



# Just add water: Scarcity sends school scrambling

**Katie Donnelly**  
Managing Editor

William Wilburn stood sweating Wednesday afternoon over hundreds of gallons of water boiling in a huge vat in the kitchen of the Sodexo cafeteria in the Memorial Union. His perspiration wasn't from nerves, but from boiling water for the 60 seconds required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The campus--and the rest of Emporia--was sent scrambling for safe water after the City of Emporia issued a boil advisory at 11:40 a.m., following a mechanical failure at the municipal water plant. With tap water no longer considered safe to drink, bottled water quickly disappeared from store shelves. The Starbucks in the Union closed hours early and although the cafeteria remained open, managers were still debating whether the cafeteria would open for business as usual today.

Wilburn, food operations manager, said Sodexo was prepared for the emergency.

"It's a piece of cake," Wilburn said. "We have stored water on campus just for the students."

In addition to the 150 gallons of water Wilburn was boiling, he said the cafeteria also keeps 20 to 30 cases of bottled water on hand.



William Wilburn stands over the 150 gallons of water boiled in the kitchen after the water boil advisory. "Everything is shut down," Wilburn said. "All the water is shut down. They can only serve bottled drinks and sodas. No ice, no nothin'." KATIE DONNELLY | **The Bulletin**

Starbucks closed four hours early at 5 p.m. because most of the drinks are water based and therefore expired, while the Hornets Nest and the dining hall remain open serving pop and lemonade.

"Due to lack of water, all of our drinks are expired about now," said Zach Mundy, Sodexo supervisor.

Cass Coughlin, director of residential services, ordered 1,008 bottles of water from Coca-Cola totaling \$1,200 which he is only expecting to cover the minimum for students.

"The idea behind that is that it's supplemental,"

Coughlin said. "Most students have bottled water, tea, pop, whatever in their room, and so what we're aiming to do is to provide students kind of a supplement to what they have in their rooms already."

Drinking water is only a small portion.

"In terms of showering,

bathing, the KDHE guidelines was part of the university release and expectations there... Showers can continue unless people drink water while they shower, in which case we don't advise that," Coughlin said.

## New director makes debut



ESU theatre students rehearse a dramatic scene during their dress rehearsal on Feb. 25 in Karl C. Bruder Theatre. "Death by Design" is the opening production of the spring season and it will run until Feb. 29. SHELBY HAMBLETON | **The Bulletin**

**Katie Donnelly**  
Managing Editor

Jim Harris will make his directorial debut at Emporia State with "Death by Design," which Harris describes as a "who-done-it," comedy. The play will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26-29 in the Karl C. Bruder theater.

"It was a monster task to direct (at my last school)," said Harris, assistant professor of communication and theatre. "To come here and be part of a (Bachelor of Fine Arts) program and be a part of the collaborative process is just an incredible experience. Everybody here is just fantastic at what they do."

Harris said he's excited to be working at Emporia State.

"The cast has meshed really well together," said Lucas Coble, junior theater major. "I love the director, Jim Harris," Coble said. "This is his first year at Emporia State and this is his directorial debut and I think he's doing a fantastic job at it. Just the cast in general, we really have a nice cohesion together and we really listen and we're really there for each other when we need each other during the play."

Coble said the plot is hard to describe, but the play separates itself from others.

"What this production

(does is) really set itself apart from other plays," Coble said. "It's definitely the comedy within the play. It's a farce. So, it's kind of hard for me to explain the plot because the plot is very loose in some areas, but what really drives it home is the wit."

Humor is a big part of the plot, Harris said.

"You get all of the fun suspense of the who done it yet still limited with lots of beautifully written and constructed jokes throughout," Harris said. "It's a fun time."

After almost a month of rehearsals, the comedy has gotten a bit dry, Wells said.

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## ASG candidates prepare for upcoming election

**Margaret Mellott**  
Editor-in-Chief

Only one pair of students is currently running for Associated Student Government president and vice-president. Candidate Brayden Soper, sophomore political science major, is running with Amaya Oshel, junior sociology major.

Soper and Oshel have been working together for almost a year and a half and said that they believe together, they make a great fit for the university.

"I think what makes me a good fit, and Brayden and I together as a whole too, we both have a lot of different experiences in different organizations that give us more options and experiences and ways

that we can connect," Oshel said. "Especially for me being a multiracial student coming from low income, I have a lot of that experience that I can connect with those who might be struggling with the college transition."

Caring is one of his main beliefs, Soper said.

"I'm a really compassionate person and I think we've really gotten out of touch with caring for each other and just being really love-first as opposed to (being) judgemental and all of that," Soper said.

If elected, Soper and Oshel hope to implement some ideas they have to promote diversity programs.

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Sex

male

Age

2-4 years

Fee

\$25

Keno

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## ASG prepares for election season amid line item budget proposals

**Lucas Lord**

Web Editor

With voting for members of associated student government slated to take place March 3-5, online and throughout campus, and the first readings of the line item budget proposals, the third ASG meeting of the semester brought in onlookers and RSO representatives.

"Petitions and applications were due at five today so that window is officially closed, so now we can announce who the candidates are," said Sarah Lewis, ASG election commissioner. "Our presidential candidates are Brayden Soper and Amaya Oshel. This Wednesday is the election debate in the PKP room at six, with the election running form the third to the fifth (of March) ...following all this the announcement party will be in CSI at 6:45 p.m. on March sixth."

Besides the presidential election, ten students will

also be running for senate positions. With the passing of three resolutions and three bills, the ASG also announced the disbursement of the "Love Your Campus mini-grants", a program aimed at promoting diversity on campus, according to ASG president Paul Frost.

"We will be awarding the ("Love Your Campus mini-grants") to three RSO's," said at-large senator and junior social science education major Tayler Loudermill. "The first is the Black Student Union for their program with student veterans in March, the next is the Chinese Students and Scholars Association for their work with Chinese blossoms in the community, and also Athletic Training club for their work trying to get equipment for assistive technology."

Other than awarding money, the ASG also ran through its first reading of the line item organizations budget proposals. The LIOs determine how



Associated Student Government prepares for the first readings of the Line Item Organizations. ASG reviews student fees yearly. LUCAS LORD | **The Bulletin**

student fees are utilized for various programs on campus from *The Bulletin* to athletics. They will be read two more times and potentially revised before being finalized for the next semester.

The ASG fiscal affairs committee proposed increasing *The Bulletin* fee from \$10.25 to \$11.28 for full time students

and from \$1.3 to \$1.43 per credit hour for others. They also debated adjusting the athletic band stipend from \$10 to \$12 for full time students and from 75c to 1\$ per credit hour for others.

The next ASG meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., March 6, in the senate chambers on the third floor of the student union.

