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For fall semester

MUPB considers tuition increase

by JIM HAAG
Staff Reporter

A recommendation to increase tuition costs for the 1978 fall semester is being considered by the Memorial Union Policy Board to defray the union debts to housing. Stephen Wood, Memorial Union director, said this week.

Wood said the policy board would meet Tuesday and hopefully finish its proposal to raise tuition next year. It would help eradicate the \$57,000 debt to housing incurred over the past several years.

The amount of the proposed increase has not been determined. Wood said, but the policy board should reach a decision at next week's meeting.

The policy board's finalized recommendation will be presented to the Student Senate, said Wood, probably at the beginning of next semester. He

added, the policy board felt the senate should have input into the proposal because of the involvement with student money.

The union currently receives \$1.25 per credit hour per semester for a maximum of 15 credit hours of each student's tuition.

The final decision for the tuition hike, Wood noted, remains in the hands of President Gerald Tomanek. If accepted by Tomanek, he would present the recommendation to the Board of Regents for its approval.

The union has experience financial difficulties for the past several years, said Wood. The major contributor to the continuing deficit being caused by the bookstore he said.

The problem with the bookstore was solved when Follett's assumed control of the bookstore last March. The union sold its inventory to Follett's and is being reimbursed for its stock.

The union will receive \$108,000 from the Follett Trading Post for the

inventory and credit memos compiled with major book suppliers.

The bookstore has received \$82,000 thus far from the bookstore. Inventories have accounted for \$52,000 of this total and \$30,000 have come from credit memos.

Wood said that the final payment of \$26,000 for the inventory will be paid by the bookstore before Jan. 1.

Wood hopes to use \$18,000 of the income from the bookstore to pay off approximately one-third of the housing debt before the end of the spring semester.

The remaining balance of \$39,000 will be paid during the next few years, said Wood. He plans to use the extra money received from the proposed tuition increase to begin clearing this debt.

Wood hopes the tuition increase, if approved, would be substantial enough to allow the union to begin

building a reserve account so that inflation would not subject the union to again operate with a deficit in the next several years.

The union reportedly was operating with a \$26,787 deficit this year, but Wood said income from the bookstore had erased this supposition.

"The bookstore money came just at the right time," he said. "We are able to operate in the black this year and it (bookstore income) also made the recent redecorating possible."

One problem with operating a union is that much of the building does not generate income and must be funded through other means, Wood said.

Citing the policy board's decision to charge off-campus organizations rental fees for the use of union rooms, Wood said that while this income does help, it cannot begin to cover operating costs.

The current problem is not a matter of avoiding operating with a deficit in the future as much as it is in insuring the union can operate under future inflationary rises, said Wood.

Wood said he is pleased with current operation in the union because the recreation area, food service and bookstore are making money instead of losing money.

Other colleges in the state are experiencing similar problems with funding their unions, he said, noting that Kansas State University raised its tuition to accommodate union expenses last year.

Tomanek supports School of Business

President Gerald Tomanek presented his rationale behind the School of Business proposal and the scheduling officer position at the Faculty Senate meeting Monday.

Tomanek said the School of Business would be proposed through the proper channels, including the Board of Regents, despite opposition from Faculty Senate as voiced at a special meeting on the subject last month.

Following his presentation, the senate passed a motion by Dr. Patrick Drinan, professor of political science, which requested that positions in the School of Business be awarded in such a way as to be unfair to other departments.

Concerning the scheduling officer, Tomanek told the senate that the position will be considered by the Allocations Committee which will make a recommendation to the president.

The senate voiced concern last month because the position was changed from an unclassified to a classified position without being considered by the Allocations Committee.

Tomanek responded to objections within the senate arising from the speed with which the School of Business proposal was presented to

the Academics Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate.

"It was necessary for us to have the proposal in by Dec. 1 if we want it to be considered this year," he said. "It is imperative that we get approval as soon as possible because it will help us continue to increase in enrollment at a time when enrollment declines are forecast."

Concern over the addition of faculty positions to the proposed school and more than a five-year timetable for accreditation was also addressed by Tomanek.

"We will not steal existing positions from other departments to meet this goal. All new positions will be awarded through the Allocations Committee and will come as a result of increased production by the School of Business."

He added that "we will not go on a raiding party to fill those positions."

Faculty Senate President Ellen Veed, associate professor of mathematics, said Wednesday that Tomanek had met one of the senate's objections in announcing that accreditation will be sought without interfering with other departments.

She commended him for announcing that "additional personnel will not result in a raid in other areas."

