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DECISIONS



Members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority line up outside of their sorority house Thursday to greet potential new members. Around 700 women went through recruitment week.

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Women take on K-State's sorority recruitment week

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Liadia Ragland hadn't been at K-State more than a week, and she was already pacing around a basketball court thinking over decisions that would affect her entire college career.

Ragland, a freshman from Prairie Village, was going through K-State's sorority recruitment week, and as part of that process, she and almost 700 other women were touring and learning about K-State's 11 Panhellenic sororities.

At K-State, though, the sororities' formal recruitment process relies on mutual selection, which means that just as the sororities pick women who best exemplify their stated values, the women themselves rank the sororities based on their conversations and experiences during the week.

Piper Coen, director of external recruitment for the Panhellenic Council, said not all universities recruit this way, but at K-State, they've found success with mutual selection.

"We make sure that women go to chapters that want them to be there," Coen said. "The women go to chapters and base their opinions on the conversations and connections they have on items like



Kristen Schau, a recruitment guide, leads potential new members of Kappa Kappa Gamma in song and dance Thursday before entering the sorority house.

philanthropy and community service. They also do sisterhood days and house tours so they can see every aspect of a chapter throughout the week, and they can figure out the best way they can fit in."

Despite much of the inevitable chaos that goes on when managing hundreds of mostly freshmen, the coordination behind planning bus transportation routes, activities

and itineraries for 700 people is a logistics feat that takes months of preparation, Coen said. This year, the council had to rent out buses from Kansas City instead of locally since the Manhattan-Ogden school district started earlier.

The women started their week with open houses and general

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Billionaire conservative donor David Koch dies at age 79

Staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON — Billionaire industrialist David H. Koch, who with his older brother, Charles, transformed American politics by pouring their riches into conservative causes, has died at age 79.

Charles Koch announced the death on Friday, saying, "It is with a heavy heart that I now must inform you of David's death."

David Koch, who was born in Wichita, lived in New York City, was the Libertarian Party's vice presidential candidate in 1980. He was a generous donor to conservative political causes as well as educational, medical and cultural groups.

Through Wichita-based Koch Industries and its foundations, the family has contributed financially to K-State over the years.

This includes Koch Industries' donation of \$2.635 million in 2015 for university programs with the majority of the funds supporting diversity initiatives, and research and creative inquiry.

The Koch brothers were best known for a vast political network they built that became popularly known as the "Kochtopus" for its far-reaching tentacles in support of conservative causes.

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CITY NOTEBOOK

Officials close road by sinkhole near Walmart

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A road near Walmart closed Friday as Manhattan officials continued repairing the sewer system in the store's parking lot that caused a 40-foot sinkhole.

City officials said Thursday that Hayes Drive will be closed from Bluemont Avenue to Sarber Lane.

There is no set timeline for completion of the repairs, but the city expects the road to be closed for about two weeks. The sewer system will not be impacted while being fixed, city officials said.

People driving in the area will be rerouted to Frontage Road.

City officials also announced Thursday that the stretch of Kimball Avenue from Hudson Avenue to Vanesta Drive would reopen

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AIRPORT ANNIVERSARY



Staff photo by Nickolas Oatley

From left, Mayor Mike Dodson, Dale Morris, government affairs senior consultant with American Airlines, and Rich Jankovich, chair of the Airport Board, cut a cake Friday commemorating the 10th anniversary of American Airlines flying out of Manhattan Regional Airport.

Police investigate threats from MHS students

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Police are investigating threats made by Manhattan High School West campus students on Snapchat, according to a Riley County Police Department report Thursday.

A parent reported the incident Wednesday morning after seeing a video on Snapchat, a texting and video messaging app, showing a 15-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl holding what appeared to be a gun while making threatening statements.

RCPD Capt. Josh Kyle

said the students did not directly name anyone in the video but preliminary investigation indicates the video was directed at two other students, who are 15- and 17-year-old boys.

"The video was aggressive and menacing but non-specific," Kyle said. "There are facts and circumstances that indicated the video was intended for the individuals listed in the (police report)."

RCPD typically doesn't provide the names of minors who haven't been arrested.

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