## Police Reports

### Logs from ESU Police and Safety

**Feb. 19**

Officers assisted Emporia Police Dept. with a suspicious person and theft case at 1112 Merchant.

Officer escorted students vehicle from Newman Regional Health Emergency Room to Schallenkamp Hall. Vehicle had a flat tire. Officer followed in the event tire became damaged.

Officers provided escort for a female student from the east end of Sector 7 to Twin Towers Complex.

**Feb. 20**

Officers stopped KS 151KHM at 12 th and East. Verbal warning for defective break light and seat-belt violation.

Cremer Hall multiple zones 5, 10-31, 70 Fire/Fire Trouble. CS Power Restore, smoke detectors, Strobes and horns activated. Mechanical issue. Alarms reset. System placed in test mode.

The alarm system in Cremer Hall sent multiple alarms to ESU PD HQ. It requires attention.

**Feb. 21**

Officer directed traffic at 15 th and Morse Dr. for construction crew.

Officer stopped KS 035KZY at 12 th and Cottonwood. Verbal warning for defective tag light.

Officer stopped KS 636JFU in 1100 Market. Verbal warning improper left turn and defective tag light.

**Feb. 22**

Officer stopped MO XA1H5L in 100 E 12 th. Verbal warning for speeding driving without a seatbelt and improper left turn.

Officer engaged in community contact with a male subject at 12 th and Exchange.

Officer stopped MO MS2L2F at 1829 Merchant. Verbal warning for a stop sign violation at I-35 and Merchant.

**Feb. 23**

Lyon Co. Communications reported suspicious activity in the vicinity of the construction area north of I-35. Officer contacted subjects and advised to avoid the area.

Officer engaged in community contact with a female subject and a male subject at King Lake.

Shayla Miller requested welfare check for Jimiah Filterman in Schallenkamp Room 203. She and Gavron Kemp were in a verbal dispute. Parties were separated.

**Feb. 24**

Female subject requested to speak with an officer at ESU PD HQ in reference to the theft of her bicycle from 1112 Merchant.

A male subject requested to speak with an officer by telephone in reference to harassment of his girlfriend by an ESU student.

## A sweet meet and great with KNEA



Victoria Yoder, secretary and Hailey Kisner, president of KNEA welcome potential members at their first informal get together. The RSO was revamped this year after becoming defunct. LUCAS LORD | **The Bulletin**

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Web Editor

The newly revised Emporia State chapter of the Kansas National Educators Association (KNEA) hosted its first event of the semester in Visser hall with sweet treats and a presentation to potential members.

"This is our local chapter. When we really become teachers with our licenses you may also have local chapters that aren't on a college campus," said Victoria Yoder, secretary and senior elementary education major.

While KNEA is not new to Emporia, the RSO had to be re-recognized before the ASG after becoming defunct.

"Fun fact, Emporia was the only state institution to not have KNEA so we were like, 'That's kinda weird, we're the teachers college'," said Hailey Kisner, president and freshman elementary education major. "We are kind of in the beginning stages as you can see of setting this up."

Kisner said she wanted to revamp ESU's chapter of KNEA after meeting Yoder, who is president-elect of the statewide KNEA assembly, at

a conference.

"Everything we do aligns with (the National Education Association)," Kisner said. "One thing that I found when I came here is that there wasn't really a club for teachers, that was something missing...there is KDP but there's nothing else. So, we thought we should go ahead and create something where we could have partnerships with other clubs as well."

The membership fee of KNEA for students is \$20 a year, with a rebate up to four years after graduation according to Yoder. Members

have access to a myriad of benefits from scholarship opportunities, legal assistance and classroom liability insurance to participation in statewide and international conferences.

"When you become a student teacher you need liability insurance, a lot of people are KNEA members for this reason because we offer really cheap liability insurance for when you are a teacher," Yoder said. "The next membership acceptance cycle is September 1st, but there's no pressure."

With eight attendees, from secondary education to art education, they were assured that all education majors were welcome to join, regardless of their distinction.

"I saw them in the union tabling, and I figured this would be really interesting," said Amanda Clark, junior art education major. "Art is really the best...it depends on the class (if resources are available to art ed. students) but there isn't much."

The first general meeting of KNEA will be 7 p.m., March 19, in Visser hall 118. For more information about KNEA they are available at [emporia.knea@gmail.com](mailto:emporia.knea@gmail.com).

## ELECTIONS

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"You know when you apply to a university and you check if you're African American, Hispanic, Latino, like all of those things, that information doesn't go anywhere," Oshel said. "One things we'd like to see is to take that information and put all those students into an email list where they get emails of all our diversity student programs we have or organizations that they have so it's more easily accessible for our students to understand what resources are on campus for those underrepresented populations."

Current ASG president, Paul Frost, senior management major, said that it's important for students to vote in the upcoming elections.

"These people are going to potentially be the ones that represent you at the university level," Frost said. "The student voice is always important and always needs to be heard."



Brayden Soper, sophomore political science major, listens intently to his running mate, Amaya Oshel, junior sociology major, on Feb. 25. Soper and Oshel are the only candidates running for Associated Student Government. KATIE DONNELLY | **The Bulletin**

Sometimes if the student there might voice is truly be a disconnect between so you, as stu-

dents, we need to make sure we're being active in the voting process."

Elections will be held next

week from March 3-5. Students can vote online through [Hornet365](http://Hornet365).





“Took” by Mary Downing Hahn

I have had a really hard week so far. Between classes, more than one job, a job interview, volunteer tutoring and just making time for homework, I’m booked.

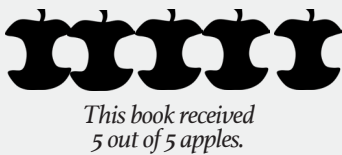
When I originally picked a book for this review—it was not this book—I struggled to get into it because my mind was wondering too much over all I had to do.

It wasn’t until I wandered into the bookstore in the Memorial Union after grabbing my favorite Starbucks drink before

another class when I saw this book. It’s called *Took*. I saw it was written by Mary Downing Hahn, who I vividly remember being my childhood Stephen King. I smiled to myself and picked up this book that I had

never read and saw it was on sale for \$4. *Why not?* I thought.

Although this is



definitely not a challenging book for college students, I recommend it to anyone who is feeling a little overwhelmed and in need of an escape. I must admit, I am a little biased because I love the author.

However, I have always been an avid reader so non-challenging books can be boring for me. This one was not. I honestly could not put it down. Maybe it’s because I desperately needed to think about something other than my hectic schedule or maybe it was because it was so good.

This book was originally sold for \$7.99. It sold at our bookstore for \$4.34 after tax. You can also find it on Amazon or basically any book website for under ten dollars. It was published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in 2015.

