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A Kansas State University graduate was crowned as Miss Fort Hays Saturday night. Patricia Meusberger, a model who hopes to become a television news reporter, will compete in the Miss Kansas contest in July in Pratt.

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The justice system is lacking when a convicted rapist is released after serving eight years of a 14-year sentence. More community input is needed when violent criminals are paroled from prison.

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Sports

Weather conditions were perfect for last weekend's 22nd Annual Fort Hays State Rodeo. More than 450 entries competed in this year's rodeo, and Tonya Coglazier, Burlington, Colo., freshman, was crowned rodeo queen.

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ABOVE: Struggling against the slope on the north side of Rarick Hall, Fort Hays State President Gerald Tomanek forces his wheelchair to go forward in a effort to reach his next destination. He was among others competing in a scavenger hunt sponsored by the Disabled Students Organization. The scavenger hunt was set up to make people recognize the difficulties disabled students have gaining entrance into public buildings. RIGHT: Carroll Beardslee, director of purchasing and scheduling, attempts to maintain control and still hold onto information needed in the scavenger hunt. BELOW RIGHT: Beardslee injured his hand during the hunt. The injury was caused by friction when applying the brakes.

Students prepare for exchange programs

By KIM KONKEL
Staff Writer

The National and International Student Exchange programs have chosen students to participate for the 1987-88 year.

"There is not a limited amount of students we can exchange, but because of the extensive paper work, many applicants are eliminated. Students have to really want to go," Dorothy Knoll, associate dean of students, said.

She said the National Student Exchange interviews were at the end of February and the beginning of March.

"Because the Student Government Association pays for the national convention, they sent a representative to help with the interviews," Knoll said.

Knoll said Kathleen Keeter, Tipton junior, helped with interviewing because she had just returned from a student exchange to Eastern New Mexico University.

Kelly Chopp, Garden City sophomore, will be going to the University of South Carolina at Columbia for the fall semester.

Kea Forell, Hays freshman, and

Julie Jepsen, Russell freshman, will both be going to California State University, Polytechnic Pomona, which is 35 miles out of downtown Los Angeles.

Martin Helmer, Hays freshman, will be attending California State, Northridge, in the San Fernando Valley.

Kami Hinnergardt, Dodge City senior, will be attending Sonoma State University which is one hour from San Francisco.

Martha Kent, Hays sophomore, will attend New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Kendra Mixer, Ellis sophomore, will attend the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire, 240 miles northwest of Milwaukee.

For the International Student Exchange Program, Ted Bannister, Hays freshman, will be the only outgoing student. He will attend Plymouth Polytechnic in Plymouth, England.

The only incoming international student will be Arthur Khaw, Melbourne, Australia, junior. He comes from Flinders University of South Australia.

WalkAmerica takes foot as March of Dimes gains funds

By PAIGE ARNOLDY
Asst. Feature Editor

A 10-kilometer WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes will take place in Hays on Sunday.

The starting place is Gross Memorial Coliseum. Registration is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m.

This year's honorary walk chairman is retiring Fort Hays State President Gerald Tomanek. "I was very honored to be chosen walk chairman," he said.

According to Tomanek, the March of Dimes WalkAmerica has been called the largest walking event in history; people all across the country will take part this spring.

"I have always been very interested in the March of Dimes because I know a lot of people with children with birth defects," Tomanek said.

"It is because of this that I know it can be a very shattering experience when a parent has a child with a birth defect," he said.

Last year, more than 2 million walkers in 1,100 communities raised \$140 million to fight birth defects, this country's leading health problem.

The money collected helps support programs in birth defects research, medical service and education.

Tomanek said he had become interested in the work, "especially since it's not just work with polio anymore. They work with all birth defects."

In 1986, the Hays Walk raised \$4,030. At a WalkAmerica team captains' kick-off breakfast, 18 teams announced their participation in the event.

Ferna Webb, Hays WalkAmerica chairman, said "with such a fantastic beginning, we should have no problem in attaining our goal of doubling the \$4,030 in donations from last year."

Since the kick-off breakfast, several other teams have announced their participation.

"Last year we only had 12 teams, and we raised over \$4,000, so this year with 28 teams we should do really well," Tom Morelock, TeamWalk chairman, said.

"We have high hopes of it going well as long as weather holds out," Morelock said.

