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CAMPUS NEWS

Film dept. kicks off series

By **KAI GRADY**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

A contemporary film series created to facilitate a fun environment that encourages recognition and discussion of various diversity issues begins this weekend.

The program, “Mosaic Fusion: Diversity in Cinema,” is meant to showcase several different frames of diversity through movies.

“Everything that we’re going to show really is something that a faculty member has really connected with in some way,” said Dr. Kylo-Patrick Hart, a film-TV-digital media (FTDM) professor and department chair.

The event is organized by Hart, Dr. R. Colin Tait and Charity Robinson on behalf of the FTDM department at TCU.

This week’s screening is “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.”

The screenings of these movies are about providing very different visions and viewpoints in cinema, Hart said.

“There are so many different experiences in life,” Hart said. “Being introduced as audience members to stuff that you probably haven’t seen before.”

For Tait, an assistant professor in the FTDM department, “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” serves as an “excellent reinvention of the Spider-Man myth with worthwhile attention to diversity issues.”

“Film is uniquely positioned to voyage to



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A flyer indicating details on the upcoming “Mosaic Fusion” film series at Texas Christian University.

different places, inhabit different people’s shoes and hopefully understand how other people live,” Tait said. “[Each member has their] own ideas about what diversity is and what diversity looks like, which is itself diversity.”

Robinson, an FTDM instructor, hopes the film screenings spark dialogue regarding diversity.

“After the screenings, we plan to have some questions for people to take home for them to contemplate and think on

what it is that they saw in the film,” she said.

But at its core, this installment is meant to unite people.

“It’s important for us to sit together as audiences these days... to have an excuse to be in a room with a stranger is an important thing too and to see different people,” Tait said.

“Mosaic is the weave of perspectives, and fusion is putting all of those perspectives together.”

“Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse” is

the first installment of the film series. The film will be played in Room 164 of the Moudy South Building.

The screening will be free. In addition, complimentary popcorn and candy will be provided. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 7 p.m.

Updates on future screenings, as well as FTDM department news and information, can be found on their Instagram and Twitter.



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SPORTS

Football lands top JUCO quarterback

By **NOAH PARKER**

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With 18 commits and five four-star recruits, TCU's 2020 class sits at No. 28 nationally, according to 247Sports.

In the past week, TCU gained five new recruits in its class.

Wide receiver Savion Williams announced his decision to attend TCU on Wednesday morning after visiting TCU, Arkansas and SMU during the recruiting

process.

He also gained a late offer from Texas, but TCU was still able to secure the four-star receiver to round out its class.

"When I finally put on that hat, I'm like, 'It's over,'" Williams said in an interview with KTAL.

Williams joins a fellow top-30 receiver from Temple, Texas — wideout Quentin Johnston — in anchoring TCU's offensive haul from the 2020 class.

The Frogs also secured the nation's top junior college quarterback, Stephon Brown. Brown will come to Fort Worth from Independence Community College.

Patterson said in a press conference Wednesday that Brown was much-needed as other quarterbacks, such as Ohio State transfer Matthew Baldwin, recover from injuries.

"We'll only have one scholarship quarterback that we'll be able to run

[in] practice," he said.

"We needed to get some quarterbacks in."

Other notable signings include Kendre Miller, a three-star running back from Mount Enterprise, Texas, and transfers LB Dylan Horton and OT TJ Storment.

Spring practice for TCU is set to begin within the next few weeks.



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TCU head coach Gary Patterson continues to recruit well, even following a 5-7 season.

CAMPUS NEWS

AddRan College searches for new dean

By **ALEXANDRA PREUSSER**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The three finalists for the open dean position in the AddRan College of Liberal Arts have been named.

Each one visited campus recently and shared their vision for liberal arts at TCU.

They all answered the following question, which was sent to students in an email by Provost Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg: "What do you see as the major challenges and opportunities facing the liberal arts today, and what is your vision for addressing them as Dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts?"

The finalists also spoke about the importance of implementing diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) into

the AddRan curriculum.

Dr. Andrew Schoolmaster, the current dean, is retiring at the end of this school year. His successor is expected to start as early as May.

The search committee, whose chair is history professor Dr. Kara Dixon Vuic and includes students deans and professors, started interviewing candidates last fall.

AddRan is the largest college on campus with about 1,400 students, needs a new dean who can translate the value of a liberal arts degree to students, parents and the community, Vuic said.

Dr. Peter Worthing, a history professor and the associate dean of AddRan at TCU, was the first candidate. He said one challenge the college faces is putting DEI into action at a predominant-

ly white institution.