Concerning Tomanek's remarks on

the scheduling office, Veed said his decision to allow the Allocations Committee to discuss the matter was "the reasonable thing to do."

"I can't say that I won't oppose the position," she added, "but I will say that I will respect the decision made by the committee."

In other business, the Academics Affairs Committee announced the approval of three courses and the rejection of one.

Public TV study determines area problems

Minor details remain to be completed for license application by the Hays public television station. The gathering of information for the ascertainment study has been completed, according to David Lefurgy, director of research and development for the public TV station.

The information contains the 10 priority problems listed by community leaders contacted and people contacted in the telephone survey. Community leaders were contacted in person by Lefurgy in LaCrosse, Ness City, Ellis, Hill City, Plainville, Russell, Stockton, WaKeeney and Hays. Eighty-eight were contacted.

Two hundred and forty telephone

surveys were completed in the Hays area. Telephone numbers were randomly selected from the Hays area directory. A total of 890 problem responses were received from both surveys.

Gathering of the information concludes the major portion of the ascertainment study. The remaining major portion will be to determine how the public TV station will respond to the problems.

A problem arose when the Federal Communications Commission moved the deadline for application from Jan. 1 to Dec. 6. Since the deadline has passed, the University is now aiming to submit its license application by May or June of 1978.



Foaming at the mouth

Dennis Schamber, assistant director of admissions, takes a break after taking part in the pie eating contest held during halftime of the Fort Hays State-Marymount basketball game last Wednesday evening.

(Photo by Kurt Ross)

Student Senate rejects statutory amendment

An amendment to a senate statute expanding the role of the administrative assistant (A.A.) failed by one vote to gain the necessary two-thirds majority for approval at the Student Senate meeting last night.

The amendment to Senate Statute 1103, proposed by Brent Halderman, Long Island sophomore, received 10 votes in favor, four against and two abstentions. Eleven yeas votes were necessary for approval.

Commenting after the meeting, Halderman, a social and behavioral representative, said the vote reflects a minority opinion of the senate.

"Those who did not vote in favor apparently had access to information that no one else was aware of," Halderman said. "I being the member who proposed the legislation, was never asked to justify or clarify my position or anything else for that matter."

Halderman was referring to the failure of the six senators, who did not vote for approving the amendment, to voice any reason for their opposition when the floor was open for discussion.

Voting against the amendment were Education Representative Keith Moynier, Wilson senior, Social and Behavioral Representative Deb Schumacher, Hays freshman Humanities Representative Sherry Searls, Wichita senior, and Humanities Representative Andy Sherman, Chanute junior.

A.A. Rick Axtom, Hays graduate student, said afterwards that he was a little surprised that the amendment failed to pass.

"But, in view of the fact that the senate has not once asked me to research anything for them," he added, "it's really not that surprising. The position is there for the senator's benefit, but they haven't taken advantage of it."

According to Senate Statute 1103 which defines the duties of the position, the A.A. is responsible to complete formal requests of the Student-Faculty Court, the senate and the executive officers of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Allton noted that the executive branch and the court had enlisted his aid this semester, but senators have not asked him to work for them.

Legislation naming the Memorial Union Activities Board (MUAB) as the group responsible for the Homecoming Queen elections was introduced. Presented by the ad hoc committee on Homecoming, Senate Bill 402 also relinquishes SGA of its responsibilities in the elections.

The bill also states that MUAB must incorporate the procedure to execute the Homecoming Queen elections in the organization's constitution or by-laws. The bill will be voted on at the first senate meeting next semester.

Student Body President Stan Teasley, Phillipsburg senior, said after the meeting that the bill still raises the question of where SGA will find the

basis to delegate the elections to another organization.

Allton questioned the constitutionality of the entire bill, saying he knew of no authority by which the senate can force MUAB to incorporate the election procedure into its constitution.

Because the senate is bound to the elections by a statute, Allton added, the proposed bill cannot, in effect, negate the senate's responsibilities as defined by the statutes.

A statutory amendment is necessary to change the statutes, he said. He suggested a resolution could be introduced which merely recommended which organization would handle the elections.

MUAB President Paul Schwartz, Dodge City junior, said afterwards, "I'm really pleased with the bill. But no matter which group receives the elections, either MUAB or Interfraternity Council (IFC), I'm sure they will do a good job."

In other business, Kirk Kimble, Hays senior, was approved unanimously to fill a vacant education seat. The senate delayed voting on another appointment, Deb Cassart, Hays junior, until the next meeting.