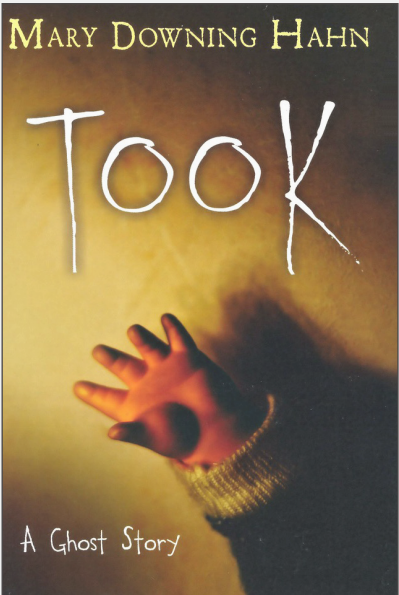
The cover looks very ominous with a creepy baby hand and the words,

“A Ghost Story” across the bottom of the dark cover. Even the cashier in the bookstore told me to let her know how the book turned out to.

The story is about a child named Daniel and his seven-year-old sister, Erica. They are forced to move to an abandoned farmhouse after their father loses his job and creepy things conspire from there. It is narrated by someone called “Auntie” in the beginning.

Old Auntie is the creepy witch, and she has a hog named Bloody Bones. The woods prove to be dangerous when little Erica vanishes. Daniel believes that he has to confront Old Auntie and get his sister back.

Overall, it was not a read that would be hard for any college student. However, it was exactly



what I needed to destress. I have always loved ghost stories, so if you do, this is completely the book for you. Take that much needed break and read this book.

It’s exactly the right amount of spooky and easy to read. I didn’t have to try very hard to keep up with it unlike some of my textbooks.

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“I’m just excited for us to finally have an audience because we’ve been practicing this for a month and like our director says, ‘Dying is easy, but doing comedy is even harder,’” Wells said. “We’ve been practicing this thing for almost a month to where we were getting really tired of the jokes, so we’re just really excited for an audience to come in and see our hard work and hopefully get a lot of laughs.”

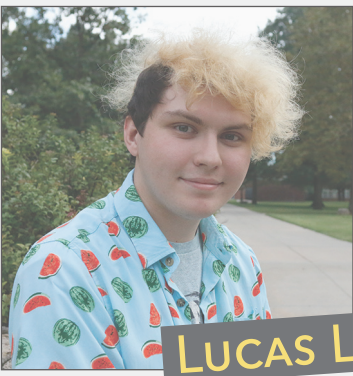
Haley Wells, sophomore theater major, said she’s ready for an audience to see the play.

“I think (the audience is) really going to enjoy the jokes that are in the play,” Wells said. “It’s very, very witty and very clever because the play was inspired by Agatha Christie’s and Noel Coward’s books... She just had a very, very witty, timing and his writing is just very clever.”

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$12 for adults and faculty. Attendees are encouraged to buy tickets in advance.



ESU theatre students perform “Death by Design” during dress rehearsal on Feb. 25 in Karl C. Bruder Theatre. Tickets are priced at \$15/\$12/\$7 (ESU students) at the door. KATIE DONNELLY | The Bulletin



EMPORIA EATS

Steaming plates with hot tastes

While Emporia has a great variety of Mexican restaurants, El Lorito at 2114 US-50 offers some of the best steaming flavors in town in an intimate space.

Smaller than some of its contemporaries, El Lorito has an excellent array of lunch options and some specialty dishes worth their namesake.

While I’m not a big meat eater, the Fajitas Texans, a steaming plate of beef, chicken and shrimp sounded too irresistible to not try. While a lot of restaurants offer Fajitas, I’ve never seen them as steaming hot as they were at El Lorito.



While it took a bit for them to get around to me, it was cooked rather quickly which is pretty much essential to the taste of meat. With large servings of mixed meat its easy to not have everything cooked thoroughly but that was far from a problem. Glazed with onions, tomatoes and peppers, the Fajita burned my mouth in the best way possible.

While the specialties are



a bit more expensive than the lunch deals, the Fajitas Texans comes with guacamole salad, beans and rice, which more than makes up for the small price difference at \$11.25.

For another couple dollars I got a heaping cup of Horchata which may have had more cinnamon than I needed but was a sweet, cool compliment to the hotness of the dish. There are a few food trucks in town with amazing Horchata, but El Lorito’s was an easy contender for my favorite.

While it may be a bit out of the way, its location on the highway makes it one of the best places to stop before you head out of town. I always find myself missing the familiar tastes of Emporia and El Lorito will be sure to leave a lasting impression.

Mardi Gras Gala goers answer Fat Tuesday trivia



Claire Calvert (left) junior social science education major, volunteered to give trivia questions for the Mardi Gras Gala on Feb. 22 at the Lyon County Historical Center. PHOTO COURTESY OF DARLA MALLEIN | The Bulletin

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## Staff Ed

## Let's vote, folks

Well, it's that time of the year again: Voting season. No, it's not quite presidential election season yet, but hyperlocally, it's time to vote for Associated Student Government.

Elections are quite literally next week, and just like midterms, they've crept up on us and come way too fast. But it's so, so important to make sure we're educated on the issues affecting our university and pay attention to what's going on here.

Currently, there is only one pair of students running for ASG president and vice-

president: Brayden Soper, sophomore political science major, and Amaya Oshel, junior sociology major. They're running a platform based on three things: Create, engage and advocate.

As for senators, there are 11 running. Of those 11, four are current senators. While there has been meet and greets held, it's hard for everyone to know who their senators are and to know who's running.

However, this shouldn't

stop you from voting. Soper and Oshel have Social Media accounts you can even check out to find more information on them and their campaign. In an era when we have tech-

it is up in part to ASG to help run Hornet nation.

There's such a high importance when it comes to the national election, we tend to forget how important local elections are. Local elections

really tend to have a higher impact on us anyways, so why aren't we voting?

It is so easy to get wrapped up in our everyday lives, especially when voting doesn't get you out of your nine to five job. But, the only way we

can improve our lives is to set aside time to vote. Especially as students, when we spend so much time on campus, it's important to pick representatives that will spend just as much time making our time here worthwhile.

In ASG, our representatives are elected out of our classmates, so we should know our peers.

Elections are next week from March 3-5, and the final announcements will be made March 6. You don't even have to "get out and vote," just follow the link online and you're good to go. So vote.

## Line Items aren't a joke, Jim!



Kalliope Craft

Design Editor

Tonight is first readings of line items on the ASG senate floor and my stomach is in knots.

Line items are the organizations operating with funds paid for by student fees. If you looked at your student fees break down, you would see "activity fees." That money goes to ASG, and they budget it out to 12 groups. It is a huge responsibility of our student government to manage this money wisely, so it is reviewed annually.

Two years ago, in an attempt to make our college experience more affordable, all but five of these groups faced huge cuts. Personally, I almost lost both my student jobs and the music department where I've made my home for five years learned that love for the arts is not only lost on public school administrators, but on the student population as well.

