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Tuition rates rise for Kansas universities



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Built in 1879, Anderson Hall houses the Office of the President, Office of Admissions and other administrative offices.

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The Kansas Board of Regents voted unanimously on June 11 to approve the proposed tuition rates for each state university in Kansas, averaging the state tuition increase at 3.9%. Kansas State is set for a 3.5% or \$179.25 increase in tuition for resident, full-time undergraduate students, and a 3.5% or \$482.82 increase for non-resident undergraduate students. In addition, the Veterinary Medicine program will get a 2.5% or \$297.99 tuition increase, and the College of Arts and Sciences will get an additional \$5 per credit hour fee to support resources for both colleges.

Vice president for Administration and Finance Ethan Erickson said the increase in tuition rates addresses priorities for student success, such as compensation for faculty and staff as well as renovations for general-use classrooms.

“Authorizing a salary plan so that we [administration] are making sure that we are competitive with our pay for our faculty and staff, so that way we attract the best faculty for our students and the best staff that supports the university, that was one of the key major investment areas that we said is why we need a tuition rate increase,” Erickson said. “Another area of effort that we have underway is renovations of our classrooms that we have at the university. ... What I hope is that the impact really does provide a higher quality of education.”

According to the Kansas Campus Restoration Act, \$8,970,000 is allocated to K-State each fiscal year for the next six years starting from 2026. Michael McClure, Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, said the timeline for renovation projects for Seaton Hall is still in the works.

“Those renovations are coming in the next couple of years,” McClure said.

In addition to the KBOR tuition increase, an added fee is being proposed for the College of Architecture, Planning and Design.

“This fee does ensure that our students have top-notch facilities. They pay for the things that go into the building, like furniture and technology,” McClure explained that the administration determined an increase in fees was necessary based on research conducted over several months, as well as surveys sent out to students asking for their input. A crucial part of their research was comparing the different colleges.

“I wouldn’t ask the students to pay more money unless I had really good reasons and really good comparative data, so the first thing I was interested in is how our fees compare to everyone else on campus,” McClure said.

To McClure’s surprise, the College of AP Design is one of the more expensive colleges in which students can be enrolled.

“It turns out we have the third-highest fee of any college,” McClure said. “I

then wondered how our fees compare to regional schools, so we started with looking at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Kansas, of course, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma University. Then we wanted to get a comparison of how much people are paying for our state school peers. ... When you add the increase, we are still less expensive than all of those schools.”

McClure said the fees support resources for AP Design students, such as professional development programs, IT support, equipment and renovations to the first floor of Seaton Central as well as Seaton 57, which is a general-use classroom.

Erickson said the department faculty are intentional about staying connected to the student government and advocating for student needs in regards to increasing tuition.

“We engage in student government, specifically with the tuition and fee strategy committee ... we’ve probably had about four or five different meetings to talk about the need for that tuition rate increase,” Erickson said. “We got their support and took it back up to KBOR, and they voted to authorize it, so in both processes, we are trying to make sure that we are engaging with the students in conversations about where those dollars need to go. ... We are also very cognizant of what the total cost of attendance for students is, and how that is comparative to our market competitors.”

McClure wants every K-State student to be well-informed as to why the administration felt this increase in fees was necessary and said students should anticipate more information about the increasing fees in the upcoming weeks.

During an all-school meeting, McClure plans to give a presentation explaining the reasons for the pricing of their funds and how it contributes to improving their education. Students should also expect a survey that will give the administration more input.

“I hope that students understand the value of their education and the value of what they are paying. ... The administration is being very rational; they will support it [increase in fees],” McClure said.

The administration is seeking the students’ support for the fee proposal before taking it to the Student Governing Association. McClure said their primary focus is ensuring students receive a high-quality education by aligning their standards with the students’ standards.

“The college fees go to every student; it improves the quality of their education,” McClure said. “We need the students’ support in order to continue to give them professional development support, the IT support, the building support, and even after these fees, still being the most affordable program. The fee is being used well and going right back to them [students].”

Bilbrey Family Event Center opens its doors



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Kansas State University President, **Richard Linton** (left), joins fellow campus leaders in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Oct. 10. The new center is over three times the size of the former Weber Arena, and will host over 40 events per year.

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Hundreds of students, faculty and community members gathered Oct. 10, inside the new Bilbrey Family Event Center to celebrate its grand opening, marking a milestone for hands-on learning and student opportunities within Kansas State’s College of Agriculture.

Dr. Teresa Douthit, interim head of the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, said the Bilbrey Family Event Center provides an elaborate space for classes, student clubs and major agricultural events such as the annual K-State Rodeo, reflecting the university’s ongoing investment in agricultural education and expanding hands-on learning for students.

“The passion and excitement that the donors had was what struck me the most,” Douthit said. “They’re not going to be the ones using this on a daily basis, but they’re really excited to be able to make a difference and impact our students.”

Douthit said the new arena will be used for classes that were previously weather-dependent, such as horse training courses, which often had to cancel sessions in the past due to weather. The climate-controlled space will now allow those classes to continue year-round in a safe, modern environment.

“For some of our courses, this really changes the way those courses are going to be taught,” Douthit said. “Instead of building in 10 snow days, they know they can meet every single day.”

Beyond coursework, the facility will serve as a home for student organizations, including the K-State Rodeo and livestock judging teams. Students will no longer have to travel or haul animals to smaller, outdated facilities for practices and events.