Among the campus teams participating are Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi Little Sisters, Non-Traditional Student Organization, Society for Collegiate Journalists, Delta Zeta and Alpha Gamma Delta sororities, and the Home Economics Association.

Morelock said. "People can participate by walking on their own or as part of a team," Webb said.

The walk is prepaid, so participants will be asking sponsors for donations and collecting the money prior to the event, Webb said. "Sponsors may use their check as the tax-deductible receipt."

The route of the walk will be available the day of the event. A "poop-out" wagon will be patrolling the route to pick up those who decide to stop at one of the two check points along the way. Check point drinks and snacks will be available.

"The Village Inn Pancake House and Big Cheese Pizza are donating a portion of their profits the day of the walk," Webb said.

They are challenging other similar Hays businesses to contribute an equivalent amount to WalkAmerica.

The prize for the walker that collects the most money is a hot air balloon ride.

Second prize is a \$50 savings bond from the First National Bank and third prize is a Panasonic AM FM digital radio.

The prize for the most money raised by a team is a Sunday swim courtesy of a local hotel with a traveling trophy to be awarded from the March of Dimes.

Many other prizes will be awarded for the walk, including prizes for the oldest and youngest walkers.

Anyone collecting \$75 or more will receive a T-shirt, and a \$150 collection will bring a March of Dimes blazer.

Random drawings also will be conducted during the walk.

For more information about the WalkAmerica, contact Webb.



Text by Kim Konkkel

Photos by Brad N. Shrader

Week recognizes disabled students

The first Fort Hays State Disability Awareness Week is going on this week.

A wheelchair scavenger hunt, classroom presentations, film night and an outdoor concert are all a part of the planned events.

Perry Worcester, treasurer of the Disabled Students Organization, said the group has been working on the project since Jan. 15.

Lu Ann Kohl, president of the group, said this was the first year for the project at FHSU, but the organization hopes to make it an annual event.

The reason for such an awareness project is "more than architecture awareness, but to enhance attitude awareness," Kohl said.

"It is also a way to ease prejudices," she said.

FHSU ranks lower than other Kansas schools for accessibility. Emporia State University is the best school followed by the University of Kansas, she said.

"Emporia State has been working on accessibility since 1950," Kohl said.

Worcester said Emporia State has become a leader in accessibility for disabled students.

"They are pioneers," Worcester said. "Hays is one of the worst

schools for accessibility."

But Kohl said FHSU has done a good job in trying to improve accessibility.

"They've made some considerable progress. The designated parking spaces really help," Kohl said.

Kohl said the activities planned for FHSU is one week earlier than the national awareness week.

"The national awareness week is May 4 through May 8, but that is the week before our finals. Nothing gets done that week," Kohl said.

Five days of activities have been planned by the organization.

The wheelchair scavenger hunt took place yesterday afternoon.

Ten people participated in the contest: Gerald Tomanek, university president; Bill Jellison, vice president of student affairs; Terri Sargeant, Hays graduate student;

Becky Bossemeyer, deputy county clerk; Becky Kiser, KAYS Radio-TV; I.B. Dent, director of student activities; Leslie Eikleberry, Hays Daily News reporter;

Mark Harris, Flint, Mich., junior; Carroll Beardslee, director of purchasing and scheduling; and Kevin Amack, Student Government Association president.

Fifteen scavenger hunt lists were

See "Wheelchair," page 3

Persistence provides winner of crown

Overland Park contestant captures title in first Miss Fort Hays pageant

By DAVID BURKE
Copy Editor

Don't try and tell Patricia Meusburger the third time's a charm: she won't believe you.

Meusburger, a 23-year-old graduate of Kansas State University, may testify to the fact that 12 times are a charm.

She won the first Miss Fort Hays scholarship pageant Saturday night after 11 tries in pageants.

"I've been at this for about three years," Meusburger said. "Before this, I was the first runner-up four times in a row."

The first pageant Meusburger entered was a preliminary for the Miss Kansas-U.S.A., but all of the rest have been preliminaries for the Miss Kansas pageant. That pageant sends a winner to Atlantic City, N.J., for the Miss America competition.

Meusburger, who was born and raised near Overland Park, majored in broadcast journalism at KSU.

"I'm looking for a job as a television news reporter," she said. She interned at KCTV, Channel 5, in Kansas City, Mo., and is currently employed by the John Casablanca modeling agency in Kansas City, Mo. There, she said, she models for advertising and has been a hand model for television commercials.