Worthington added that some women and faculty members of color operate under burdens and restrictions that other faculty members don't have to deal with.

Another challenge Worthing saw is the idea that the liberal arts are on the decline and that STEM and healthcare fields have more of a positive financial outcome, he said.

"These people [liberal arts students] have skills, they have a set of skills that help them succeed in the professional world," Worthing said. "We talk about these skills all the time: critical thinking, data analysis, evidence-based conclusions, oral and written communication, cultural competency, moral and ethical competency."

Dr. Sonja Stephenson Watson, the second

candidate, who is currently an associate professor of Spanish at the University of Texas at Arlington, said an opportunity that comes with declining enrollment nationwide is enhancing DEI within faculty and student populations.

To improve DEI within the faculty, Watson proposed to establish an ongoing lecture series on diversity in liberal arts to showcase research.

"It is extremely important for moving the needle and enhancing not only diversity but retention and, more importantly, inclusion," Watson said.

Watson, if hired as dean, said she wants to increase the number of women and underrepresented groups in faculty through a strategic hiring plan.

In regards to students, creating a student advisory board for DEI within AddRan and increasing endowments for first-generation students and underrepresented minorities would help implement DEI, Watson said.

Communicating the value of the liberal arts was another challenge Watson discussed in her presentation. She gave examples of professionals who earned a liberal arts degree who went on to become CEOs of companies such as American Express, Avon Products Inc. and YouTube.

The third candidate, Dr. Heidi Bostic who is the visiting associate provost for special projects at Furman University, said the one main challenge was promoting DEI.

The world is getting

better, but there is a lot of room for improvement, Bostic said.

"We still need to work more on the sense of belonging," she said. "It is not enough to recruit a diverse cohort of faculty, staff and students."

Community engagement goes hand-in-hand with DEI, Bostic said.

The skills learned within the liberal arts will enable the new curriculum and new experiences to develop. Some of these skills, including ethical decision making, can sometimes seem abstract to students. It is important to help students understand these, Bostic said.

The new dean may be announced within the next three weeks, Vuic said.

CAMPUS NEWS

Police investigate flyers from white supremacist group

By **DREW MITCHELL**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE SKIFF

TCU police are working with Fort Worth law enforcement officials as they try to determine who posted signs around campus promoting a white supremacist group.

Robert Rangel, TCU's assistant chief of police, said the sign they found on Feb. 4 was the second this semester and third this academic year.

Rangel attributed the signs to Hundred-Handers, an anonymous white supremacist group. Its members are known for postings that read "Reject White guilt" and "Migration is not the

answer" amongst other things.

The signs found on campus read "Open borders for Israel" and "We're more than a passport. BLOOD & SOIL."

According to the Center for American Progress, the Southern Poverty Law Center has documented 434 incidents of white supremacist flyering on college campuses.

While people have freedom of speech, Rangel said it is against school policy and city ordinance to post any flyers without university permission.

He also said the flyers

can't deface property or have vulgar language that incites violence.

"We're not trying to prevent people from expressing their first amendment right," Rangel said. "They just have to do it in an acceptable way. Throwing posters around on someone else's property and city property is not the appropriate way to do that."

When opening an investigation, TCU police look to see if there was a crime committed and if it will cost the school money, Rangel said.

He said the consequences for defacing

property depends on how much it costs to fix school property. The lowest offense is a Class C misdemeanor.

Texas and California are the states most affected by white supremacist propaganda, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Rangel said it is difficult to prevent this from happening because TCU is an open campus and these white supremacy groups usually know the limit before they can get in trouble.

He said the groups are a concern because their websites usually show that they could insight



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU 360

Assistant chief of police Robert Rangel.

violence. Rangel said the police can't catch everyone, but people can do their part to help.

"The police alone can't stop it," Rangel said. "The community working together can minimize it and be our eyes and ears."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Student coalition works to implement change at TCU

By **DREW MITCHELL**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, SKIFF

Some TCU students are demanding the dean of the John V. Roach Honors College be fired for her actions on an Honors College trip to Washington, D.C. last summer.

Organizers of the Coalition for University Justice and Equity (CUJE), which started last semester following the Atatiana Jefferson protest debrief, said they want TCU to live up to its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

“It’s that moment that you say ‘If not me, then who? If not now, then when?’ and that’s what keeps us going,” said one of the organizers.

All of the members who were interviewed asked to remain anonymous, saying they wanted the movement to be more about their principles rather than be limited to specific individuals while also protecting their members.