Student Body Vice-President Jeff Seibel, Hays junior, read a letter of resignation from SGA Treasurer Aryn Kaufmann, Wilson senior.

In emergency business, the senate unanimously approved David Casper, Wilson graduate student, as the new treasurer.

Car break-ins increase in residence parking lots

Thefts from cars parked in residence hall parking areas have increased slightly this semester, Don Brown, campus security chief, said.

The largest number occurred during the night of Senior Day in October. Brown said about 10 cars parked in the lot between McGrath Hall and Lewis Field Stadium were looted. Items stolen included stereo equipment, cameras and a television set from a van.

Such incidents seem to center around the McGrath lot and the lot in front of Weger Hall. Brown said about six thefts from each lot are reported each semester.

The McGrath lot is the most heavily patrolled. A patrol car drives past it every 15 minutes during the evening, Brown said.

We realize that lot is the farthest away," Brown said. "The law of averages would seem to indicate there would be a greater problem there than elsewhere." Brown added that the problem at McGrath is not, however, greater than that at Weger.

Dr. John Garwood, dean of instruction, said a decision would then be reached by November of 1978 with building beginning in 1979.

The 10 priority problems determined by the surveys were listed according to the number of times that problem was mentioned. The top problem was leisure activities for the community with 13.6 per cent of the 890 responses. This included cultural events and recreational opportunities. Importance and percentages were: crime, 8.4 per cent; agriculture, 7.9 per cent; economy, 7.5 per cent; substance abuse (alcohol and drugs), 7 per cent; schools, 6.9 per cent; community problems, 6 per cent; mass media, 5.8 per cent; ecological issues, 5.7 per cent; and housing, 3.8 per cent.

The results of these surveys will enable the public TV station to determine the problems and how to respond to those problems. Lefurgy also said that the survey will help with license renewal.

Some other results of the telephone survey included the fact that the majority of people in this area feel "60 Minutes" is their favorite show. "Waltons" was second.

Most felt that television did not influence their moral values and lifestyles or the products they purchased. For the question concerning the classification of the three major networks programming, 45.8 per cent felt the programming was fair. Most of the people contacted said that Fort Hays State should have the public TV station.

The state Public Television Board has set aside \$170,000 for the building of a studio for the Hays station. The board also allocated and set aside \$15,000 to hire a station manager and secretary effective Jan. 1, 1978 to July 1, 1978.

Another \$70,000 has been requested to continue paying the station manager and secretary and to hire an engineer after July 1, 1978.

Still to be decided is whether the \$375,000 to modify the basement of the library for the media center will be allocated to the University. This would include the building to house the public TV studio.

A dissenting opinion was expressed by Bill Ward, Russell senior. Ward, a Weger resident last semester, had two rifles stolen from his pickup truck. He said the truck was parked directly under a streetlight by McGrath. It was broken into from the side facing the street. Ward estimated the thieves must have worked at least 15 minutes in direct light.

"In the two years I lived at Weger," Ward said, "I never saw a campus patrol car over by McGrath at night. I often walked over there because that's where I usually had to park."

"I've seen security officers driving around other parts of the campus, and they don't check around thoroughly. They just drive around and drink coffee. As far as I'm concerned, campus security is a joke."

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Fort Notes

Student data changes due

The last day the Registrar's Office can honor individual requests for students to make fall 1977 changes, address changes, address changes for grade mailers, adviser changes, etc. to the individual student data file is Dec. 16.

Organizations may buy pages

All college affiliated organizations wishing to have pages in the 1978 Reveille should make a payment by Friday. The price is \$30 per page.

Master's and specialist's theses due today

Graduate students completing master's or specialist's degrees this semester must turn in their theses, research papers, problems and oral examinations reports, by 5 p.m. today in Picken 211.

Intercession enrollment to begin Monday

Enrollment for intercession starts Monday and runs through Jan. 3. Enrollment cannot be processed on legal holidays Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Classes will begin Jan. 3.

December graduates may purchase Reveille

Anyone graduating in December who would like a 1978 Reveille should make a \$5 payment to Dave Adams, assistant professor of journalism, in Martin Allen Hall by Dec. 20.

Location, tuition attract prospective students

Fort Hays State was chosen over Kansas State University and the University of Kansas by over half of the respondents in a recent survey conducted by the FHS Political Science Department.

The survey, conducted in mid-September, reached 23 freshmen majoring in various fields in the Political Science Department, Dr. Donald Slechta, chairman of the department, said.