Cuts included an underhanded takebacksies of the (30?)% increase given to the Performing Arts Board to make up for lost time of 15 years without any increase to manage inflation.

It also included cuts to this newspaper. Wonder why you haven't seen us around as much lately? Our 10 print editions per semester was forced to be cut in half. Our staff is half the size it used to be too. We can't cover everything when we don't have the bodies to be at the events and ask the important questions.

I get why ASG 98 wanted to make the cuts. They thought they could take control of the impending tuition increase by balancing the increase with a cut from the student fees.

Well guess what? You get what you pay for y'all.

Our artists, the theater and music students who bring life and culture to campus, are missing out on professional development that would make their productions better.

Our newspaper is missing quality, important news because we can't afford to collect it for you.

But hey, the Union Activities Council wasn't cut, so we still get The Boy Band Project to hang out with us at the back to school Party on the Lawn. Excellent.

My point is this: two years ago, our student government wanted to make our school more affordable. They saved us what? Two trips to Starbucks? Maybe?

What they didn't foresee was a (15?)% drop in student enrollment – making those cuts even bigger than they meant.

What they didn't foresee was the loss of jobs they created here at *The Bulletin*. Well. Maybe that's what they wanted. I don't know, but if you were around then, you know what it looked like.

So, dear ASG 100, pay attention to your constituents. Ask them what they really want. Maybe give them back a little of what was stolen away two years ago. We are already the most affordable college in the state. Soon enough, we aren't going to be known as "affordable," we will be known as "cheap." Like I said, you get what you pay for.

I'm willing to pay more for a quality education. I might have to drink two less coffees.

## I'm over feeling under



Katie Donnelly

Managing Editor

In the era of Social Media, we're no strangers to desensitization. It feels like I regularly see news about another mass shooting or photos of animal abuse so often the initial, shocked feeling is becoming more and more difficult to come by.

Rarely it feels like we talk about physical desensitization. It's numbing, and lately I feel the same way I feel about what

I see in the news as I do when people grab my ass without my permission.

I think it's safe to say I typically have more than one person a weekend touch my behind when I'm turned around. I think the first time I cried, the second and third times I yelled. I got extra upset when it was an off-duty officer.

But after this weekend, having it done three times, I just don't even know how to react. I'm uncomfortably exhausted caring about and reacting to things that just don't seem to change.

I have to fight a constant urge not to feel guilty. My first reaction is always, "Why did I make them think they could do that?" followed by a, "Oh no, I have a boyfriend," and then I remember that I did not ask for it nor did I give any impression it was okay.

The desensitization doesn't mean I don't care. It's not that I don't get upset, I just don't have the energy to try and teach a lesson to someone who genuinely doesn't give a fuck about me or what I have to say.

The simple answer is creating boundaries, but that's just as ineffective. What can we do? Well if you're a perv you can stop but I mean aside from that.

I think the answer is reminding myself that I DO NOT have control around the people around me. I cannot stop someone from smacking my butt as I walk away but what I can control is how I respond.

I need to remember that although the anger that lights the fire in my stomach is uncomfortable, and exhausting, it is what is going to get me what I deserve.

## Students with jobs should be cut some slack



Faith Burgoon

Staff Writer

I have a job. Actually, I have an interview for another job too. I am a college student, first and foremost. However, I need a job to help pay off the things I need for school. The computer I take notes on, the pencils I take tests with, the expensive meal plan I need to eat.

I have to pay for all of that.

I am already taking out loans but I do have other expenses as well. I need shampoo and laundry soap so I can practice good hygiene. I need gas for my car so I can travel to and from places further away.

There are hundreds of college students on campus who have jobs. Yet, I have heard some college professors say that not being able to get off work is not a good enough excuse for missing class.

That is complete and total bullshit. We are paying to be here.

I understand the importance of attending class. I am putting myself in debt to be here! I show up, I take notes, I get good grades.

Sometimes, work does have emergencies. For example, I

have a job interview at 9:15am to possibly become a para at an elementary school. I also have critical health class at 9am. Yet, I am missing class for this interview so I don't miss an incredible opportunity.

Of course, any job needs to understand that I am a student first and foremost. But I need to be cut some slack when I occasionally have to miss class for work. This will be the first time I've ever missed class for work, actually.

Please, please, please cut us working students some slack. I promise, we know how important school is. But how can you expect us to pay for everything and never work? We need to work. Or at least I do. Just cut us some slack when we have emergent occasions.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 450 words and can address issues, concerns, ideas or events important to you. Letters may be edited for content and length.

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## Court awards \$1.5M to Kansas man wrongfully convicted

WICHITA (AP) — A Kansas man awarded more than \$1.5 million on Monday after spending 23 years in prison for a double murder he did not commit plans to continue his fight against those responsible for his nightmare, his attorney said.

In addition to the monetary compensation, Lamonte McIntyre of Kansas City, Kansas, also received on Monday a certificate of innocence from Shawnee County District Judge Teresa L. Watson as part of a resolution of a mistaken-conviction lawsuit McIntyre filed last year.

“Today, Lamonte McIntyre has been declared, finally and conclusively, a completely innocent man,” his attorney, Cheryl Pilate said in an emailed statement. “That long-overdue recognition, along with the statutory payment and other benefits, will help lighten a bit the heavy load he has carried. Lamonte is grateful for the benefits of the compensation statute, but he

knows his fight for justice is far from over.”

McIntyre was 17 in 1994 when he was arrested for the killings of 21-year-old Doniel Quinn and 34-year-old Donald Ewing, even though no physical evidence or motive tied him to the crimes.

McIntyre received two life sentences in their deaths, but he was freed in 2017 after a local prosecutor asked the court to vacate his convictions and to drop all charges, calling his case an example of “manifest injustice.”

Documents made public during an 8-year effort to exonerate Lamonte McIntyre allege the homicide detective on the case used his power to prey for decades on African-American women, including McIntyre's mother. They also accuse the prosecutor of intimidating witnesses who told her McIntyre was not the killer. And they say the presiding judge had a romantic relationship with the prosecutor before the trial that

neither disclosed at the time.

McIntyre's attorney said on Monday that the family will continue with their separate federal lawsuit against the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, and the individual officers who they contend are responsible for their 23-year nightmare.

“The individuals involved twisted the justice system to serve their own ends, not the needs of the community or the goal of truth-finding,” Pilate said. “No justice was served by their actions, and a full accounting of their wrongful conduct must occur.”

The McIntyre's case was one of several that prompted the law requiring the state to compensate victims of wrongful convictions. Schmidt, a Republican, had received bipartisan criticism for resisting McIntyre's compensation claim while agreeing to two others.