Last week the students released a list of demands that includes firing Diane Snow, the dean of the Honors College. Snow and other members of the honors faculty are named in a lawsuit that accuses them of physically and verbally abusing a student last summer during a month-long trip to Washington, D.C.

CUJE also demands that a multicultural center be built within the next three years. They want it to be named after Fred Rouse, a Fort Worth

resident who was lynched in 1921, and acknowledgment of the TCU founders’ participating in the confederate army, among other things.

The demands were emailed to Chancellor Victor Boschini, who said he intends to meet with the students.

“Anything that’s a good idea in there, I’m willing to consider,” Boschini said. “I don’t want to make a judgement on any of them [the demands] until I talk to them [organizers] because some of them have a lot of nuances to them, and I want to know exactly the detail on how they want it.”

Organizers said they don’t want to have the equivalent of a listening session, referring to the campus-wide events held in response to the lawsuit that allowed students to discuss the campus climate.

“We didn’t put these forth as just ideas for them to listen to and clap about,” said one of the organizers.

Some of the CUJE leaders who were students in 2016 when a similar list of demands was released—which resulted in the creation of the comparative race and ethnic studies (CRES) department—said the 2016 protests inspired how they executed their list of demands.

They wanted the demands to be more representative of different cultures and include input from graduate students as well as faculty members, an organizer said. They



A banner CUJE hung at the BLUU.

also said they wanted to take more action because many of the 2016 demands were not met.

The demands were made specific because they don’t want their demands to be misinterpreted by the university, organizers said.

Organizers said their demands are realistic and have been implemented at some of TCU’s aspirant schools.

CUJE demands a public response from the university with a commitment to their demands by Feb. 12.

CUJE demands were made public via Twitter on Feb. 5, along with a petition of support, which has 584 signatures to date.

Another organizer said people at TCU don’t see minority students as valuable or as human beings. They also said TCU’s campus has a culture that supports racist ideologies.

“TCU is like a petri dish of discrimination and hatred,” one member of CUJE said. “It festers at this school in a way that I don’t really see it at other places.”

Organizers said they

have received encouragement, statements of solidarity and love from faculty, staff and students on campus, but the university’s response hasn’t been significant.

Senior social work major Charity Mason said she thinks the coalition shows how intelligent and powerful marginalized students at TCU are.

“This coalition should prove to the administration that the student body is tired of seeing racism, sexism and all the other isms that take place on campus,” she said. “It shows them the dedication that the student body has to change this campus.”

Mason, who is also a CRES minor, also said she thinks the demands are exceptional and hopes the university meets them.

Organizers said they will continue to act until their demands are met because these systemic changes need to be made.

Readers can follow CUJE’s efforts on its Twitter page.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CUJE’S TWITTER ACCOUNT



The logo for CUJE.

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The number of signatures is growing as the coalition progresses.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020:

This year, you express the nimble, often wise, personality that draws others and their understanding. In between, you can, and probably will, be sullen and quiet. If single, you will want to be with a person who enjoys the many facets of your personality. Try to avoid a critical person. If attached, your sweetie will quickly adjust to your multifaceted personality. As a couple, you will make better decisions. SCORPIO can be demanding and precise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You give off a sense of intensity and determination as the day proceeds. You could find a key person challenging yet charming. Some of the more positive qualities will wear off as the day ages. Tonight: Settle in for a determined talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might feel as if you are making a statement with your work and attitude. Do not forget to make a much-needed appointment. You can put certain matters on the back burner for only so long. Tonight: Listen to what a dear friend suggests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your sense of humor returns, allowing you to quickly clear the air if you hit a misunderstanding. Try not to take others' comments so personally; remain upbeat. Someone is pushing you to get certain tasks done. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might feel restricted by another person and his or her suggestions. This person seems to hold you back and is not in touch with your personal needs. Soon enough you will see eye to eye with this person. Tonight: As

you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Return calls. Reach out for another person and manifest more of what you need or desire. A conversation reminds you how much you have in common with this person and why you are heading in the right direction. Tonight: Relax. Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You become more aware of the financial implications of continuing down a specific path. You also have a clearer view of the big picture. With this information in mind, you will make better choices. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You can make a difference wherever you go. You have an extremely diplomatic style that helps you moderate a conversation. Others listen. You find that you have a receptive audience. Make an important move now. Tonight: Run an errand on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ As odd as you might feel during the daylight hours, you could feel just as great later. If you feel uneasy making a decision, postpone doing so until evening at the earliest. Tonight: Let a dear friend play devil's advocate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Make an extra effort toward your friends. You could be too tired to continue on a predetermined path. Slow down. Get others' opinions. Sometimes when stepping back, you gain important information. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