The most important influences cited by those who chose FHS were letters from FHS administrators and departmental information received through the mail.

The University's close-to-home location was a major factor, too, according to survey tabulations. Half of the

respondents also said their parents' opinion of FHS was a contributing factor.

"Reasonable" tuition and the size of the FHS student body were mentioned frequently. Slightly over half of the students questioned felt the University's size was small enough that they wouldn't "get lost," but large enough that they could specialize in the type of study they wanted.

The same number said they found FHS tuition "reasonable or lower than other universities."

Past family attendance here was listed as "of some importance," though it wasn't a major reason. Slechta added that there's a possibility many of the students received "subliminal" pressure to attend FHS

from parents who had attended previously.

Living costs, job availability and past campus visits in high school groups and individually were ranked as important factors leading to enrollment here, too.

Slechta said he gives the annual FHS Senior Day credit for bringing many students into his department.

Scholarships and other forms of financial aid were not of major importance; only one-fourth of those surveyed listed that as a response. The same amount chose the University because of friends enrolled here or because of student housing.

The University's work-study program and high school teacher's recommendations were of minimal importance.

Slechta said his department conducted the survey to find out why students chose FHS as a place to major in political science.

The University's political science program was the main reason most of the freshmen political science majors chose FHS, he found. Over three-fourths of the respondents mentioned that a political science major fit their career goals.

Parents did not have any major influence upon students' choices of major, according to the survey results. However, community businessmen, teachers and FHS graduates did have an effect.

Slechta plans to make the survey an annual project. He hopes to compare future and past responses and recognize trends in the reasons students choose FHS as a place to attend college and political science as a major.

Actors interpret playwrights

The efforts of modern American playwrights will be interpreted in Felten Start Theater today when Fort Hays State drama students present another pair of TGIF experimental theater productions.

The curtain will rise at 3:30 p.m. for "How He Lied to Her Husband." The play was written by George Bernard Shaw. Martin Massaglia, Hays senior, will direct.

"Cuba Si," consisting of dialogue between an entrenched pro-Castro revolutionary and a newspaper reporter, was written by Terrance McNally. Landy Tedford, Minneola senior, will be director of the presentation.

Cast of the first production includes Tim Counts, Hays sophomore; Susan Carson, Mullinville senior; and Bill Doll, Goodland senior.

The second play's cast consists of Karen Fuller, Hays senior; Jackie Heckor, Russell freshman; Janis Mauch, Stockton sophomore; and Randy Lipsett, Ashland sophomore.

Tournament begins today

An open division debate tournament will be held today and tomorrow on the Fort Hays State campus. The tournament is for high school students in western Kansas.

Sue Price, associate professor of speech, is in charge of the tournament. She said 40 schools have been invited to the tournament.

Salina South is sending four teams and Thomas More Prep of Hays is sending two. Hays, Marian, Scott City and Oberlin High Schools are also entered.

The tournament will consist of two days of debating with four rounds of preliminary debating. Semi-finals and finals will be held on Saturday. Judges for the event will be debate and speech students from FHS.

Musicians present holiday concert

The Hays Symphony Orchestra and the Collegian Chorale will present their annual "Christmas Concert" at 3 p.m. Sunday in Sheridan Coliseum.

The Chorale will lead the program with a performance of "The Magnificat" by Dietrich Buxtehude. This is a setting of the famous text "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" and is accompanied by a string ensemble and harpsichord.

The Chorale will then perform a set of familiar Christmas carols arranged by Theron Kirk. This group features both the male and female sections as well as the four-part mixed chorus.

The Orchestra will begin the second half of the program with the popular "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky followed by their rendition of "Fantasia on Greensleaves" by Ralph Vaughn Williams. Elaine Peters, Lawrence, will be featured as harp soloist.

The Collegian Chorale is conducted by Patrick Goesser, associate professor of music, and is made up of members

from the entire campus. The pianist and accompanist for the group is Ellen Foncannon, Hays junior.

The Hays Symphony Orchestra is comprised of musicians from across the state as well as students and faculty of Fort Hays State. Their conductor is Jim Bailey, assistant professor of music.

Admission for the combined concert is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for members of the Hays Arts Council. Children and students with I.D. will be admitted free.

Tickets for the one-hour program can be purchased either at the door or in the music library of Malloy Hall.

Square dancers perform in public dance marathon

Worn out shoes, tired feet and a world record are results the Fort Hays State Star Promenaders are expecting after their 24-hour square dance marathon tonight and tomorrow.