Kassandra Shoemaker, graduate assistant rodeo coach, said the new space provides both convenience and confidence for student athletes.

“Having a state-of-the-art center like this just allows us to practice in a good facility all year round,” Shoemaker said. “It helps us better prepare for competition.”

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With Survivors, Always | Community members speak about the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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October is dedicated to Domestic Violence Awareness, a time for communities to unite in the effort to end domestic violence. This year’s theme of the month is “With Survivors, Always,” a powerful call to action that explores the meaning of safety, support and solidarity.

Throughout the country, the sorority Alpha Chi Omega supports the importance of DVA through its philanthropy. At Kansas State, AXO works directly with the Manhattan Crisis Center, which offers free, confidential and trauma-informed services 24/7.

Upperclassmen mentor new members throughout the recruitment process to ensure the importance of their philanthropy is embedded from day one. Freshman

in marketing Gabby Poe recently joined AXO and said she takes pride knowing the philanthropy she supports gives back in a special way.

“Alpha Chi Omega is strongly motivated to promote, educate and support healthy relationships within Manhattan,” Poe said. “Not only does Alpha Chi raise money for our national philanthropy — Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention — we also raise money for our local philanthropy, the Manhattan Crisis Center. We work very closely with the Manhattan Crisis Center to assist in renovations and be there for the women and children within our community.”

During the month of awareness and the month before, Alpha Chi hosts numerous events to help spread the word on the importance of healthy relationships.

“This year, we hosted our

Alpha Chi Sweetheart Week, where male students at K-State competed in events throughout the week,” Poe said. “These events included an ice cream social, volleyball tournament, lip-syncing battle and a race we called ‘Walk a Mile in her Shoes.’ In my opinion, that event was the most beneficial towards DV awareness because the men got to see what it is like to run in heels. We also host many other events throughout the year that we cannot wait to announce soon.”

Healthy relationship advocacy is a key part of Alpha Chi that Poe participates in, and she believes it deserves more open discussion in our society.

“As a society, we do not talk about what healthy versus unhealthy relationships truly mean enough,”

Poe said. “Our goal on the K-State campus is to educate our community on the importance of being able to see and understand what domestic abuse is. Domestic violence can happen to anyone and is possible in every kind of relationship, not just romantic relationships. I think this is a very important topic for my generation, and I hope to be able to educate people better on this through Alpha Chi Omega.”

The understanding of protection and prevention of domestic abuse has allowed Poe to open up and share her own personal story.

“I wanted to join Alpha Chi Omega because of my personal connections with DV,” she said. “I grew up with the understanding that my mother did not like speaking to her sister. As I became older, I was informed that my aunt would try to manipulate my mother through lying about little and big things. Now, as an adult looking back, I am very proud of my mother for cutting all communication off with her sister.”

Her initial drive, rooted in her family’s complexity, deepened into a broader grasp of the issue as she learned more about the difficulty of abuse.

“I now understand that DV can come in many different forms, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse. As a society, I think verbal and emotional abuse is not talked about enough.”

Another resource is the Morrison Family Center for Student Well-being, where Dr. Stephanie Jacobs is the Counseling and Psychological Services assistant director.

“Lafene provides a medical examination, STI testing and STI treatment,” Jacobs said. “In addition, Lafene providers offer medical advice and support, and CAPS counselors offer confidential counseling and resources. Lafene providers work closely with the Forensic Nursing Care Specialists at Ascension Via Christi Hospital, who provide emergency medical care, a forensic examination with a trained sexual assault nurse, STI testing and

treatment and follow-up support.”

Lafene’s role in the university’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month is to provide medical care and support for those who may find it hard to reach out.

“Lafene is a partner to any campus-wide prevention efforts and works to educate students who come into the Health Center about domestic violence,” Jacobs said. “We specifically collaborate with the Center for Advocacy, Response and Education office on campus.”

CARE is just one program that Lafene has worked with to help students. CARE assistant director Libby Thorson said the program offers help for more than just one category of domestic abuse.

“CARE provides confidential advocacy to survivors of sexual assault, rape, relationship abuse and stalking at K-State,” Thorson said. “We serve both students and employees. Advocates are here to offer support and aid survivors in exploring their options.”

CARE staff are there to hear survivors’ stories of violence and help connect them to resources.

“Our services include academic support, crisis intervention and safety planning, court accompaniment, reporting support, financial support for therapy, referrals to campus and community resources, assistance with protection orders, along with other support,” Jacobs said. “Our office can also consult with you if you’re worried about a friend and are unsure on how to best support them. We also offer survivor-centered programming, volunteer opportunities and student employment.”

If you or someone you know is struggling, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. You can connect with a live advocate by texting START to 88788 or by calling 800-799-SAFE (7233). For those uncomfortable with speaking one-on-one, there are other options, such as an AI chatbot available on their website.



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Student Governing Association partners with police force for safer campus

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Kansas State was the victim of a hoax swatting incident at Hale Library on Aug. 25 at 4:30 p.m., to which the Riley County Police Department responded to. Students and faculty were ushered out of the building and waited for police to clear the scene.

College campuses across the nation experienced similar false reports of violence and shootings, and students and faculty expressed concern and requested the implementation of safety drills for possible future events.

Brady Kapplemann, student body president, said the Student Governing Association hears the students’ concerns, taking steps to implement a solution on campus.