Meusburger said the modeling experience helps in the pageant competition.

"The training will help you through in all phases of the competition," she said.

The first runner-up was Silesia Bush, Hays sophomore. Second runner-up was Debra Graff, Pratt sophomore.

Meusburger said she felt she did the best in the interview portion of the contest.

She said in the seven minute interview contestants are asked about current events, facts about themselves and "thought" questions.

"They'll say 'When you look outside the window, what do you see?' Questions like that so you can just think off the top of your head," she said.

"I felt I had a good rapport with the judges," Meusburger said.

She said that previous experience with pageants was very beneficial.

"It definitely helped," she said. "I learned so much from the first pageant on, and I know what I need to work on."

Meusburger performed a flute solo in a medley of *Fascinatin' Rhythm* and *I Got Rhythm* for the talent portion of the pageant.

The talent competition counts for 50 of the 100 points; 30 for personal interview; and 10 each for swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

In addition to that, the judges for the pageant said there are many other criteria they look for in judging a pageant.

"We're looking for the contestant who is the most poised, hopefully the most capable," Adair Brown, executive director of the Miss Colorado Scholarship Pageant, said.

"We look for someone who is talented and pretty, who we feel can compete in the program. You have to look at who wins the competition

in respect to the ideals set up for the Miss America pageant," he said.

Another judge said good stage presence is also important.

"Every contestant has her own special quality that you look for, but overall you look for someone who is poised and has a good stage presence," Karen Fender, 1974 Miss Kansas, said.

Both Brown and Fender said judging is different than being in the audience of a pageant or watching the national pageants on television.

"You have to be as responsible as possible," Brown said.

"You really have to concentrate," Fender said. "Especially for the fact that if one of the contestants contacts you and asks you how she can improve their performance, you can help them."

Heather Clark, 1986 Miss Kansas and Miss Fort Hays mistress of ceremonies, said she does "quite a few" pageants, and although they all follow the same rules, each varies.

"There are different girls, different settings, different emcees every time," Clark said. "It makes it exciting."

J.R. Ewing, director of student life at Pratt Community College, said he is the master of ceremonies for two to three pageants a year.

Ewing said the Miss Fort Hays pageant attracted more local competition than other pageants do.

"This had a lot of hometown people, and that's nice," Ewing said. "They're very receptive."

"Usually in an open pageant, there are a variety of girls from all over," Ewing said. "Usually when they enter a pageant this late, there are girls who are second and third

runner-ups from previous pageants."

The Miss Fort Hays pageant is considered an open pageant, meaning anyone in the state may compete.

Ewing said the Miss Fort Hays could be a closed pageant.

"With this much talent in a local area, I think it could be closed," he said.

He said the audience may not have understood why a Kansas City resident won the pageant.

"It's something the locals wonder about," Ewing said. "They'll say, 'We wanted a local girl, not someone from K.C.'"

Ewing said the competition at any level of pageant is intense.

"Every girl here is here to win," he said. "Up to the final announcement they all feel they can win. When they're not announced, of course there's going to be disappointment."


"When it goes to a decision of judgment only, and one loses, there's a tendency to defeat one's self," Ewing said. "There's a payoff for all these girls, and that's that they can enjoy performing in front of an audience, and maybe be a better person once this is over."

Other contestants in the pageant were Fort Hays State students Terri Harmon, Oberlin freshman; Sonia Irvin, Goodland sophomore; Julie Isom, Kensington freshman; Lacey Metzger, Hays freshman; and Kristy Stejskal, Osborne junior.

Other contestants were Lynnette Biel and Amy Boland, Colby Community College students; Shawn Felloetler, Plainville High School student; and Roxanne Hartwick, a Salina dental hygienist.



Patricia Meusburger, Overland Park, the new Miss Fort Hays, will compete in the Miss Kansas contest in July.



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FORT NOTES

Calendar

Today

- Transfer students early enrollment at 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Black and Gold Room.
- Goal setting conference at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Pioneer Lounge.
- Delta Tau Alpha, an agriculture honorary, is sponsoring a presentation titled "Single Calf Heifer Program and Feeding of Bulls for Market" at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Sunflower Theater. John Brethour of the Fort Hays Experiment Station will give the presentation.
- Rodeo Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Club grounds.