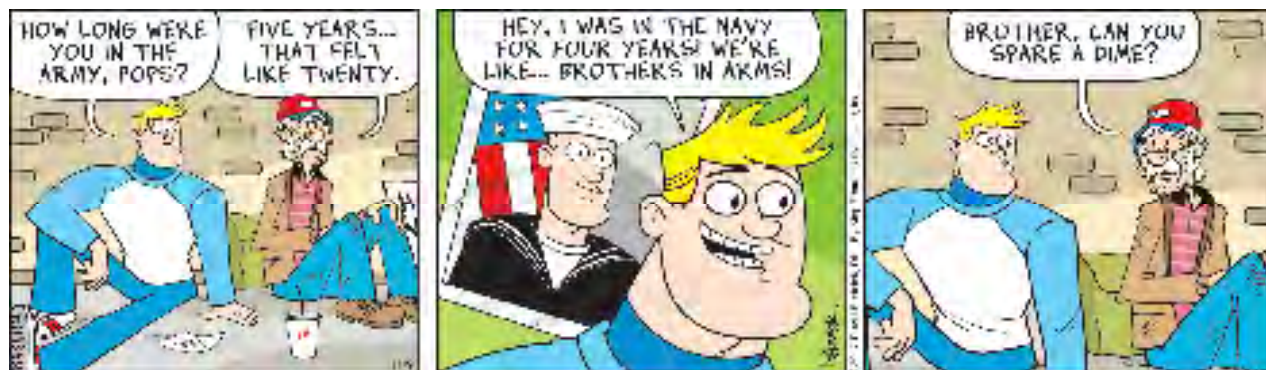
Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have been so uneasy trying to make a decision that you could opt to rethink the whole matter. Some of you will choose to make time to have a conversation with someone who has more expertise than you do. Tonight: Letting off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

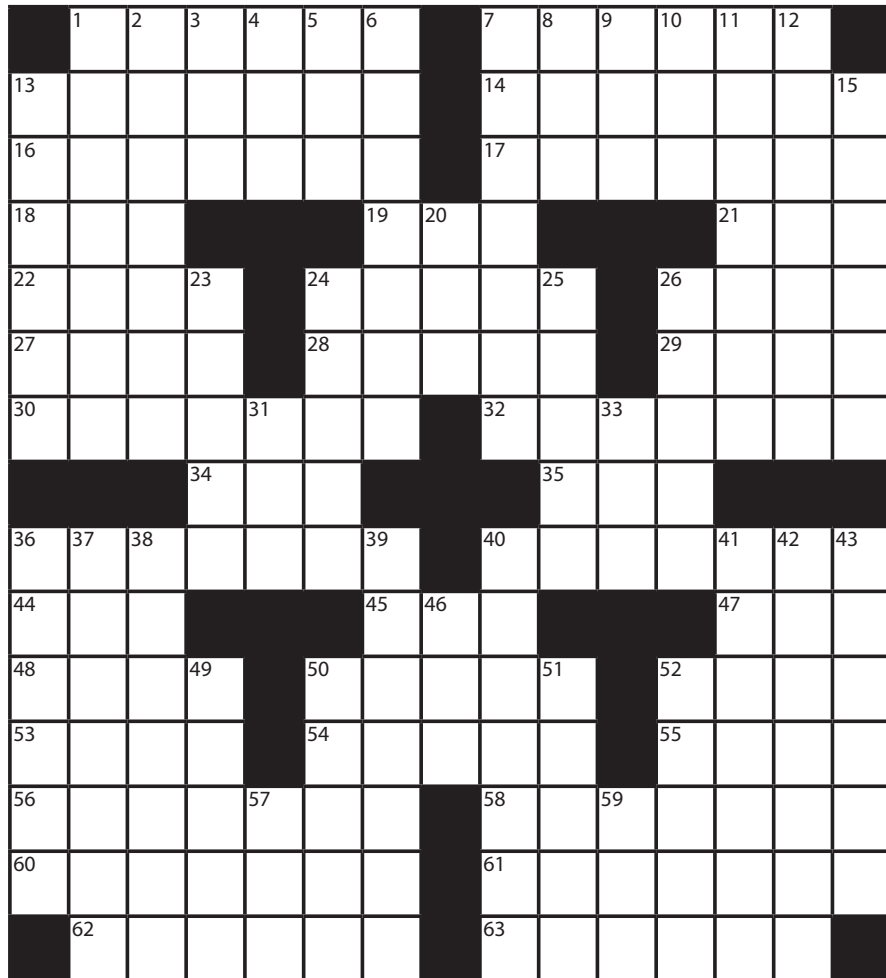
★★★★ You may have looked at an issue every way possible only to see that idea fall apart. You keep finding a new reason not to proceed in a certain direction. Call a halt to your meanderings. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted. You see a personal matter from another perspective given time. What is clear is that you cannot force your ideas or another person's ideas to work. Give the issue in question some space. Tonight: Escape to the movies.