The dance marathon will begin at 10 p.m. Friday in the second floor recreation room of McMinder Hall. The first 21 hours will be spent there and the dance-a-thon will conclude Saturday with a public square dance from 7-10 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The Kansas State University K-Lairs square dancers, a group that the FHS group has danced with in the past, will also be participating in the dance-a-thon.

A world record has not been established for square dancing, so this will be the first time a group has square danced for 24 hours continuous.

There is no admittance charge for the dance marathon, and proceeds will be collected from dance-a-thon sponsors.

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Spartans trip Tigers

Charles Bostic, coming off the bench, poured in 29 points to pace the Marymount Spartans to their second win of the season over the Tigers, 95-89 Wednesday night.

The Spartans' Herb Dawson also pumped in 21 points. Mike Pauls and Doug Rohr were high point men for the Tigers with 22 and 18 points respectively.

The teams played evenly until the Spartans scored nine straight points mid-way through the half to take a 32-23 lead.

They stretched their lead to as much as 12 with 4:59 remaining in the half. But the Tigers' Rick Albrecht hit on two 20-foot jump shots and one from five feet to bring the Tigers within eight points at halftime, 54-46.

The Tigers outshot the Spartans in the first half, 52 per cent to 50 per cent, but were out shot at the free throw line. The Spartans had 19 attempts and converted on 12, while the Tigers made only six trips to the line and converted four.

Fort Hays State opened up in the second half by tying the game as Rohr made six of the Tigers' first eight points.

Marymount fought back to take a five-point lead, but the Tigers refused to fold their tent. The Tigers took the lead 67-64 with 11:01 remaining.

After a time-out by the Spartans, things were uphill for the Tigers. Dawson hit a 10-foot jumper, Rudolph Harvey followed with an eight-footer and the Spartans regained a lead they never lost.

Trailing by just one point, Eddie Meltz was whistled for a foul, and after showing his disapproval by slapping the ball, was called for a technical.

Oscar Jones stepped to the line and made three free throws and then the Spartans had the ball out-of-bounds. Jeff Kline then hit a layup, and the Spartans-lead by six points.

After that, the closest the Tigers came was within four, 77-73. Marymount then raced to a 12-point margin, 91-79, with only three minutes remaining.

The Tigers did stage a slight comeback but were too late to pose any threat to the seasoned Spartan club.

With nine seconds remaining the Tigers pulled within five, 93-88.

Mike Pauls led all rebounders with 19 while Herb Dawson paced the Spartans with 13.

For the game, the Tigers connected

on 47.4 per cent from the field; the Spartans hit 44 per cent. But the difference was at the charity stripe.

The Spartans made six more free throws than the Tigers.

Players hurt team with technical fouls

Eddie Meltz presented a lesson in how not to use a technical foul against Marymount Wednesday night. The Tigers were trailing by one point when Meltz picked up his fifth foul and a technical. Oscar Jones then made three free throws and the Spartans, leading by four, were awarded the ball out-of-bounds. Jeff Kline scored making it a six-point play.

The Spartans regained their composure and held on for the win, 95-89.

Meltz wasn't the only guilty Tiger, however, as another of Joe Rosado's boys, Mark Wilson, also lost his cool and promptly picked up a technical costing the Tigers another point.

Although Wilson's "T" didn't hurt as much as Meltz's, the two combined resulted in the Tigers giving away seven points. It doesn't take a math major to tell you that had Meltz and Wilson kept cool, the Tigers would have won by one point.

In my books, the only person who should get a "T" is the coach, and so far this year the players have had too much to say about officiating. Either the officials of Rosado should bench Meltz or Wilson or, for that matter, any other Tiger who picks up a technical foul.

No player can officiate and play ball at the same time, and I'm sure that Wilson and Meltz are no different.


Since this is the last "From the Bench" column, I have one request of the people who are in charge of posting the scores of the wrestling matches.

The scores of the individual matches and of the team scores were posted on the floor and few people could see them. The man sitting beside me became a little irritated when I kept

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From the Bench

by ROD LAKE



asking him the scores. I'm sure other people felt the same way he did.

The team scores were kept on a stand with numbers barely visible even if you were close to them; while the individual match scores were on a portable stand near the scorer's table so that only three sides were visible.

A solution would seem to be to keep the scores on the overhead scoreboard so that everyone can see. If riding time needs to be kept on the portable stand, OK, but move it away from the scorer's bench.