Wednesday

- Promotion and tenure reception at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Stouffer Lounge.
- Society for Collegiate Journalists meeting at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union cafeteria. Initiation and banquet fees are due today for those planning to attend the SCJ banquet Friday.
- Student Alumni meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Office.
- Career Development and Placement interview sign-up will be in Picken 109 until 4:30 p.m. today for MoorMan Manufacturing. MoorMan will be on campus Thursday, April 30, interviewing for sales representatives. The company requests degrees in agriculture or agribusiness.
- Classified Senate annual meeting at 4:45 p.m. in the Memorial Union Trails Room.
- Intersarsity Christian Fellowship coed bible study at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Trails Room.
- Block and Bridle Club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Trails Room.
- Disabled Students Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Limestone Lounge.

Thursday

- Real Estate seminar at 8 a.m. in the Memorial Union Frontier Room.
- Retired faculty coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Stouffer Lounge.
- Student personnel staff meeting at 1:15 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Room.
- One \$250 scholarship is available for fall 1987 for a female student (sophomore through graduate student) enrolled in at least 12 hours. Deadline for submission is at 4:30 p.m. today. Forms can be picked up in McCartney 208 or contact Lynette Arbogast at 628-5339.
- Alpha Phi Omega meeting at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union State Room.
- SPURS meeting at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Pioneer Lounge.
- Small Business Development Center workshop at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Frontier Room.
- Student Government Association meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Pioneer Lounge.
- Summer counselors training sessions at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union cafeteria.
- Student Alumni oozeball directions meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union State Room.
- Senior recital: Kyle Holmberg and Layton Nance at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Union Black and Gold Room.
- Drama production, *True West*, at 8 p.m. in the Malloy Felton-Start Theater.

Upcoming events

- Master's theses and specialists' field studies and the oral examination reports on the master's theses, specialists' problems and specialists' field studies are due in the graduate school Friday.
- The SCJ 1987 banquet scheduled for Friday, May 1, will not take place at the Beacon Hill restaurant as planned. It has been moved to the Vagabond Steak House, 2522 Vine. The time, date and meal are still the same. Officers ask that R.S.V.P. cards still be returned by Wednesday, April 29.
- Tiger Deb drill team tryouts will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 9, in Cunningham 122. For more information and to sign-up call 625-3719 or 625-4370.

Campus

- Martha Holmes, assistant professor of art, will present a slide lecture at 7:30 p.m. today in Rarick 114. The lecture, titled "What's Left of Michelangelo?" is a discussion of the ongoing cleaning of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. The lecture is free and open to the public.
- Bob Gress, Wichita, city naturalist, will be on campus today presenting a lecture on wildlife photography. The program is at 8 p.m. in Albertson 310. It is sponsored by the Fort Hays State Range Club and is free and open to the public.
- The area of journalism is offering a week-long newsletter workshop during the summer semester. In four afternoon sessions, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 29 through July 2, the workshop will focus on the following topics: newsletter planning; design, art, graphics and paste-up; typography; production-time management; paper and ink selection; copy writing and editing; photography; printing and copying; and generating ideas in all categories. Workshop participants will have hands-on assignments, as well as a final project of overhauling or creating a newsletter. They will also learn more about how desktop publishing can be applied to newsletters. The instructor is Ron Johnson, director of journalism. The course is for one credit hour and enrollment is by permission. For more information contact Johnson at 628-4411.

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made so five more participants could be chosen from students at the Memorial Union yesterday.

Five wheelchairs were used, two were borrowed from students and three were rented from a local business.

The participants were sent to several strategic areas on campus where they received various instructions before they continued.

Activities planned for today include presentations by disabled students at Hays High School.

The campus will also be visited

by area disabled professionals who will speak to students in their area of training.

Wednesday, the students at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School will hear presentations given by FHSU disabled students.

The movie *The Other Side of the Mountain* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Union Limestone Lounge.

Thursday, the students will speak before the Optimist Club in Hays.

Friday, a free outdoor concert will take place in the Memorial Union

quadrangle. Dusty Rose and Brent Ronen will play at 3:30 p.m.

There will also be a free giant ice cream sundae.

"We bought an inflatable baby swimming pool, and we are going to pile 30 blocks of half gallon ice cream into it," Worcester said. The sundae will be built in the pool.

The sundae toppings, plastic cups, spoons and napkins will be donated by local businesses. Raffle tickets are being sold now for drawings on Friday.