“We’ve partnered with the K-State Police,” Kapplemann said. “We are hosting a safety event on Oct. 28 in the Union to do some ALICE and active shooter training as well, just general safety stuff for students. If students are in the business building or

the Union, we want them to feel prepared and educated about the university’s safety plans. The police were really on board and willing to work with us on that.”

SGA wants the event to emphasize student opinions about on-campus safety.

“In one of the conversations we had with the police when we started promoting the event, we wanted it to come from us, and it [to] be a student-driven initiative,” Kapplemann said. “That is also how we can promote the SAFE app.”

SGA Chief of Staff Delanie Hundley plans to continue building a relationship with K-State-affiliated organizations to keep them informed.

“I do know that not a lot of students know about these organizations and have no idea those free resources are there for them,” Hundley said.

For more information on resources and access to various safety training for student organizations, visit <https://www.k-state.edu/police/>.



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The Likens Lookbook | Fall in love with your closet

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Creating an outfit every morning can be difficult when your closet is full of trendy pieces that don't match and don't last. While buying trendy clothing can give you momentary joy and satisfaction, it is ultimately expensive and unnecessary because of how fast trends change.

Creating a wardrobe full of staple pieces that you can mix and match, which outlast any trends, will benefit you more in the long run.

This fall, let's not stress about

being trendy by buying the latest top from a TikTok shop ad. Instead, let's invest in basic autumn staples that will be in style for years to come.

The first item that is always necessary in the fall and is a staple piece is a cardigan. If you don't have a basic cardigan in your closet, you need one before all the leaves on the trees have fallen. The "Gaspard Cardigan" from Sezane is the perfect classic cardigan and is on my wish list. But a more affordable option, that is just as classy, is the "Fine Knit Cardigan" from H&M.

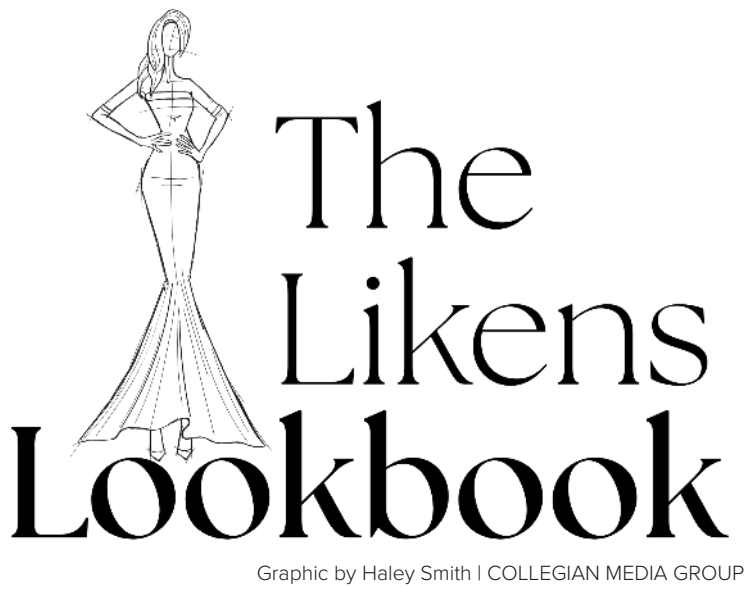
The holiday season simply is not complete without a plaid skirt.

Plaid skirts are and never go out of style. An example of a good plaid skirt is the "Beverly and Beck Plaid Mini Skirt" from Pacsun.

I like to style plaid skirts with an oversized sweater, sheer black tights and black boots. If you need more inspiration for styling plaid skirts, or plaid in general, Blair Waldorf, from "Gossip Girl," wore many inspirational plaid outfits.

Fall time calls for cute jackets that keep you warm, but aren't your bulky winter puffer that ruins your outfit.

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The Best Local & At Home Date Nights | The Dating Diary

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Dear diary,

Cuffing season is here, and I know you're running out of date night ideas. Never fret, your dating godmother is here!

I know, I know, going to the movies sounds like a go-to date night that you think anyone will

enjoy — but you're wrong. From the price of tickets and candy to not even talking to your date, this cliché is just a rookie mistake. Actually get to know your date while having fun during these creative yet easy dates.

Mid-Week Brunch

If there is one thing Manhattan has, it's a place for brunch. You aren't limited to the weekend;

many popular spots are still open during the week. The Chef is a classic in Manhattan with hours every day and the best prices. Find an elevated retro feel with Full Circle, the latest spot in MHK.

Now add the element of surprise and make the most of your next canceled lecture by splitting a plate of pancakes with that special someone.

Pizza

While a little basic, this date gives you a lot of flexibility and opportunity to get to know your date a little better. AJ's NY Pizzeria makes for the ideal spot with custom slices and student-friendly pricing. Feel free to take this date night out to a date night in with your favorite take-out pie.

Bowling Night

Learn about your partner's competitive side, going head-to-head to see who's better at

bowling. With drinks, snacks and good company, this is a date that can go on for hours.

Whether you're celebrating a milestone or finally making things official, at some point you'll need to step up your game. Here are the spots in town that are worth spending an extra buck — and how much it will set you back.

Wine Dive (\$75+)

A classic date night that can be as extravagant as you make it. Wine Dive is the spot to give your date what I like to call "the reservation experience."

First, know when they are free. Now, schedule a reservation either online or over the phone. Tell your date when you're picking them up and that you're taking them somewhere nice. You're giving your date an experience they didn't have to plan, enjoying mind-blowing food and craft cocktails.