According to Rick Covington, sports information director, ticket sales for the Johnny Cash concert sponsored by the Athletic Department are going well. Tickets can be purchased at Double AA Sporting Goods, the First National Bank and the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Office. Tickets sell for \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5.50.



McGrath's McGrath wins table tennis

McGrath Hall's David McGrath captured the all-school table tennis singles title last week.

Hameed Ayodole, independent, finished second followed by Randy Moyers and Neil Pfannenstiel, both independents.

Scott Pratt and Rod Betts, two Sig Eps, finished one and two in the all-Greek singles division. Vern Weston, Delta Sig, was third followed by Gaylen Graff, Sig Tau, and Dave Shields, Sigma Chi, in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Henry Agboga and Charles Makinde, McGrath "A," captured the all-school doubles title. Guy Albertson and Frank Kincaid, Sig Eps, placed second, while Greg Babcock and Dan Miller, Bab's Boons, were third.

Albertson and Kincaid were first in all-Greek doubles followed by Frank Rajewski and Leon Lesage, Delta Sigs, in second and Mickey Doll and Pete Meagher, Sig Taus, in third.

Monday, Dec. 5

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Betts' backhand

Rod Betts, Sigma Phi Epsilon, hits a backhand. Betts placed second in the all-Greek singles competition. McGrath Hall's David McGrath, captured the all-School singles.

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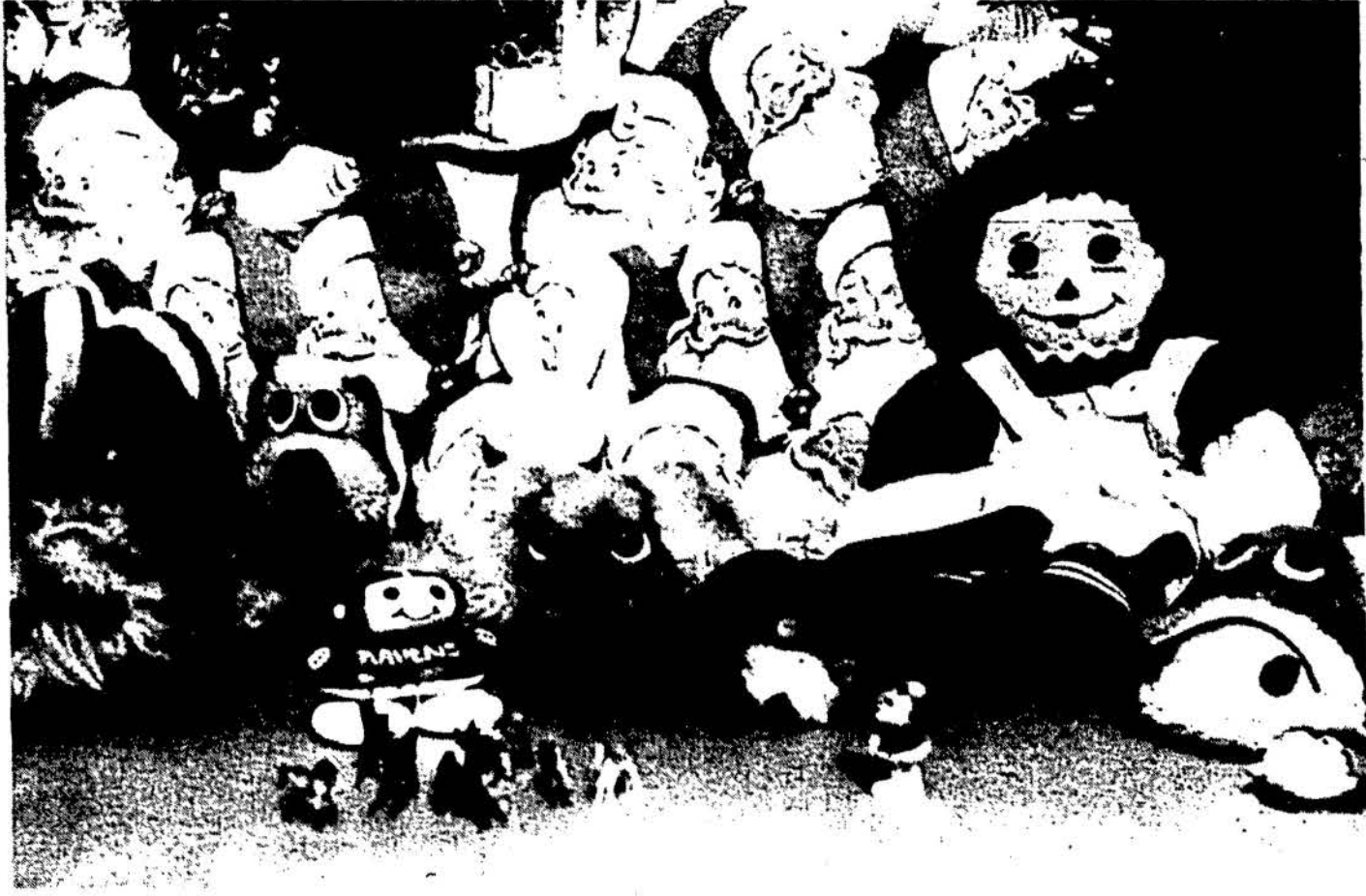
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It's Christmas time

