KEY CLINTON SUPPORTER PREDICTS OBAMA WILL WIN KANSAS CAUCUS

By JOHN HANNA
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TOPEKA — The co-chairman of Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign in Kansas predicted Monday that she wouldn't win its Democratic caucuses because of the resources put into the state by rival candidate Barack Obama.

Dan Lykins, a Topeka attorney and state Democratic Party treasurer, made his comments after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius campaigned for Obama at gatherings on three college campuses. Sebelius endorsed Obama last week and appeared in a television ad in the Wichita market.

Kansas Democrats plan to caucus today at 50 sites. At stake will be 32 of the state's 41 delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer in Denver.

"This is truly, tomorrow night, going to be a David-and-Goliath event, and Sen. Clinton is the David," he said. "We know that we are going to be dramatically outnumbered on people — there's no doubt about it."

Obama's campaign in Kansas wouldn't offer any predictions, saying only that they're working on getting as many supporters as possible to the caucuses. They also acknowledged his campaign put more resources into trying to capture Kansas delegates.

"All those things are indicators of Obama's commitment to a 50-state strategy and to reaching out to voters in red states as well as blue states," said Dan Watkins, a Lawrence attorney who is Obama's senior Kansas adviser. "Even Kansas' 1 percent counts, just like Idaho's 1 percent counts and North Dakota's half-percent counts."

Caucus sites open at 6 p.m. and participants will have an hour to get into line to have their eligibility checked. Party officials are expecting large crowds but acknowledged that winter weather could hurt turnout.

About 1,300 people participated in caucuses in 2004, but they weren't held until mid-March, when the Democratic race had been decided. Chairman Larry Gates said the party expects at least 10,000 people to participate this year.

"Assuming that the weather is as good as we can expect in February, I think we'll have a huge turnout," Gates said. "Both campaigns are very, very active."

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Obama opened a Kansas campaign headquarters in October in Lawrence, and last month, the Illinois senator opened offices in Topeka and Wichita. As of Monday, he had 20 campaign staffers in Kansas.

Clinton dedicated three staff members to Kansas and opened offices in Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita last month.

Her campaign set up a national "town hall" meeting Monday night, linking at least one site in each Super Tuesday state with her by teleconference. One site was in Wichita.

The New York senator raised almost $132,000 in 2007 from Kansas, according to Federal Election Commission reports, but the total for Obama was more than $141,000.

"It’s obvious the Obama people started their campaign in Kansas earlier than the Clinton people. They have more paid staff," Lykins said. "They have put out a lot of expensive campaign literature all over the state. We have not done that."

Sebellius also has been a visible part of Obama's campaign, appearing at a rally with the candidate last week in El Dorado, then in the television ad. On Monday, she was featured at Obama events at Kansas State University in Manhattan, the University of Kansas in Lawrence and Washburn University in Topeka.

Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, whose state has a Feb. 19 primary, joined Sebellius at Washburn and the University of Kansas.

At Washburn, Doyle told about 40 people that in the 1960s, President John F. Kennedy inspired him to spend two years in Africa with the Peace Corps. He said Obama has the same ability to inspire voters.

But Lykins, who worked for Robert F. Kennedy in 1967 and 1968, said he and other veteran Democrats are supporting Clinton because of her experience working on public policy.

"Inspiration won't get you very far unless you've been in the trenches, working, and know how to get things done," Lykins said.
ARMY, KU ANNOUNCE DISABLED SOLDIER PROGRAM

By JOHN MILBURN
The Associated Press

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Army officials on Wednesday unveiled a new education program aimed at enhancing the lives of soldiers disabled by combat injuries.

Army Secretary Pete Geren introduced eight current and former soldiers who will enroll in graduate programs at the University of Kansas in the fall.

The soldiers then owe the Army three years of service — either on active duty or as civilian employees — for every year they spend in school. To qualify, the soldiers must be at least 30 percent disabled by their war wounds.

Geren said public support for wounded veterans has grown since disclosures last year of substandard care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

“You had some soldiers that had not received the care that they needed. When that became known to the Army, it was like an electric shock to the system,” Geren said. “The Army has stepped up. Soldiers do take care of soldiers. And when the soldiers learned that some people had dropped the ball and not taken care of soldiers, the whole system responded.