Nico's Little Italy (\$40+)

The coziest dinner on the town, with great comfort food and an atmosphere that feels intimate enough to open up, this spot is the friendlier option on your pockets while still providing that romantic feel.

Rounding out a nice date is all about the little things; they add to the experience. Do not, I repeat, do not wait for them in your car. Put your best foot forward by picking them up from their front door (and gain a few bonus points by opening the car door too). Put the cherry on top of your date sundae with their favorite flowers or a basket of their favorite sweet treats.

Now, I hear you — we're all college students and usually broke. Try out these inexpensive date nights that still show your special someone you care without telling your bank account you don't.

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Film Review | A bleak take on modern romance: "The Lobster"

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Set in a dystopian world where being single is illegal, "The Lobster" explores a world where individuals who do not find a partner within 45 days are transformed into an animal of their choice. Single people are escorted to a hotel to find a match. Each day, they hunt for loners, a group of rebels living in the woods, with tranquilizers for extra time in the hotel. Meanwhile, couples matched through a shared trait undergo programs before being released into the world, where their lives revolve around their relationships.

As an absurdist black comedy, a genre that emphasizes the meaninglessness of human existence by presenting tragic events as humor, the movie uses its abnormal concept as a satire of modern relationships.

Narrated by a woman who is later revealed as a loner, the story follows David as he arrives at a hotel after divorcing his wife. He is accompanied

by his brother, Bob, who was turned into a dog after failing to find a partner.

A new friend, John, fakes nosebleeds to seem compatible with a girl who frequently experiences them. Using the same method of faking a trait, David portrays an uncaring personality to impress a heartless woman. To prove he is heartless, he doesn't help the heartless woman when she pretends to choke and kicks a young girl.

One morning, the heartless woman kills David's brother Bob, and seeing his tearful reaction, she realizes their relationship is built on a lie: the trait they had in common was entirely faked.

She leaves to tell the hotel manager about David's lie, which would cause him to be turned into an animal "nobody wants to be," and they end up chasing each other through the hotel. With the help of a maid, he tranquilizes her and drags her to the transformation room. Her new animal form is never revealed.

David escapes to join the loners in the woods, where romance is strictly forbidden. There, he meets the narrator, and they find a connection in being short-sighted. When the leader of the loners notices, she forces the narrator to undergo a blinding surgery.

They create a plan to escape to the city where David would blind himself to maintain their connection. The film leaves viewers uncertain about his choice, showing him holding a steak knife to his eye before showing the narrator sitting alone in the diner after some time has passed.

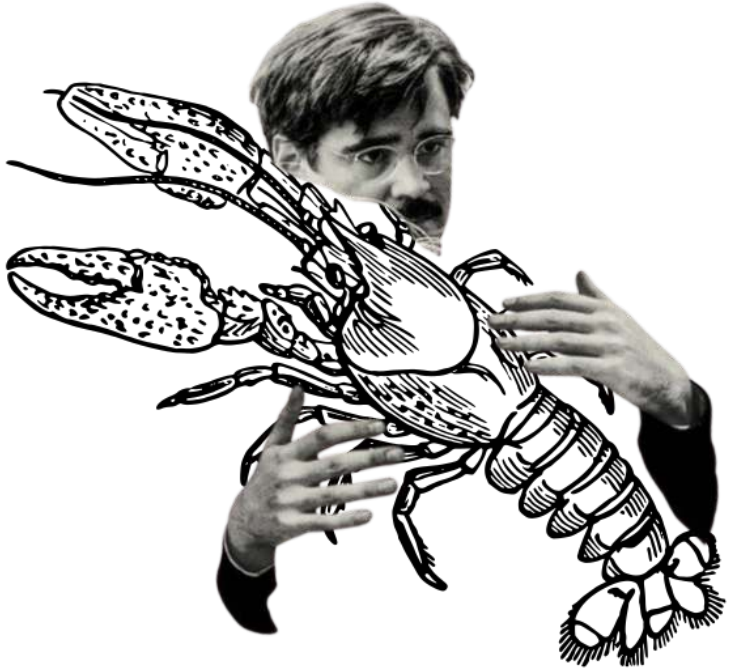
One aspect that stood out to me was how one-dimensional each character was. The lack of depth is represented through a lack of names: only David, his friends and Bob were given names. Many important characters, such as the narrator and the heartless woman, are not given names. The movie actively avoids naming any characters by describing their traits or using their assigned

room numbers to "name" them.

All dialogue is delivered in a monotone manner. Conversations are stiff and uncomfortable. The absence of names and emotions represents the lack of personality and complexity in these characters.

Donnathan Straton, a member of the Wildcat Film Appreciation Society, connected this idea of emptiness to the film's theme.

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Kansas SNAP funding accusations examined

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Kansas SNAP funding lost \$10.4 million at the hands of Gov. Laura Kelly — at least, that’s what Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach claimed, filing a lawsuit against the Kelly administration Sept. 8.

On Sept. 30, the Kelly administration issued press releases debunking Kobach’s false claims, the biggest claim being the loss of funding for families that rely on the SNAP program.

“After the USDA rejected the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Corrective Action Proposal, DCF filed an appeal with the USDA,” the Kelly administration wrote. “The filing of that appeal immediately prevented the USDA from withholding the \$10.4 million. The State of Kansas has not lost any SNAP administrative funding, and the program continues to operate as usual.”