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- 53 Brave and determined
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- 3 Cry at night
- 4 Mince words?
- 5 Annual winter/spring observance
- 6 Sets up ahead of time, in jargon
- 7 What some say God is to them
- 8 "Leave this to me"
- 9 Religious group
- 10 Part of the conjugation of the Latin "esse"
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TCU Trivia

True or False: Before it was acquired by TCU in 1963, the Worth Hills area was a Fort Worth municipal golf course

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

SPORTS

Second-quarter effort pushes women's basketball past Kansas

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU women's basketball scored a season-high 34 points in the second quarter, giving the team an 87-74 victory over the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday.

Junior guard Lauren Heard led the team with 23 points, marking the 18th-straight game this season she has scored double-digit points.

TCU fell behind early after Kansas drained six 3-pointers in the first quarter to take a 24-17 lead, but they responded quickly in the second quarter.

The second period was all about offense for the Horned Frogs, as they outscored Kansas 34-14

in the frame to take a 51-38 lead going into the halftime break.

Kansas would go on to outscore TCU 14-12 in the third quarter; however, the Jayhawks would only get within nine points before TCU would score 24 in the final quarter to close out the game.

TCU would finish the game shooting 52% from the field and 41% from 3-point range.

With the win, TCU moves to 17-4 overall and 8-2 in the Big 12 for the first time in program history.

TCU will be back on the road next Wednesday as they will take on No. 2 Baylor in Waco. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center.



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Jayde Woods finished the game with 15 points in the win over Kansas. She has now scored 10+ points in seven straight games.

No. 3 Kansas proves too much as Frogs drop fifth straight

By **COLIN POST**

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Despite pulling within four points late in the second half, shooting failures plagues TCU men's basketball Saturday afternoon, falling 60-46 to No. 3 Kansas to drop their fifth-straight game.

The Horned Frogs shot just 35 percent as a team.

Center Udoka Azubuike and guard Devon Dotson were the Jayhawks' lone sources of offense, combining for 38 points. Dotson also added 11 assists.

"Azubuike's obviously really good. He's probably the best big man in the country," head coach Jamie Dixon said. "Dotson's probably

the best point guard in the country."

While the duo shot 17-for-31 combined, the rest of the team finished just 7-for-27.

Azubuike certainly won the battle of two of the Big 12's premier big men, holding TCU center Kevin Samuel to just one field goal attempt and zero points.

He added 15 rebounds, the main reason why the Jayhawks out-rebound the Frogs 44-31.

"We got to get him [Samuel] the ball more, but we have to get more efficient as well," Dixon said. "I think he did a lot of good things; obviously, scoring wasn't one of them"

The win was the 700th in Kansas' head coach Bill Self's career.

He becomes the second-fastest NCAA Division I coach to reach the milestone — just nine months behind former Indiana head coach Bob Knight.

Guard Desmond Bane finished with 20 points and five rebounds for TCU. The senior now has 1,630 career points, tying him with Reggie Smith for fifth on TCU's all-time scoring list.

The Frogs looked energized defensively in the opening minutes. Kansas started the game 0-for-8 from the field, allowing TCU to take an early 6-2 lead.

However, The Jayhawks cleaned things up as Azubuike, the Big 12's leader in field goal percentage (76.3 percent), took over. The

center hit six-straight shots, five of which were dunks, to lead Kansas on a 17-5 run, giving them the lead and control of the game.

The Frogs would get as close as four — but fouls called on TCU on two consecutive plays seemed to put a stop to their momentum. Kansas took advantage and pushed their lead back to double digits, where it would stay for the remainder of the game.

The loss drops TCU to 13-10 overall and 4-6 in Big 12 play. It has now lost six of their last seven conference games.

Up next, TCU will travel to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday.



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Guard PJ Fuller drives to the basket in the second half on Saturday against Kansas.