Jayhawk Walk
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Icy reception?

His pregnant wife was four days overdue. The kitchen sink was rusted through. And there was pressing work at the entomology lab.

So what did PhD student Jason Botz do when a February snow storm buried Lawrence?

He built a 7-foot high igloo in his front yard, of course.

The two-day project began when a book about snow forts inspired Botz and his 4-year-old to start their own.

After a two-day break for the birth of his third son, Botz finished his ice house. Even his mother-in-law, visiting from Phoenix to tend to mother and child, was pressed into service to hold snow blocks in place.

To crown his triumph, Botz spent a night in the igloo. Outside, the temperature fell to 9 degrees; inside it was 40. Warmer, perchance, than in the house?

“I’m happy that it’s all done,” his wife, Erin Botz, told the Lawrence Journal-World with an apparent surplus of spousal restraint.

Jason might want to make his next project the kitchen sink. After all, where’s he gonna sleep when the igloo melts?

The beauty of brains

An increasingly risque calendar showing undergraduate women in their undergarments has met its match: a poster-size “KU Women of Distinction” calendar that enchants with the allure of achievement.

Kathy Rose-Mockry, d’78, g’85, director of the Emily Taylor Women’s Resource Center, says the free “Women of Distinction” calendar was not created to counter the infamous version that sells for $9.95. But she won’t mind if it dominates dorm-room walls.

“It’s an inspiration for our young women looking to go forward in their careers, to see all of these women who are accomplishing such fabulous things,” Rose-Mockry says. “And many men feel good about the positive depiction.”

With photography by Kansas Alumni’s Earl Richardson, j’83, and design by Mike Fairchild, f’89, the dazzling poster does justice to its subjects, including students, faculty and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80.

Role models rather than bikini models? What a smart idea.