“We’re trying to pay a debt to the soldiers who have given so much to this country.”

First Lt. Jason Gladney, a retired armor officer, joined the Army after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and was wounded in Iraq in March 2006. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and

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started a master's degree program years ago. He's now living in California and will attend the University of Kansas to finish his education.

Gladeny said whether students can stay in uniform or have to be civilians, it is rewarding to know that they can continue to serve and "be part of the team."

"I think it's an incredible opportunity," Gladney said.

University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway said he approached Geren and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, the former president of Texas A&M University, whom Hemenway knew because both schools are in the Big 12 conference.

"The welcome mat is out at KU," Hemenway said. "The Army, the nation will benefit."

Geren and university leaders detailed the program during an assembly at Fort Leavenworth's Command and General Staff College, about 50 miles from the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence. The soldiers will qualify for in-state tuition at the University of Kansas, currently about $2,165 a semester, not counting books or campus fees.

"Funding won't be a problem. This is a commitment the Army will make," Geren said.

Hemenway said other universities have inquired about the program, which the Army hopes to expand throughout the country.

After they complete the Army-paid education, the soldiers and civilians will go to work as instructors or other military employees, a requirement for being selected in the program. The first graduates are expected to join the Command and General Staff College staff.

Ronald James, assistant Army secretary for manpower and Reserve affairs, said the additional training would give soldiers an opportunity to give back to the military while raising the intellectual level of the Army.

"This is not a gift," James said. "We are in an era where we are short of critical skills."

Staff Sgt. Thomas Davis has been cleared to stay in the Army. He has been in for five years and wants to retire after 20. Davis was wounded by an improvised explosive device in June 2006, and is now a basic training instructor at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I didn't know how long that was going to last. This is great to come out and go in a different direction and still serve in the Army the best way that I can," he said.

Davis will seek an information technology management degree next fall.

"I'd like to go somewhere that's warm and there isn't snow," he said.
University of Kansas

LAWRENCE — More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester. These students, are from KU’s Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing in Kansas City, Kan.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university’s academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Honored students are listed below by hometown:

- **Cunningham:** Frank Allbritten and Derek Michael Setter
- **Greensburg:** Zachary Glenn White
- **Mullinville:** Nathan G. Breeden
- **Pratt:** Tyson Ray Eisenhauer, Amanda Fea, Jessie Trece Garrett, William Reid Gunnerson, Kristen Faye Kuhn, Kelli Lynn Martin, Megan Diane Jarmer Olson
- **Preston:** Kaci L. Armstrong and Amber Dawn Bortz
- **Sawyer:** Keeley Dawn Swartz
- **St. John:** Casey Elizabeth Cornwell
- **Stafford:** Bradley Joe
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The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the allied health; architecture and urban design; business; education; engineering; fine arts; journalism; nursing; and social welfare schools.

Students listed include:
- Michelle Renee Hansen, daughter of Jane and Richard Hansen, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Victoria High School, Victoria;
- Mauntell Renee Ford, daughter of Allison Ford, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; and Amber L Macek, daughter of Jerry Macek, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1, both are graduates of Wilson High School;
- Miles L Detrixhe, son of Gene and Mary Detrixhe, Engineering Undergraduate, Sophomore; Mallory Ann Mahoney, daughter of Joyce Mahoney, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; Amanda Kay Steinle, daughter of Debra Wehling, Journalism Undergraduate, Senior; Brooke N. Stoppel, daughter of Blaine Stoppel, Education Undergraduate Senior, all are graduates of Russell High School.

- Alisha Ann Ridgley, daughter of Brad and Beth Zweifel, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior, graduate of Lucas-Luray High School.
Miller among KU Hall of Fame Inductees

LAWRENCE — Several Olympians and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famers, including Chanute’s Ralph Miller, will be among those inducted Saturday into Kansas University’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

Fifteen teams and 33 individuals — including those who played on the 1952, ’56 and ’60 Olympic men’s basketball championship teams — will be inducted during KU’s 7 p.m. men’s basketball game against Baylor. Olympic champs from 1952 to be inducted are: Charlie Hoag, Bill Hougland, John Keller, Dean Kelley, Bob Kennedy and Bill Lienhard. Hougland is a 1956 champion and Al Kelley a ’60 champ.