“We are committed to faithfully administering the state's

mistaken-conviction law as the legislature wrote it,” Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said Monday in a news release. “In this case, our office worked diligently to obtain and review all available evidence, including evidence identified but not provided in the earlier judicial proceedings.”

Schmidt said his office was ultimately able to resolve all issues, satisfy all of the statute's requirements and agree to this outcome so McIntyre can receive the benefits to which he is entitled.

Under the statute, McIntyre will receive \$65,000 for each of the 23 years he wrongly spent in prison, among other benefits. The court also ordered that records of his conviction and DNA profile be expunged.

If McIntyre prevails in his separate civil lawsuit against the Unified Government and the others involved in his unjust prosecution, he would have to repay Kansas for the money he

was awarded under the wrongful compensation statute, his attorney noted.

This is the third case in Kansas in which compensation has been granted since the 2018 wrongful-conviction law was enacted.

Kansas agreed to pay \$1.1 million to Richard Jones, of Kansas City, Kansas, who spent 17 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of a 2000 robbery that he says was committed by someone who looks just like him. The state agreed to pay \$1.03 million to Floyd Bledsoe, who spent nearly 16 years behind bars for the rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl northeast of Topeka, a crime that his brother confessed to in a suicide note.

Three other cases remain pending in various stages of litigation, the attorney general's office said.

## White House readying emergency coronavirus budget request

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is readying an urgent budget request to address the deadly coronavirus outbreak whose rapid spread is spooking financial markets and restricting international travel.

The request is still being developed but is likely to come this week, a senior administration official confirmed Monday. The Department of Health and Human Services has already tapped into an emergency infectious disease rapid response fund and is seeking to transfer more than \$130 million from other HHS accounts to combat the virus but is pressing for more.

“We need some funding here to make sure that we protect all Americans,” Deputy White House Press Secretary Hogan Gidley said on Fox News. “We need to combat this, we need to make sure our people are safe and the president is always going to take action to do that.”

Senators returning to Washington after a weeklong recess will receive a classified briefing Tuesday morning on the government's coronavirus response, a Senate aide said.

Among the needs is funding to reimburse the Pentagon,

which is housing evacuees from China — who are required to undergo 14-day quarantines — at several military bases in California.

Democrats controlling the House wrote HHS Secretary Alex Azar earlier this month to request funds to help speed development of a coronavirus vaccine, expand laboratory capacity, and beef up screening efforts at U.S. entry points. Azar is slated to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, and the U.S. response to the outbreak is sure to be a major topic.

The White House budget office, led by Russell Vought, is working with HHS to shape the request, with the agency seeking more than the White House is likely to approve. There is a receptive audience for the request on Capitol Hill, though stand-alone emergency spending bills can be tricky to pass since they are invariably a target for lawmakers seeking add-ons.

The stock market dove on Monday over coronavirus fears, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping by 3.6% — or more than 1,000 points.

The quickly spreading vi-

rus has slammed the economy of China, where the virus originated, and caseloads are rapidly increasing in countries such as South Korea, Iran, and Italy.

In San Francisco, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi took a walking tour of Chinatown on Monday to let the public know the neighborhood is safe and open for business.

Pelosi, a Democrat who represents the heavily Chinese American city, visited the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory, whose owner Kevin Chan, says his business and others are down 70% since the outbreak of the coronavirus.

“Come to Chinatown,” Pelosi said. “Precautions have been taken by our city, we know that there's concern about tourism, traveling all throughout the world, but we think it's very safe to be in Chinatown and hope that others will come.”

Asked about the Trump administration's looming request, Pelosi said she would want to know how the money would be used.

The administration official required anonymity to discuss the request because it is not public.

## Kansas legislators contemplate raw milk ban, warning labels

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas lawmakers are considering blocking the sale of raw milk or requiring farmers to include warning labels on packaging after the state abandoned a law prohibiting farmers from advertising raw milk outside their farm.

The state stopped enforcing the ban after Shepherd's Gate Dairy operators Mark and Coraleen Bunner filed a lawsuit against the state in October, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt and the state Department of Agriculture settled the lawsuit in November resulting in the end of the ban. Schmidt admitted the law was “plainly unconstitutional.”

Pasteurized milk undergoes a heating process to kill pathogens. Raw milk that comes straight from a cow or goat is much more likely to carry salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

But those who drink and sell raw milk think of it as an all-natural product that brings people closer to the source of their food.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee endorsed a bill Thursday that would allow the on-farm sale of raw, unpasteurized milk, so long as each container sold labels it as such. It goes next to the Senate for debate, possibly next week.

It remains unclear how the

Legislature as a whole would vote. A bill to ban the sale of raw milk have also been proposed.

“I think that people should have the choice to eat what they want,” said Democratic Sen. Marci Francisco. “We have a lot of other substances we know are not good for people and we allow those.”

While state legislators decide on an approach, consumers and farmers in consumers are weighing in on both sides of the issue.

“Our consumers of raw milk educate themselves. They're not stupid people,” said Mary Powell, a Longton resident with more than 30 years of livestock experience.

Aaron Pauly, who milks 160 cows on his farm in Sedgwick County, said the bill would stop unregulated sales to uninformed members of the public.

“There's a certain nostalgia associated with the way our grandparents or even our great-grandparents operated the farms and the food they ate,” Pauly said. But society has progressed “to a higher standard of living.”

Tucker Stewart, a Kansas Livestock Association lobbyist, said labeling is important because the state banned the advertising law. Raw milk can now be advertised to more people, he added.

“You might not be targeting those consumers who really understand the dangers of raw milk,” Stewart said.

## Kansas lawmakers reject lower penalties on pot possession

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas legislators aren't ready to declare that marijuana possession never should be a felony, rejecting proposals Monday to lower penalties for third-time offenders and to release others from prison.

The House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee voted 7-4 against a bill that would make possessing marijuana a misdemeanor, no matter how many times someone was convicted. Kansas law currently says a third conviction is a felony that can be punished by up to 14 months in prison, though offenders often receive probation.

The bill also initially said

offenders now in prison for marijuana possession would be released, but the committee removed that provision from the measure. Supporters of lessening the penalties for repeated marijuana possession accepted the change to give the bill a better chance of passing.

Yet the measure failed to clear the GOP-controlled committee anyway, and Chairman Russ Jennings, a Lakin Republican, said the debate on the idea is over for the year. It was a blow to advocates of less strict laws on pot.

“I still don't believe that marijuana should be legalized,” said GOP Rep. Stephen Owens, of

Hesston. “I believe this was a step in that direction.”

Jennings supported the bill and said continuing to make some pot possession a felony is “pretty harsh.”

“I thought this was mild enough that it might get through the committee,” said Democratic Rep. Boog Highberger, of Lawrence, home to the liberal University of Kansas main campus. “I can't explain it.”