Furthermore, the Kelly administration revealed that, before conducting any prior research or communicating with their administration directly, Kobach made unnecessary allegations regarding the funding. Not only did these allegations cause panic among Kansas SNAP recipients and raise concerns about the status of their SNAP benefits, but Gov. Kelly was also rapidly and repeatedly blamed without providing any substantial proof that supported these claims.

“Had the Attorney General met with my office prior to filing his lawsuit, as my office

had requested, we could have explained the issue without having to go through the time and expense of the court,” Gov. Kelly said in the press release. In addition, the reasoning behind the Kelly

made by anyone in the Kelly administration. Both the DCF secretary, Laura Howard and Gov. Kelly have previously explained that neither of them trusts President Donald Trump’s executive

already in place,” Howard said in an interview with the Kansas Reflector.

Considering that fraud detection measures were already established within the system, Gov. Kelly concluded

as a “political demonstration,” without presenting unbiased proof of that claim.

The Kelly administration was among several parties that were suspicious about the Trump administration’s true intentions behind seeking more personal information relating to SNAP recipients.

U.S. District Judge of California Maxine Chesney ruled against allowing the federal agency to move forward with this new policy. This decision followed concerns from several states that the data in question could compromise applicants’ sensitive information, such as income, family data and even immigration status, to potentially aid mass deportations. Although the Kelly administration did not take part in this lawsuit, their reasons for refusing to provide the information aligned with those of the 21 states involved in the lawsuit.

Gov. Kelly took to social media to clear the air about the “attacks” against her, which her administration described to be “childish” and “idiotic.”

“As public officials, we should be bigger than that and better than that,” Gov. Kelly said on X. “Kansans face serious challenges — many are just trying to make ends meet — and they expect us to be focused on their problems, not wasting time on idiotic memes. ... I’d like to invite the Republican officials who I know also disdain these types of silly attacks to join me in trying to restore a basic sense of civility to our politics.”

Governor Laura Kelly could not be reached for comment.

Kobach	Kelly Administration
“The Kansas SNAP program just lost \$10.4 million in federal funding...” -Kris Kobach’s Website	“Kansas filed an appeal... legally preventing the funds from being withheld immediately.” -The Kelly Administration
“She [Laura Kelly] appears to be playing a game of chicken, apparently unaware of her obligation under Kansas statute and perhaps also unaware that federal law requires her to provide this information,” -Kris Kobach	“The Kelly administration is under no legal obligation to provide the requested information...” “No state statute imposing a clear legal duty upon respondents to provide the requested information to USDA.”
“...Low-income Kansas families won’t be able to put food on the table because of her political defiance.” -Kris Kobach	“... the SNAP program will continue to operate normally as the appeals process unfolds.” -Gov. Kelly’s chief of staff Will Lawrence

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administration’s refusal to submit SNAP recipients’ information goes well beyond Kobach’s claim that Gov. Laura Kelly was “making a show of resistance to the Trump administration,” a claim never

order, which requires states to provide more information about SNAP recipients to prevent fraud.

“The release of information isn’t about detecting fraud because those procedures are

that complying with the state’s request to provide the additional information about SNAP recipients was a potential violation of their privacy. Despite this reasoning, Kobach described the refusal

Take Charge of Your College Finances: Budgeting Tips Every Student Should Know

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You’ve probably heard it before: sticking to a budget is key to reaching your financial goals, especially as a college student. Whether you’re anticipating next semester’s textbooks, saving up for a study abroad program, or making sure you have enough for rent at the end of the month, knowing where your money goes can make a big difference.

Effective budgeting helps you pay bills on time, avoid overspending, strengthen your credit score, and work toward bigger goals like paying off debt or moving into your first apartment.

However, budgeting isn’t one-size-fits-all. It depends on your financial situation, income,

spending habits, and what works best for you.

If you’re just starting out or want to find a method that fits your lifestyle, these tips can help you figure out your budgeting style and make the most of your money.

Step 1: Get Organized

Start by understanding your monthly income, whether from a part-time job, scholarship, or support from family. Then, gather your bank statements list your expenses. Organize them into:

- Fixed expenses like rent, tuition, phone bills and car payments
- Flexible expenses like groceries, gas, streaming services, eating out, and

entertainment. Set spending limits for each category and decide how you want to keep track of everything:

- **Paper and Pen:** Old school, but effective. Write down your income and total expenses and subtract as you spend. Great for students who like to see things in writing.
- **Spreadsheet:** If you prefer digital, use a spreadsheet to track your money. You can set up formulas to do the math for you.
- **Budgeting Apps:** For anyone with a Chase account who want to keep track on the go, the Chase Mobile® *app offers built-in budgeting tools to help you stay on track.

- **Autosave:** makes saving effortless with automatic transfers from your Chase checking account to your savings account. Save up for future goals, build an emergency fund, and strengthen financial flexibility for peace of mind.
- **Monthly Budget Worksheet:** gain insights into your spending habits and identify areas to save. Enter your recurring income and expenses to see where your money goes each month and make adjustments to stay on track.
- **Spending Planner:** the digital budgeting tool that helps manage spending and budgeting. Make adjustments and track your cash flow over time to make informed budget decisions.
- **Chase Online Bill Pay*:** conveniently make on-time payments to ultimately help build your credit score. Set up recurring payments, pay bills, and transfer money from your mobile device with automated scheduling and reminders.
- **Chase Snapshot:** an overview of your account via the Chase Mobile® app, including credit and debit usage, cash flow, major spending categories, and checking and savings balances.