In an effort to spruce up the residence halls, the McMIndes women have decorated halls, doors and windows with various items of Christmas cheer. Santas, snow-

tinsel and sparkle all ornament the living areas, which are competing in energy conservation.

Residence halls 'deck their halls'

by **BARB GLOVER**
Feature Writer

The Christmas spirit has begun to invade the residence halls. The often drab lobbies have taken on the hues of reds, greens and golds. People who seldom receive anything in their mail boxes suddenly find their boxes are packed with Christmas cards and candies. Even the most reluctant will grudgingly agree that Christmas is here.

Each of the halls have found ways to celebrate the holiday season.

McMindes Hall has combined the need to conserve energy and the desire to decorate for the Christmas season into a contest. The object of the contest is to see which floor could come up with the most original decorations without the aid of electrical energy. Judges for the contest are Dr. Bill Jellison, vice-president for academic affairs; Dorothy Knoll, associate dean of students; and Steve Culver, assistant housing director.

Cash prizes will be given to the social

funds of the various floors who place. Winners of the decorating contest will be announced at the McMIndes Hall Christmas party.

McMindes Hall is also sponsoring a secret sister program in conjunction with the Yuletide season. According to Ann Gustad, assistant head resident, the girls on the floors drew names to choose their secret sister. During the allotted time, cards, candies, and clues are left in the rooms or mail boxes of the secret sister. The climax of the program is a gift exchange.

Agnew Hall also celebrates Christmas with a secret sister week, that is much the same as McMIndes Hall's program. A Christmas party is being planned complete with a visit from Santa Claus.

In an effort to return to the more traditional aspects of the holiday season Custer Hall will chop down their own Christmas tree and hold a decorating party.

Both Wiest and McGrath Halls have decided not to hold any special

Christmas parties but have decorated their lobbies.

"We decided not to have a Christmas party because it was too close to finals week and also because Residence Halls Association was planning one," Ruth Stranathan, head resident of McGrath, said.

by **STEVE QUAKENBUSH**
Staff Reporter

Kaye and Cindy Buchanan aren't the only married couple attending Fort Hays State. But they are the only married couple here—and in the state of Kansas—who graduated from the National Guard's officer training academy together.

Mrs. Buchanan, Hays junior, said she didn't originally intend to join her husband with combat fatigues and an M-16 rifle. But when the couple talked

Patient still recovering

by **BILL WARD**
Feature Editor

An auto accident almost a year ago transformed Kenny Higdon into a permanent resident of hospital wards, predicted never to regain consciousness. Three months later, despite those predictions, Higdon began to regain consciousness.

In the October 6 edition of the *Leader*, we reported on the progress that Higdon had made up to that point. Where he is today is another chapter in the saga of Higdon's long fight to regain his former abilities.

The injuries

A McCracken native living in Pratt, Higdon's accident left him with a broken jaw, a displaced shoulder and severe damage to the nerves in the brain stem at the base of the skull.

Carolyn Blasing, Clifton graduate student, is Higdon's speech therapist. She recalled that when Higdon first came in, he was suffering from the broken jaw and a dysarthric condition. The dysarthria kept him from being able to form the proper voluntary muscle movements necessary for intelligible speech.

The problems

The first corrective effort was to keep his jaw closed. At the time, Higdon had "no sensation of having his jaw open or closed," Blasing said. Part of the problem was the slowly healing jaw, with the nerve damage taking care of the rest.

Since he didn't have control of his mouth, the first things that Blasing worked on were the swallowing

techniques and exercises to strengthen the jaw muscles.

After working on the jaw problems, Blasing next turned to muscle exercises for breathing movements. "He has to put out a certain amount of air," Blasing said. The average phonic exercise needs to be sustained by a minimum of five seconds of continuous air. At the onset, Higdon could only sustain vowel sounds for two to three seconds.