Jennings also worried that Monday's vote is a sign that Kansas lawmakers also aren't ready to legalize medical marijuana yet, despite expectations of having a serious debate this year. More

than 30 states have legalized medical marijuana, including conservative neighbors Missouri and Oklahoma.

No Kansas legislative committee has taken up a medical marijuana bill. However, another House panel, the Federal and State Affairs Committee, is having one drafted and it could be ready as early as next week, said Chairman John Barker, an Abilene Republican.

Some corrections committee members said they see medical marijuana as a different issue. They said the pot possession bill was problematic partly because some offenders plead guilty to

possession when facing more serious charges.

And Ed Klumpp, a former Topeka police chief who lobbies for law enforcement groups, said current state law is “reasonable” because people convicted a third time of marijuana possession typically don't go to prison unless they've committed another felony such as aggravated assault.

As for other states legalizing medical marijuana, Klumpp said, “Well, my mother used to tell me all the time, ‘Just because Johnny jumped off a cliff, it doesn't mean you should.’”



# Choir, orchestra combine for masterconcert

**Yanan Chen**

Staff Writer

Emporia State band and choir held their Masterworks Concert at Feb. 24 in Albert Taylor Hall.

ESU students and faculty performed alongside community members. It takes a long time to prepare.

"It is a nice partnership between Emporia State and community," said Robert Ward, as-

sistant professor of Music and director of ESU choir. "The college and the community work together to bring this music to the stage."

In the performance, organizers choose pieces from American, British and French female composers.

"We started preparing the choir since November of 2019," Ward said. "The choir has about ten rehearsals on

the music in three months and the orchestra really started in January, probably five or six rehearsals."

With the focus on female composers the musicians had a unique opportunity to not only entertain the audience but to reflect on lesser known creators.

"Women composers and their pieces were underrepresented in the past," Ward said.

"We make sure they can be heard as well. It is pretty rare to find music by women composer for choir and orchestra, but it is really joy to learn their styles and experience of music."

Many of the performers held a personal connection to the music and the focus on feminine empowerment through the arts.

"I prepared for this concert

for two months or so," said Yihan Wang, freshman music major.

With four choir pieces and an unaccompanied orchestra piece, the concert showcased five different composers.

"Getting the music done and working with the orchestra, that was really cool," said Ashlynn Bowles, sophomore music education major.

## A myriad of music



(above) Ramiro Miranda, orchestra director, introduces the Masterworks concert on Feb. 24 in Albert Taylor Hall. (below) During their concert, Robert Ward, choir director, directs both the orchestra and the choir on Feb. 24. (above right) Haven Conrade Emporia High School Student performs her alto saxophone solo at the jazz concert on Feb. 19 in Albert Taylor Hall. (right) The percussion section of the ESU Jazz Ensemble watches the director for their cue. The next jazz concert will be 7:30 p.m. April 22 in Albert Taylor Hall. MARGARET MELLOTT AND SHELBY HAMBLETON | **The Bulletin**



## Emporia state acquires the state's only contrabass flute

**Lucas Lord**

Web Editor

At the high price of \$9,999, stands the eight-foot-tall contrabass flute. The music department has been busy and will continue to get busier with the multitude of music performances scheduled in February.

"I've asked for one of these every year hoping that we could somehow get ahold of one," said Catherine Bergman, professor of music and flute instructor. "I think we are the only college in the state now to have a contrabass flute which is pretty exciting."

As she begins her 18th year of teaching at Emporia State, Bergman said she's incredibly excited to see what the students can do with the unique challenge the contrabass flute poses.

Bergman said the flute was purchased from Flute World so they could guarantee the bid for the instrument since appropriations above 10K have a more complicated process.

"It has the same fingerings as a flute...about two octaves lower," Bergman said. "Only one student a semester will probably be able to use it so we are having students prac-

tice with it to see what they can do."

While not all the flute ensemble has had a chance to play the instrument, Kayla Leiber, senior flute performance major was able to practice after assembling it with Bergman.

"I'm so excited to have it finally be here," Leiber said. "We already have other alto and bass flutes, but this is nothing like those."

Other band members have also heard news of the musical treasure and are excited to have it added to the college's repertoire.

"I've been playing trumpet since sixth grade, and I definitely think music is underappreciated," said Maycee Kingsley, freshman elementary ed. major. "It's really neat that the (music) department was able to get something like this... Other departments get to spend so much money, so I think it's totally worth the money to have something like this."

While the contrabass flute costs nearly ten thousand dollars, instruments like professor Dawn McConkie's bass clarinet can cost up to twelve thousand.

"It's a priceless experience," McConkie said. "The homogeneity that is created by having solely wind instruments perform instead of having to rely on strings for a bass line is incredible...Upkeep can be very expensive, so the college usually provides instruments to the students. I wish the cost wasn't a barrier to their learning."

According to Bergman, the contrabass flute may make its musical debut as early as the Spring Flute Fling at 7:30 p.m., April 23 in Heath Recital Hall.



# Prophet Aquatic Research, Outreach Center for all

**Kyra Jumper**

Staff Writer

The Prophet Aquatic Research and Outreach Center is being built north of Emporia State, next to King Lake and campus woods. PAROC will have more than just a few classrooms and laboratory spaces for students.

PAROC is named after Carl Prophet, an alumni and retired professor in the biology department. Prophet, retired in 1996, taught many science courses during his 40-year career. Three and a half years ago, the PAROC project began.

“It’s exciting,” Prophet said. “I would never would have thought anything like that would have happened for me.”

Prophet used a double-wide trailer mobile home near the Art Annex as the laboratory space for aquatic biology, said Brent Thomas, Dean of the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The mobile home eventually began to deteriorate, with the floors rotting out. ESU removed the mobile home about five years ago.

“But that kind of left a big hole,” Thomas said. “All of our faculty that were here at that time, now they have instead of a poor laboratory space, they have no laboratory space.”

Tim Clark, ESU’s architect, designed the building. He has been in the industry for 35 years



The Prophet Aquatic Research and Outreach Center is beginning to take form beside King Lake on Feb. 24. The bad weather played a factor in the delay of the building. KYRA JUMPER | **The Bulletin**

and has been practicing for decades. PAROC’s design was different than what Clark is used to.

With PAROC located in a flood-plane, Clark designed the building to be elevated seven and a half feet up in the air.

“I’ve never had to run across that, then finding a case study or an example of anything like that was not available for me,” Clark said. “I kind of had to make things up for how we’re going to design that.”

PAROC will be a one-story building, with loose structures in the building to adapt to any event held. Any event from conferences,

classrooms, weddings and graduation parties could be hosted at PAROC.

“This will really open the doors to a lot of experimental possibilities that just weren’t possible in the past,” Thomas said.