Those to gain admittance as Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame inductees are: Miller, John Bunn, John McClendon, Adolph Rupp and Dean Smith.

At 11 a.m. that same day, KU’s athletic department will unveil a new Hall of Fame exhibit in the Booth Family Hall of Athletics.
Students from the area named to the University of Kansas fall 2007 honor roll include those from:

Burlington — Jennifer Lynne Hoover, junior, journalism, daughter of Roger and Sherry Wallace; Lance Harris Jones, sophomore, liberal arts, son of Lane Jones; Wyatt Edward Meriwether, senior, liberal arts, fine arts; Lacie Rochelle Reed, junior, education, daughter of Stacy and Debbie Reed; Tyrel Richard Reed, sophomore, liberal arts, son of Stacy and Debbie Reed; Synthia Rae Somerhalder, junior, liberal arts, Samuel and Sandra Somerhalder.

Council Grove (graduates of Council Grove High School): Molly Ann Aldrich, senior, pharmacy professional; Halie M. Baker, senior, journalism, daughter of David and Cheerie Baker; Benjamin M. Hornung, junior, liberal arts, parents are Joel and Jeanette Hornung; Brenda Dawn Pracht, pharmacy professional prof 1, graduate of Northern Heights High School, daughter of Randy and Tammy Pracht; Kaylee Ann Sarratt, sophomore, liberal arts, daughter of Doug and Paula Gant.

Hamilton: Joshua Owen Barker, freshman, liberal arts, graduate of Madison High School, son of Troy and Linda Barker; Lucas C. Short, senior, liberal arts, graduate of Eureka High School, son of Larry and Kay Short.

Lebo: (graduates of Lebo High School): Aaron Ross Gillespie, sophomore, liberal, son of Donnie and Vickie Gillespie; Ashley Nicole Gourley, pharmacy professional prof 1, daughter of Doyle and Lori Gourley; Eric Scott Gourley, pharmacy professional prof 1, son of Doyle and Lori Gourley.

Neosho Rapids: Greg Kevin Wellnitz, senior, education, graduate of Hartford High School, son of Kevin and Gwen Wellnitz.

New Strawn: Lucas John Culbertson, junior, liberal arts, graduate of Burlington High School, son of Robert and Carol Culbertson.

Cottonwood Falls: (graduates of Chase County High School) Carl Robert Black, pharmacy professional prof 1, son of Jeannette Black; Jordan Elizabeth Kline, pharmacy professional prof 1, daughter of William and Kelley Fowler; Noah Andrew Lock, sophomore, liberal arts, son of Diane Lock.

Olpe (graduates of Olpe High School): Megan R. Cole, freshman, liberal arts, daughter of Dave and Debbie Cole; Nicole Leann Schmidt, senior, daughter of Brian Schmidt; Matthew R. Torres, senior, liberal arts, graduate of Olathe North High School, son of Charles and Lori Torres.

Reading: Stuart Nelson Symmonds, junior, business, graduate of Northern Heights High School, son of Rodney and Lois Symmonds.
Geren visits Fort Leavenworth

Announces start of education program for wounded warriors

by Melissa Bower
Staff Writer

Eight Soldiers have been chosen enter a “Wounded Warrior Education Initiative” graduate degree program shared between the Combined Arms Center and the University of Kansas.

Army Secretary Pete Geren and University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway announced the program Feb. 6. Upon earning their degrees, Soldiers will remain on active duty for six years.

“This is a new journey that we in the Army and the University of Kansas have taken together,” Geren said. “A partnership for these outstanding Americans that have given so much in service to their country.”

Geren said the intent of the program was to retain knowledgeable Soldiers in the service and to assist them with better job placement. David Lambert, director of the KU/Fort Leavenworth program, and Ron James, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, were also credited in the creation of the program. Geren said Hemenway and KU officials came to him with an idea for the program in September 2007.

Army officials want wounded Soldiers to know their country still needs them in active service.
Command and General Staff College student Maj. J. Keller Durkin asks Secretary of the Army Pete Geren a question following Geren's address to CGSC students Feb. 6 in Eisenhower Auditorium.