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Step 2: Find Your Savings Strategy

Some expenses are set in stone, but you have flexibility with categories like food and entertainment. Here are a few popular methods:

- **50/20/30 Rule:** Use 50%

of your income for needs (rent, groceries), 20% for savings or paying off debt, and 30% for wants (concerts, eating out).

- **Zero - Based Budgeting:** Assign every dollar you earn to a specific category, so nothing is left unaccounted for.
- **Pay-Yourself-First:** As soon as you get paid, put money toward savings or goals (like a vacation or emergency fund), then towards bills before using the rest for spending.

Step 3: Smart Spending for Students

Once you know your style, try these tips to stick to your budget:

- **Pre-commit to saving:** If you get a tax refund, birthday money, or a bonus from work, decide ahead of time to save part of it.
- **Use milestones to reset:** The start of a new semester or month is a great time to review your budget and set new goals.

Stick With It

Budgeting takes practice. You might find some categories need more money, while others need less.

Keep adjusting and using the tools that work for you. Remember, your budget only works if you stick with it and keep refining as your life evolves.

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‘Cats comeback to win first Big 12 competition



Senior **Paige Dickson** is getting ready for the goalkeeper to kick the ball. The Wildcats beat Colorado College 3-1 at Buser Family Park on Sept. 11.

BRAYDEN MESESKE
staff writer

Kansas State scored two goals within six minutes of each other on an impressive road victory at Oklahoma State.

K-State sophomore forward Hannah Palmer scored the consecutive goals, converting on a penalty kick and later finishing off a goal that was deflected into the middle of the box, where Palmer was in the right place at the right time.

For Palmer, the two goals against Oklahoma were the fourth and fifth of her season and the second and third in her Big 12 career. This was also the first career multi-goal game for Palmer.

“Hannah has continued to cause problems and generate dangerous opportunities, so I am really happy for her to see the ball hit the back of the net today,” K-State head coach Colleen Corbin said. “I also love that she stepped up with confidence to take the PK and smashed it.”

The Wildcats faced an early deficit as Oklahoma State scored a goal just four minutes into the

contest. However, after the early score, the ‘Cats dominated the rest of the half, and ultimately the rest of the game, leading to a win.

After the early goal, K-State outshot Oklahoma State 14-5 in the first half and 25-9 for the entirety of the game. The 25 total shots set a school record for most shots attempted in a Big 12 contest.

“To give up a goal at the start of the game was really unfortunate and unexpected, and our team came into this game feeling incredibly confident,” Corbin said. “So the staff and I were really pleased with the way the team responded and the grit and tenacity they showed to immediately get back on the front foot and go forward.”

The Wildcats notched their sixth win of the season, which ties a school record for most wins in a season. So far this season, K-State has faced five of the top seven teams in the current Big 12 standings.

While there is never an easy victory in the Big 12, having already played the top teams should set up a fun second half of the season as the Wildcats look to

make the Big 12 tournament for the second time in their existence.

“We opened our Big 12 slate with some incredibly challenging matchups, and we were really happy with how we competed and what we learned about ourselves,” Corbin said. “The team is really excited and confident heading into the back half of conference play and looking forward to having more opportunities to

earn points and to continue to push to get into Big 12 postseason play in November.”

The ‘Cats return home for two games against Cincinnati and West Virginia as they look to keep the momentum going from their win over Oklahoma State.

The first matchup will be on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. as K-State takes on the Cincinnati Bearcats.



Photo by Kaitlyn Cook | COLLEGIAN MEDIA GROUP
Sophomore defender **Emerson DeLuca** fights to get the ball during soccer’s match against Colorado College on Sept. 11.



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Sophomore forward **Hannah Palmer** chases after Texas Christian University offense to get the ball. The Horned Frogs defeated the Wildcats 0-1 at Buser Family Park on Sept. 25th. K-State went goalless in the game against TCU, who scored only one goal in the game.

K-State Volleyball dominates first home matchup



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Shaylee Myers celebrates with her teammates after winning a volley. The Wildcats defeated Texas Tech 3-0 on Oct. 10 for their first home win.

TREY THOMAS
staff writer

Kansas State notched its first home win versus conference opponents, making quick work of Texas Tech. The Wildcats pulled off the sweep, winning 25-15, 25-14 and 25-19.

The Wildcats jumped out to an 11-6 lead in set one as the Red Raiders committed some early attack errors. However, Texas Tech would slowly creep back into the set, going on a 4-1 run to bring the score to 12-10. The momentum quickly shifted back to K-State, as the Wildcats would only allow five more Texas Tech points for the set. K-State won the set 25-15 behind 7 kills from outside hitter Shaylee Myers.

Texas Tech struggled early in set two as well, going down 10-1 mainly due to errors and two aces from libero **Caleigh Ponn**. K-State took advantage of the early struggle and ran with it, winning the set 25-14. Outside hitter **Aniya Clinton** was all over the net, producing kills consistently.

“After Wednesday, we got together and talked a lot about urgency and finishing when we’re on top of teams,” Clinton said.

Set three saw a more competitive Texas Tech team. Tied at 19-19, it looked like the Red Raiders were going to eventually earn their first lead of the game. A clutch block from Myers and an ace from setter **Emma Van Lannen** would prevent this, forcing a Texas Tech timeout. After the timeout, the Wildcats continued the attack, clutching up and winning 25-19.