In addition to having no laboratory space, the biology department started an ESU Biology Camp for third through sixth graders about nine years ago. All of the money is donor funded from ESU alumni, said Thomas.

The aquatic research emphasizes the need for the students and faculty at ESU to conduct research. The outreach center goes further to be a multi-purpose center

for anyone in the region, community and ESU. The Art and Music Departments have also shown interest in photography and drawing lessons during certain units and an outdoor concert on the deck.

“We may have classes like some of our biology labs,” Thomas said. “They may want to schedule a classroom for one week.”

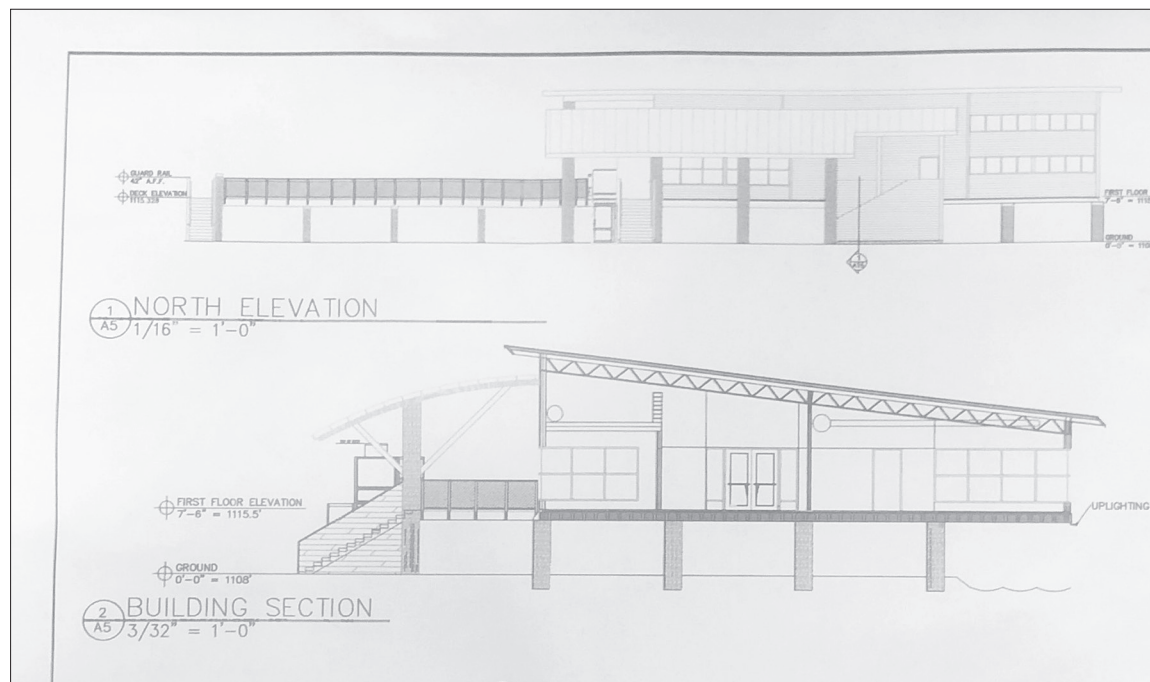
PAROC will have a wall in the middle of the building that holds an aquarium, a deck, a chair-lift accessible elevator from the ground to the deck level and an accessible parking lot, attributed Clark. Prophet hopes that PAROC will also

bring an expansive interest in aquatic life too.

“I can’t begin to describe why it’s so exciting to me,” Prophet said. “When they think of aquatic life, they’re thinking of frogs and fish. That’s just a very tiny part of the critters that live there.”

PAROC’s completion depends on the weather. If the weather cooperates, PAROC could be completed Summer 2020 and be in operation by Fall 2020, attributed Thomas.

Thanks to ESU’s alumni, students will have a laboratory space plus more to accommodate more people in the community.



A blueprint what the building will eventually look like. BLUEPRINT COURTESY OF BRENT THOMAS, DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | **The Bulletin**

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## Editorial



Emma Boyd

As of Feb. 14, Joe Biden is no longer the front-runner of the democratic presidential race. Sen. Bernie Sanders is leading in the national polling average with 28%; Biden in second with 16%.

### Iowa Caucuses (Feb. 3)

There have been three official caucuses/primaries as of Feb. 26. The first was the Iowa caucus on Monday, Feb. 3. After some technical difficulties with a new app that had voters and politicians alike in a stir, results were finally official on Feb. 9. Buttigieg and Sen. Sand-

## Biden with a Comeback?: An update on the democratic polls

ers were nearly tied. Sen. Sanders ended up winning what is the popular vote with 45,831 votes compared to Buttigieg’s 43,273. Though Sen. Sanders won more votes, Buttigieg got more national delegates: 14 over Sen. Sanders’s 12. After the initial polling, both candidates made bold remarks about winning Iowa at their rallies that night before official votes were counted.

As for the other candidates, Sen. Warren made third place and eight delegates. Biden came in fourth (though he was to at least be in the top three) with six delegates, half of what was expected for him. Iowa was a poor start for Biden’s campaign, but he keeps his hopes up for South Carolina on Feb. 29. Rounding out the top five, Sen. Amy Klobuchar came in fifth and was able to snag one national delegate.

Trump won the Republi-

can caucus with 31,464 votes and 39 out of the 40 delegates.

### New Hampshire Primaries (Feb. 11)

The following week’s Tuesday saw Sen. Sanders and Buttigieg tied with nine delegates, though Sanders won the popular vote by approximately 4,000 votes (Sen. Sanders: 76,324; Buttigieg: 72,457). Buttigieg was expected to receive nine national delegates, but the fact that he did so well in Iowa and has tied Sanders for delegates in New Hampshire makes him a serious contender and on everyone’s radar.

Sen. Klobuchar jumped into third place to everyone’s surprise with 58,796 votes and six delegates. She was only expected to receive one national delegate, so the outcome was more than the Klobuchar campaign could have hoped for.

Neither Sen. Warren nor

Biden won any delegates. Biden didn’t even stay in New Hampshire until polls closed. He had decided to move on to more diverse states and skip out on his own rally that night.

Democrats had a total of 296,622 votes; Republicans had 151,602. Trump received 129,696 of those votes and all 22 delegates.

### Nevada (Feb. 22)

Now for the latest caucus: Nevada on Saturday, Feb. 22. Sen. Sanders pulls ahead of the other candidates by winning 24 out of the 36 national delegates. The other third was divided between Biden with nine and Buttigieg with three.

The gap between first and second place was huge. Sen. Sanders won 40.5% of the vote (41,075 votes), while Biden didn’t even get half of that. Biden and Buttigieg were significantly closer. Biden coming in with 18.9% of the vote and Buttigieg

with 17.3%. Buttigieg was expected to do much better than he did, receiving half of the delegates forecasted.

