three games being winnable, he may have a chance to keep it.

No. 9 | West Virginia 4-4 (3-2)

West Virginia got the hard part of its schedule over with and now has a chance to be competitive down the stretch. The Mountaineers' bye week last week should've helped quarterback Garrett Greene get healthy. WVU travels to Cincinnati this week, setting up a potentially tricky game kicking off at 11 a.m.

No. 10 | Houston 4-5 (3-3)

Houston makes its first appearance in the top 10 after back-to-back wins against Utah and K-State. Houston made massive strides throughout the season under first-year head coach Willie Fritz. Standing at 3-3 in con-



Photo courtesy of K-State Athletics
Head coach **Chris Klieman** motivates players as they head to the sideline at Houston on Nov. 2. K-State lost 24-19, taking a major hit on its road to a Big 12 title game berth.

ference is a lot better than most expected, giving them a chance at a bowl game. Houston is on the road Friday night against a struggling Arizona team.

- No. 11 | TCU 5-4 (3-3)
- No. 12 | Kansas 2-6 (1-4)
- No. 13 | UCF 4-5 (2-4)
- No. 14 | Utah 4-4 (1-4)
- No. 15 | Arizona 3-6 (1-5)
- No. 16 | Oklahoma State 3-6 (0-6)

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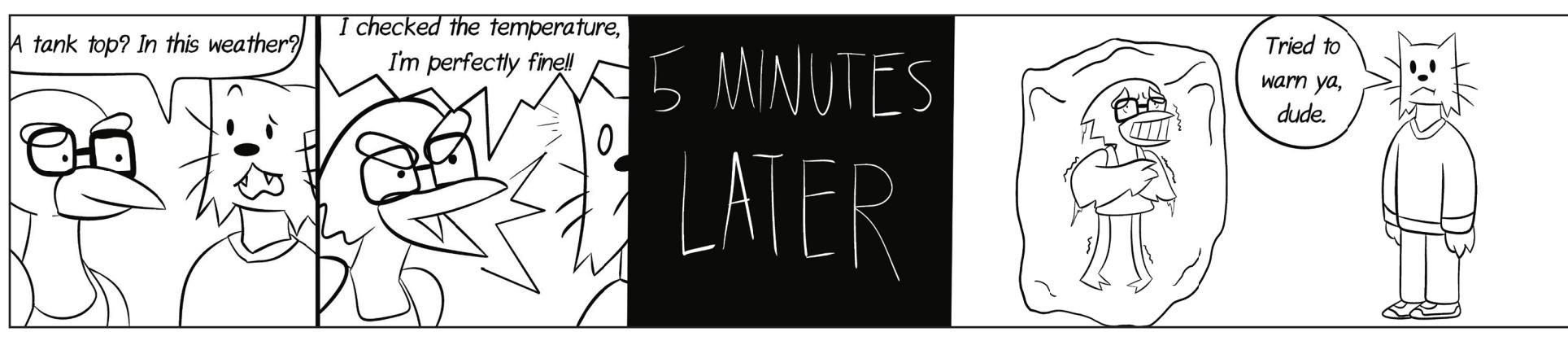
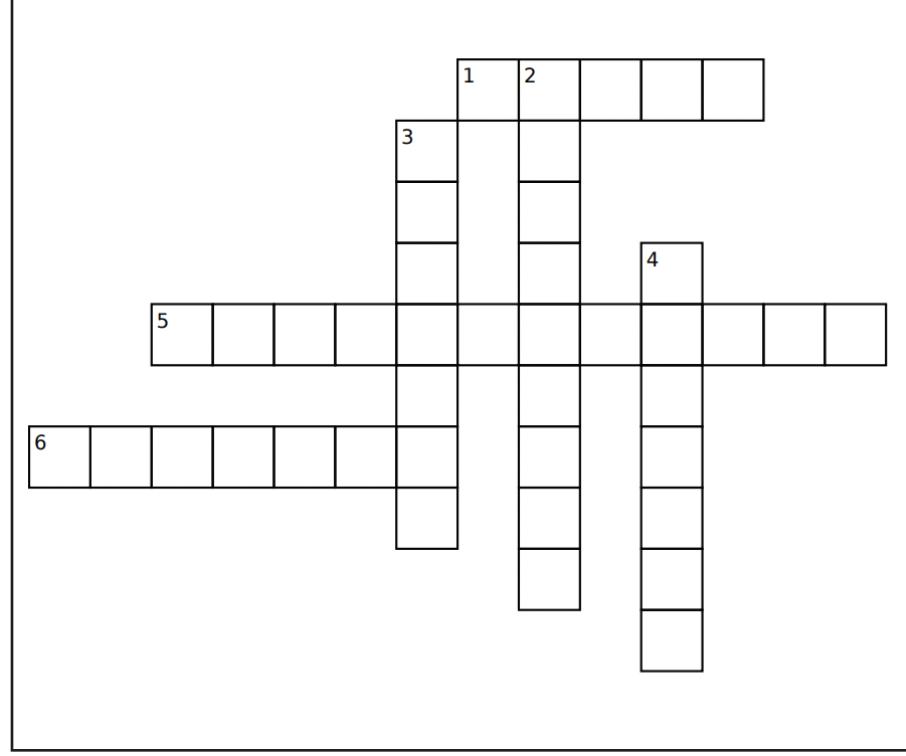


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