Fifteen different merchants have

donated gift certificates and prizes. As many as 35 prizes could be won in the drawing. The drawing is to be at 3:45 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Union.

In case of rain, Friday's activities will take place in the Memorial Union cafeteria.

"Let's pray that there is no rain on Friday," Kohl said.

"We hope that after Monday everybody will see how much fun we are having, and they will join in, so that by Friday we have a good crowd," Worcester said.

Hammond on whirlwind tour of Kansas

Future Fort Hays State president Edward Hammond will make a whirlwind tour of western Kansas next week.

Hammond, vice president for student affairs at the University of Louisville (Ky.), is scheduled to arrive at 9:48 a.m. Sunday at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport.

There Hammond and his wife, Vivian, will be greeted by Bill Jellison, vice president for student affairs. He will meet with the vice presidents at 6:30 that night.

Monday morning he will meet with Jellison, presidential search committee chairman Larry Gould, and Mark Giese, Faculty Senate past president.

At 9:30 that morning, a news

conference and campus reception will take place in the Memorial Union.

Hammond will meet with Eric King, director of facilities and planning; Dale Johansen, vice president for administration and finance; and Dale Akers, physical plant supervisor. They will meet at 11 a.m. Monday for a discussion of renovation of the president's residence.

The Hammonds will have a noon lunch with FHSU president Gerald Tomanek and his wife, Ardis, in the Memorial Union.

That afternoon, Hammond will have further discussions with Tomanek and visit Heather Hall and the Media Center.

At 3:45 p.m. Monday, Hammond

will meet with his transition committee in Forsyth Library.

That evening, the Hammonds will have dinner with Adolph Reising, executive director of the Endowment Association, Dale Shade, Endowment Association president, and their wives.

Tuesday, the Hammonds travel throughout western Kansas, leaving at 7 a.m. from the Hays Municipal Airport and speaking at 8 a.m. at the airport in Salina; 9:30 at the airport in Phillipsburg; 11 a.m. at the Colby Airport; and 11 a.m. (MDT)

in Goodland.

At 3:30 p.m., Hammond will speak to a faculty meeting in the Memorial Union, followed by a faculty reception at 4:30 p.m.

The Hammonds will have dinner with Regent Norman Jeter and his wife that evening.

On Wednesday, Hammond will leave the Hays Municipal Airport at 7 a.m. and speak at the airports in Garden City at 8 a.m., Liberal at 9:15 a.m., Dodge City at 10:15 a.m., before returning to Wichita and departing for Louisville at 2:30 p.m.

Banquet honors 4 retirees

Four faculty members at Fort Hays State will be honored tonight with a retirement dinner in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Ed McNeil, professor in the Intercollegiate Athletic Program; Sidney Johnson, assistant professor of communication; Edwin Moyers, associate professor of music; and Gerald Tomanek, university president, will be honored during the ceremonial dinner.

The festivities are expected to begin at 6:30 p.m.

John Knight, president of the Faculty Association, said the dinner was to "honor the four faculty members for their years of service to

Fort Hays State."

Tomanek has been associated with FHSU in some capacity since 1938 when he first became a student.

He joined the faculty in 1947 as an instructor in the department of biological sciences and worked his way to the presidency of the university in 1976.

McNeil joined the FHSU staff in 1957, while Moyers came aboard a year later in the fall of 1958 as an assistant professor of strings and orchestra.

Johnson, the youngest in terms of service to FHSU, joined the staff in 1965 as an assistant professor of speech.

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editorial



Rapist release too early

Justice has been served for a 15-year-old rape victim. The man who was convicted of raping the woman, Lawrence Singleton, 59, was given an early prison release after he served eight years of his 14-year sentence.

The now 24-year-old was raped in September 1978 after Singleton picked her up in Las Vegas, Nev. She was a runaway. After Singleton raped her, he cut off her arms.

Singleton was released Saturday from California Men's Colony to an undisclosed location north of Bakersfield, Calif.

Singleton was to be released in the town of Antioch, 40 miles east of San Francisco, until citizens protested his release. A petition drive was started by residents, which collected 9,500 signatures, that opposed the rapist's release.

Early release was granted because of a work program and good behavior. Imagine that. A well-behaved rapist that cuts off his victim's arms.