When he had sufficiently mastered the breathing exercises, Blasing

production, Higdon is reading as often as possible, mostly stories with large print, along with spontaneous speech to try to force him to think carefully about the techniques of talking during normal speech.

Looking ahead

In the future, Higdon will be working more on articulation and phrasing, along with memory exercises. Currently, he is still impaired by his short-term memory, another side effect of the nerve damage. Some-

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started him on articulation practice, making him use his lips and tongue, which can be difficult when there is little sensation of movement around the mouth area.

Positive prognosis

Today Higdon is working on structuring words and sentences. In only four months, he has gone from a semi-catatonic state to being able to communicate freely and intelligibly.

Blasing admits that Higdon can still talk too quickly for his slower lips and tongue to follow, but she still is favorably impressed with his progress.

"He's improved so much... I'm really amazed," Blasing said. In addition to working on his speech

times, Higdon has difficulty in remembering what he did the day or the week before.

In the future, he will be taking a battery of articulation tests to pinpoint exactly which sounds he is still having problems with to intensify the efforts in those areas.

Physical therapy

Along with speech therapy, Higdon has been in physical therapy since he entered the Hadley Rehabilitation services. Susan Guthrie and Karen Herman have been working with Higdon since the beginning. When they first began, Higdon had extreme difficulty moving his arms and legs, and had virtually no movement in his fingers and toes.

Today, under their direction, Higdon is walking with the assistance of a walking frame and the support of one of the rehabilitation workers. He still has some difficulties with fine hand and finger movements, in addition to a left arm that moves across his chest when he fails to think about it.

Guthrie and Herman have been working on muscle strengthening exercises and movements designed to increase muscle and joint flexibility.

Other activities intended to help his overall coordination include bicycling on a set of pedals mounted on a chair, walking, arm movements and playing basketball with a large felt ball thrown through a stationary hoop.

Working with arts and crafts is another occupational activity keeping Higdon busy. He has designed several colored glass inlays and is working on some wood projects.

A bright outlook

Overall, the outlook for Higdon's future seems to be bright. Blasing said, "He seems to be pretty happy. He always wants to do the things that I want him to do."

Guthrie and Herman agree that Higdon is improving. While all three are cautious about estimating how many of his former abilities he will recover, they agree that he is highly motivated. But having gone from unconsciousness to walking and talking in slightly more than four months, it appears that Higdon has won the first round of his long fight back.

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Guard's first couple still together

to a recruiter, he suggested that they enlist together. Mrs. Buchanan's original reaction was shock, she said. But now her husband is the signal officer for a Hays National Guard company, and she's the temporary detachment commander of the 995th Maintenance Division in Russell.

The pair were married in 1971 and were both U.S. Navy medics. They decided on National Guard careers as a way to earn more money.

Training was especially hard for the Buchanans. Superiors often yell at individual officers-in-training. The condition, Mrs. Buchanan said, is to discipline soldiers to think and act under pressure.

But when the officer is yelling at your wife or husband, the pressure intensifies. Mrs. Buchanan said that in one instance she had her fists clenched and wanted to hit the training officer when he shouted at her husband.

Both Buchanans graduated in June from the National Guard. Buchanan out-scored his wife in classroom work, but in military leadership, the situation was reversed.

The couple learned to operate and work efficiently without each other, Mrs. Buchanan said. She feels this is the biggest effect military training had on their marriage.

Before becoming officers-in-training, the husband was the planner and the wife was the doer; now both can do either task, she said.

Mrs. Buchanan said that there was

an undercurrent of resentment towards the couple among the other students.

But, she added, both received the same treatment as their classmates. Often, the two were separated by aspects of the training process.

Lessons consisted of drill and ceremony practice, use of the Army's chain of command, military protocol, riot control, maintenance and paperwork.

But there was no combat training for the Buchanans or their fellow students. The group, however, did have three field days and participated in a four-hour reconnaissance mission.

Both field and non-field time found the couple separated like other soldiers. The pair even had different rooms in different wings of their barracks building.

Two other women trained with the Buchanan's class. But despite equality of training, entrance requirements still differ between sexes. Men who enlist for officer's training are only required to have a high school diploma, said Mrs. Buchanan. But women must have 60 college hours to their credit.

Dale Soderstrom, Wichita, the Buchanan's student battalion commander said, "They may have received a little special attention... but there was no real resentment because they humped the same loads and maintained the same class averages."

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