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HELPFUL EMISSIONS? Johannes Feddema, professor of geography, was quoted in a recent Hays Daily News article about the ongoing debate concerning a pair of proposed coal burning power plants near Holcomb. Rep. Larry Powell, R-Garden City, sent a letter to newspapers last month touting the benefits carbon dioxide emissions from the plants could have on crops. The letter overlooks the wider problem of global warming, Feddema said. "The largest point to me is that picking and choosing what's 'good' and what's 'bad' misses the point that any great rate of change in our climate or atmospheric chemistry is going to be a challenge for our large human population that is entirely dependent on mass production of food and goods," Feddema said.

BRING GEOGRAPHY BACK: Jerome Dobson, professor of geography, and his research was highlighted in a recent article on the Daily Vidette, Illinois State University's newspaper. Dobson, president of the American Geographical Society, spoke at the university in November about the lack of geography education. "The fact is, it's not getting taught at most of the private universities in the country," Dobson said. "Geography now is one of the most beneficial and one of the most dangerous of disciplines." Dobson made the analogy that "geography is to space what history is to time."

SERVING VETERANS: Julia O'Dell, associate director of KU's Upward Bound Program, was quoted in a recent USA Today article about veterans returning to higher education institutions. "The issues combat veterans face ... is something we haven't had to deal with in a while," she said. "It's going to take all of these institutions a while to figure out what is exactly the best way to provide services to this particular group."

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