“We just have to have our block to be solid,” said K-State head coach **Jason Mansfield**. “[Myers] had three or four stuffs tonight, and that had to feel good.”

Myers finished with 16 kills, and Clinton had 14 kills with 13 digs. Ponn notched three service aces, while setter **Ava Legrand** finished with 34 assists and nine digs.

The Wildcats look ahead to Baylor, which ranks among the top five in the Big 12. The matchup will take place on Oct 15. at 7 p.m. at Texas.



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Aniya Clinton swings for a kill. The Wildcats defeated Texas Tech 3-0 on Oct. 10 at Morgan Family Arena.

Wildcats in the NFL | The best performances from former K-State players in the pro leagues



Senior forward **Dean Wade** slams down a dunk during K-State’s basketball game against Baylor in Bramlage Coliseum on March 2, 2019. The Wildcats took the Bears 66-60.

TREY THOMAS staff writer	(20 solo), two QB hits, and one sack.	loss and one fumble recovery.	block. The Cavs won 118-100.	around. The second-year player
Jacob Parrish, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Marques Sigle, CB, San Francisco 49ers	Dean Wade, SF, Cleveland Cavaliers	Wade bounced back compared to his performance on Oct. 12 versus the Boston Celtics. In that game, Wade put up just three points and three rebounds in the 138-107 loss.	finished with eight points, four rebounds, two assists and a steal. Against Detroit, Tomlin saw a major drop in minutes, giving him little time to be a factor in the game.
The young corner played 97% of the snaps in the 30-19 win versus the San Francisco 49ers. In the game, Parrish put up seven tackles, five being solo, and a pass deflection. Parrish, in his rookie season so far, has totaled 30 combined tackles	The 49ers had a K-State defensive back of their own with Marques Sigle. Sigle finished with four solo tackles and one tackle for loss in the game against Tampa Bay. In his rookie year so far, he has totaled 43 combined tackles (26 solo), one tackle for	The NBA season is right around the corner, as former Wildcat Dean Wade did well in the Cavaliers’ preseason finale against the Detroit Pistons. Wade nearly finished with a double-double, posting 15 points, nine rebounds and a	Nae’Qwan Tomlin, PF, Cleveland Cavaliers	In his three total minutes played, Tomlin finished with three points, one rebound and one steal. The Cavaliers will play their first regular-season game on Wednesday, Oct. 22, versus the New York Knicks.



Safety **Marques Sigle** celebrates a pass breakup in the end zone. Sigle recorded three pass deflections in the win over University of Cincinnati on Nov. 23, 2024.

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Kennedy Taylor denied waiver by the NCAA

BRAYDEN MESEKE
staff writer

Kansas State forward Kennedy Taylor had her waiver for an extra year of eligibility denied two weeks ago, making her ineligible for the upcoming season.

Taylor has since appealed the decision, but with the season coming up and the lengthy process of the first waiver, the appeal may take some time as well.

“I don’t get it, I can’t understand the NCAA on some things,” K-State women’s head basketball

coach Jeff Mittie said. “I can not figure out why this decision wasn’t made in June, in fairness to her and in fairness to us.”

During the waiver process, Taylor was able to be around the team and practice, but since her waiver was denied, she has been away from the team as her appeal is still being processed.

Taylor began her career at CU Boulder for a season, then transferred to Missouri State, where she played two seasons before coming to Manhattan.

Taylor was hoping to gain an extra year for the season at Colorado when she played in just eight games and totaled only 19 minutes.

“This would have been a case that would have been [approved] 95% of the time previously,” Mittie said. “They keep moving the goalposts.”

Last season, Taylor was the backup center behind Ayoka Lee and did a nice job in that role, averaging 7.1 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

Since it was assumed that

Taylor would return for the upcoming season, the Wildcats will lose a player in a position that wasn’t as highly recruited after.

“Thin — it’s as thin as we have ever been [at the five],” Mittie said. “We just have to figure out how to cover it up and figure out how we are going to play that.”

The Wildcats have a lot of uncertainty on their roster this upcoming season, with many incoming freshmen and transfers set to play significant minutes.

The loss of Taylor is not only

a big loss for her ability on the court, but the Wildcats will also lose the stability and leadership that she would bring to the team in her second season.

The last remaining center on the roster for the ‘Cats is Virginia Tech transfer Ramiya White, who is expected to see plenty of minutes for K-State this upcoming season.

The Wildcats start their season with a home matchup against Omaha on Monday, Nov. 3. The game will tip off at 6:30 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.



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(Above) Forward **Kennedy Taylor** anticipates bringing in a contested pass during the game against West Virginia University at the Big 12 Tournament on March 7, 2025.



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(Below) **Kennedy Taylor** looks to shoot the ball against Kansas. Taylor was one of the recognized senior players on Feb. 22, 2025 against the Jayhawks.

Physical Wildcats push past Horned Frogs

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Energy. Urgency. Physicality.

That’s what this pack of Wildcats did. While scoring didn’t happen until the second quarter, Kansas State battled against the TCU Horned Frogs in many aspects of the game.

“You have to play your best football every, every day,” K-State head coach Chris Klieman said. “I thought we played well in all three phases at times, and there’s always going to be things that we’ve got to be better at and work out. But we came out with energy, urgency, and physicality. We did some really good things.”

Offensive and defensive were in synch for the ‘Cats, leading to a 41-28 win over TCU. Quarterback Avery Johnson threw 16-of-26 passes for 198 yards, with two of those throws finding the hands of tight end Garrett Oakley, along with wide receiver Jerand Bradley.