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Maj. Dina Wandler, James' assistant deputy for education, said the new program hopes to accomplish just that.

"It represents a change in culture of how we care for wounded warriors," she said. "We're breaking the mold."

Capt. Tim Hornik, currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, dreams of being able to help returning Soldiers cope with post-traumatic stress disorder and other post-deployment stressors. When he joins the Army Wounded Warrior Education Initiative in August, Hornik plans to study social work at KU. Hornik said the program offered him more autonomy than other Army master's degree programs.

"It's not just for him, it's just a great program in general for the Army," said his wife, Capt. Cate Hornik. "It's made a huge impression, and it's been good for him."

Tim Hornik, an Air Defense Artillery officer, has a degree in liberal studies from Viterbo University in Wisconsin.

"I hope to use my personal experience to interact with Soldiers," he said.

Capt. Kristin Facer, currently stationed at Fort...
Carson, will be one of the first students in the program. She was injured by an improvised explosive device in 2005. Facer, who earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, was an elementary education teacher before joining the Army. Although Facer is still trying to decide on a master's program, she is considering cultural anthropology or furthering her teaching career.

James said skills such as teaching, social work and even cultural anthropology would help the Army in missions around the world. He hopes to expand the education initiative to other installations and universities.

To enter the Wounded Warrior Education Initiative, Soldiers must be part of Army Wounded Warrior Program and have the educational background necessary to enter a post-graduate program. Lamberton, who operates the KU side of the program, and Wandler said the Soldiers would be held to the same high educational standards as any other graduate students.

"We screen their academic backgrounds to make sure we've got the quality of Soldiers we're looking for," Wandler said.

The first students will enter the program in August. While the program is separate from the Warrior Transition Unit, such as the one at Munson Army Health Center, some can participate in both programs simultaneously. Capt. Gates Brown is currently in the Fort Leavenworth WTU and plans to enter the master's program next August to study history. Other Soldiers in the program include:

- Capt. Wesley E. Fine plans to earn a doctorate in international studies.
- Capt. Michael Reynolds plans to earn his doctorate in history or anthropology.
- 1st Lt. Jason Gladney plans to teach.
- Staff Sgt. Thomas Davis is undecided on a master's program, but wants to work at the Battle Command Training Program on post.
- Spc. Michael Hogg is interested in a master's degree in history.

While visiting Fort Leavenworth, Geren also met with CAC leaders and spoke to students at the Command and General Staff College.
University of Kansas AD’s honor roll includes 2 area students

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas’ Athletic Director’s Honor Roll recognizes 231 student athletes, including two from Dickinson County.

Student athletes enrolled in at least 12 credit hours who achieved a semester grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during spring or fall 2007 are eligible for the honor. Among those with special recognition are 73 students who earned 4.0 GPAs in one or both semesters.

They are:

Melanie Kristine Luthi daughter of Loran and Judy Luthi, electrical engineering, freshman, rowing, rural Junction City;

KU Chancellor To Honor High School Seniors

Students from 10 Kansas high schools will be honored on February 11th by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

Seniors will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at the North Central Kansas Technical School Student Union in Beloit.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students.

KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway will speak to the students, parents and guests. Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $12 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Michele Heidrick of Beloit will be the site coordinator and county coordinator for Mitchell and Cloud counties. Other county coordinators are Cathy Dauner of Mankato for Jewell County and Marilyn Haas of Belleville for Republic County.

Local honorees include Bridget Janssen and Kira Odell of Pike Valley High School and Bria Cherney, Alyssa Derowitsch, Molly Farnsworth, Lauren Hoops and Joel Skinner of Republic County High School.
Silent auction raises nearly $1,000

Nearly $1,000 was raised during the first Chamber of Commerce silent auction, prior to the annual meeting and banquet. The auction items included a one year membership to the NCK Wellness Center, a family pass to the Beloit Municipal Pool, KU/KSU Football tickets, jewelry, gift packages and floral arrangements.

A total of $970 was raised to be used to help with Chamber promotions and events in 2008.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated items for the auction. We would also like to thank those who attended the banquet and bid on the items. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.