In other words, Bernie swept this caucus clean. He has become increasingly popular with latinx voters. A higher percentage of latinx are voting this year than ever before due to not only President Trump’s immigration policies, but also worry over job security. The Nevada Republican caucus was cancelled this year.

Pete Buttigieg was in the lead with 22 national delegates, Sen. Sanders close behind with 21 prior to the Nevada caucus. Now after Nevada, Sen. Sanders leads with 45, Buttigieg with 25, and Biden with 15. The next closest is Sen. Elizabeth Warren with only 8 delegates. Sen. Warren has not received any delegates from the past two polls.



# Goodwin for the win



Taysean Goodwin (left) warms up with his track teammates. Goodwin was recently named MIAA Athlete of the Week after breaking two of ESU's records. He credits his skill to his mother. "She's (my mom) been to every meet, taking off work just to come watch me run a few events (but she'd) be out there the whole day, rain sleet or snow," Goodwin said. "She's the one who told me to go out for track so I'm giving it all to her." LUCAS LORD | The Bulletin

# Azubuike leading No. 1

LAWRENCE (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Boynton had just finished watching Udoka Azubuike bully his way to 19 points and 16 rebounds against his over-matched Cowboys when he pulled the 7-footer aside and pointed to the rafters in Allen Fieldhouse.

"Keep it up," Boynton whispered into the ear of the Kansas center, "and your name will be up there, too."

There are certain requirements for a player to have his jersey raised above the south seats in the old field house, among them becoming an All-American or winning the Big 12's player of the year award. It's not an honor that the Jayhawks bestow on just anyone.

The way Azubuike has been playing lately, it won't be long before his No. 35 joins the jerseys of the great Wilt Chamberlain, Clyde Lovellette, Jo Jo White and Danny Manning hanging from the ceiling.

"I don't watch a whole lot of national basketball," Boynton said later, "but I'd be hard-pressed to find a better national player of the year candidate than he is. The way he's playing now is pretty special. Obviously there's a special kind of fan base here and they appreciate it, but I don't know if people appreciate him nationally."

Azubuike has certainly opened some eyes over the last month.

His run began with 17

points and 12 rebounds against Texas, then continued with 20 points and 15 boards at TCU. Azubuike had another double-double against Oklahoma, then had 23 points and 19 rebounds last Saturday as the Jayhawks (25-3, 13-1) beat then-No. 1 Baylor on the road to regain the top spot in the nation and forge a tie atop the Big 12 standings.

Along the way, Azubuike reached the 1,000-point mark for his career — a nice benchmark considering he missed much of his first couple seasons to injury. His total of 35 rebounds in the past two games are the most since Thomas Robinson had that many during the 2011-12 season, and his 42 points and 35 rebounds allowed him to join Robinson, Dedric Lawson, Wayne Simien and Drew Gooden as the only players with at 40 or more points and 30 or more rebounds in a two-game span.

Azubuike has also been able to steer clear of foul trouble. His conditioning has improved to the point that he can easily play more than 30 minutes per game. And his defense has been unparalleled, almost single-handedly shutting down the entire paint.

"We've been trying to tell Doke all along he can dominate a game without getting a lot of touches. If that's the case, he's quickly becoming as good a center or the best defensive center since I've been here, and we've had

some good ones," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "I think people have begun to recognize him for what he brings to the table."

Azubuike has come a long ways since his childhood in Delta, Nigeria. He was an exceedingly raw prospect coming out of high school, and his only offensive move early on was a dunk. But his game has improved over time to where he is a more well-rounded player — even his chronically poor foul shooting has reached an acceptable level.

Still, the question remains: Will the bruising big man's game translate to the NBA?

Most mock drafts have the senior center going in the second round, if at all, primarily because teams are wary of drafting a prototypical center the way the game has evolved. And whereas Azubuike can dunk his way to big numbers in college, those easy looks at the rim will be much harder to find in the pros, and his mid-range game remains a work in progress.

"If he plays to his athletic ability that's how he'll get paid," Self said. "He'll never get paid by shooting 15-foot fadeaways or whatever it is. That's not who he is. So, can he guard a ball screen? Can he get to the rim? Can he defend outside his area? If he can do those things he has a chance to make it."

# Big 12 partners with CFP Foundation for elementary project

The Big 12 Conference, in partnership with the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers (EYFT) initiative and Lakeshore Learning Materials, today unveiled its makeover of the library at Mountainview Elementary School in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Through a \$50,000 grant, Mountainview Elementary School has been able to completely renovate its library, which has not received a makeover since the school opened nearly 30 years ago. The library has been transformed into an inviting space with the addition of new carpeting, improved lighting and items from Lakeshore's new, exclusive line of Flex-Space classroom furniture. The updates to the library give vibrancy to the space, which serves as the central hub for the more than 700 students that utilize it on a weekly basis.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to impact the Morgantown community beyond intercollegiate athletics," said Big 12 Conference Commissioner Bob Bowlsby. "Providing makeovers to essential school spaces like a renovated library gives educators and students a collaborative learning environment to help achieve academic success."

The library makeover was made possible from the CFP Foundation's EYFT initiative. Previously, the Big 12 and CFP Foundation partnered together to provide classroom makeovers at Ames Middle School in Ames, Iowa; Heronville Elementary School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Noble Prentis Elementary School in Kansas City, Kansas; Berry Elementary in Arlington, Texas; and St. Philip's School and Community Center in Dallas, Texas.

"We are so very fortunate to receive a complete makeover of the library, a space in need of updating," said Mountainview Elementary School Principal Angela

Dickerson. "The renovation reinvigorates the space and gives the school a true hub that students will want to spend time in every week. I hope this new library demonstrates to our students that other adults recognize the amazing potential in each of them — just like our faculty and staff do."

"Education is paramount to the creation of a better future for any child, and a commitment from the Big 12, CFP Foundation and Lakeshore Learning Materials to contribute resources that provide for better educational opportunities will benefit students for generations at Mountainview," said Monongalia County Schools Superintendent Dr. Eddie Campbell.

The CFP Foundation serves as the community investment arm of the CFP, and its primary platform, EYFT, is dedicated to elevating the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering teachers in four core areas: resources, recognition, recruitment and professional development. The EYFT initiative infuses valuable supplies like furniture, technology, and storage components more directly into classrooms around the country.

"We hope this new library helps create an engaging learning environment at Mountainview that will assist teachers in having a tremendous impact on the educational development of their students," said CFP Foundation Executive Director Britton Banowsky. "We thank the Big 12 Conference and Lakeshore Learning Materials for their continued support in recognizing teachers, who are vital as the foundation of our educational system."

The CFP Foundation utilizes multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives and support positive educational outcomes. Since its inception, the foundation has supported 250,000 teachers, reached 6 million students .

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