“I think Oak[ley] is one of the best tight ends in the Big 12, if not the country,” Klieman said. “Garret has such a great big body, he does really well after the catch, and he runs good routes. Ryan Lackey told

me that when we came into the locker room, we honored Oak, that kid’s a really good football player, and he uses his body so well.”

With his touchdowns for the night, Oakley now holds the record for most touchdown catches by a tight end in K-State history with 11 in his career.

“If you told me that when I first got here, I don’t think I’d ever believe you,” Oakley said. “This is a process team and just coming into work every day putting my head down, and going to work is kind of what brought me to this moment.”

Following the marvelous start of the offense, the defense reciprocated. Early in the second quarter, Wesley Fair had a 15-yard fumble recovery for a 14-7 lead, along with Des Purnell, who had a 25-yard interception return, making the score 21-7.

The only other time a K-State linebacker recorded two interceptions in a game was back in 2015 when Elijah Lee made the stat against TCU.

“It was huge,” Purnell said. “In the offense, we were just going, we’re just battling back and forth. It was really close, tight, knit game, and we just needed a big play to happen. And fortunately, it was just me.”

Purnell led K-State to a 21-7 lead, along with boosting the energy of the Bill. Purnell raced in and sacked TCU quarterback Josh Hoover at the TCU 15 on the first down. With 10:28 remaining in the third quarter, Purnell found himself reading Hoover’s eyes and, without hesitation, cut in front of the ball, snagging and running it in for a pick-six and a 14-point edge for the Wildcats.

Since the Wildcats’ matchup with Baylor in 2023, K-State had not scored two defensive touchdowns in a single game. K-State has now led the FBS in non-offensive touchdowns since 1999 with 138.

While the energy and physicality were seen heavily in the first half, the commotion of the game was left for the second half.

At halftime, the Wildcats were up 14-7, but was quickly heightened to 28-7 after a 17-yard touchdown pass from Johnson to Oakley towards the end of the third quarter.

Joe Jackson was another key offensive player for the Wildcats. Jackson had a career-high 27 carries for 110 rushing yards.

“We came out after halftime and had to be physical, and beat up on them, and drove it down the field,” Jackson said. “It felt good. The guys

up front grinded it out for sure.”

With 2:06 left in the third, TCU answered back with a 75-yard drive, as Hoover found Chase Curtis for a 2-yard touchdown pass to close the gap 28-14.

Even with the Wildcats’ lead, the team wasn’t content. In the middle of the fourth quarter, Jerand Bradley completed a 12-yard pass from Johnson, extending the lead to 35-14.

Soon after, TCU responded with an 85-yard touchdown pass, closing in on the ‘Cats 35-21. After that, Purnell showed up and meant business once more. At 7:23 in the fourth, Purnell made another

interception for a 21-yard return.

“Desmond was just reading the quarterback,” safety Gunner Maldonado said. “It’s hard to find linebackers who can really move in their zone and break on the ball. And that’s what he did twice today. Almost got a third one too.”

The final phase was to watch the clock run out of time and wait for the prolonged win.

“We’ve got more in us,” Klieman said. “I know we can play better in all three phases, if we play with the energy, the physicality, the urgency that a lot of us have seen over the last three weeks, this football team can do some really good things.”



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Garrett Oakley celebrates his touchdown against TCU. The Wildcats defeated the Horned Frogs 41-28 on Oct. 11 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.



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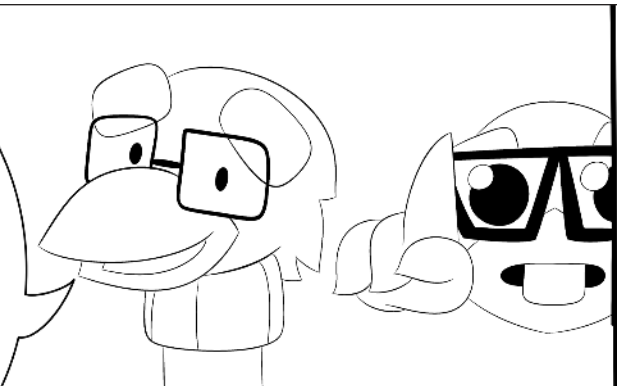
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COMIC | Doin’ it Wright

What is your morning routine before class?

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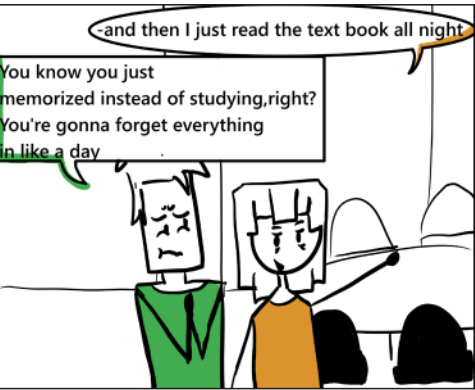


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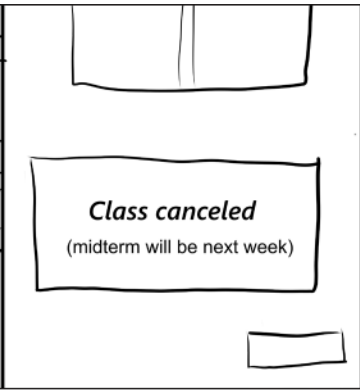


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