Some of Singleton's relatives have offered him money for living expenses. Singleton, who has relatives in Florida and Nevada, will not be able to live in Florida because state officials oppose it, and his relatives in Nevada do not want him to live there.

There has to be something wrong with this country's legal system.

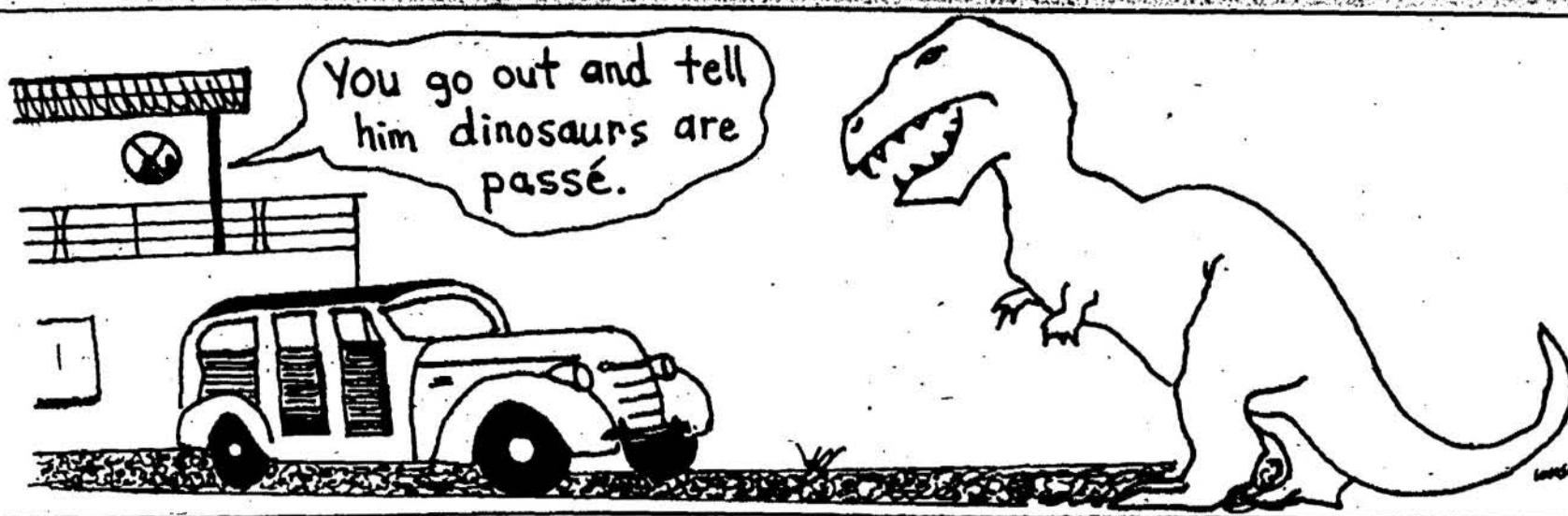
First to allow a criminal to be freed for such a violent crime is intolerable. To allow him to be released because of good behavior is unimaginable.

To not let community members know the specific location of his release is not fair to them. They should be able to at least air their viewpoints to the prison officials.

It would also seem apparent that if the man's relatives did not want him to live near them, why would anyone else?

If there was no public hearing of his parole, then something is wrong with our justice system. The public's voice should and needs to be heard in these decisions.

As the victim said she is having nightmares all over again. And so should the American people.



carl petz

Rodeo becomes new sporting favorite

I never thought it would happen, but it has. This weekend sparked a new interest in my collection of sporting events.

For those of you who have never attended a rodeo, you don't know what you're missing.

Yes, the rodeo, an event many like myself would only chuckle about when hearing of it.

I attended the 22nd Annual Fort Hays State Rodeo and have decided it won't be my last.

Although there are parts of the rodeo I still chuckle about, (mainly the most popular event that takes place in a rodeo, the bull riding) it does generate excitement.

To mention both excitement and confusion let me tell you about bull riding. This has to be the best event. I have to question the sanity of these courageous cowboys who climb up on these ferocious beasts, but at the same time I have to commend them on their determination to win a war between man and beast.

This event must require much time and devotion to perfect. It also must include a great amount of balance and a lot of luck.

While I'm on the topic of bull riding and luck, a ride couldn't be considered complete without the appearance of the rodeo clown. At first, a laugh was about all I thought a clown was good for,

but when it comes down to it a sense of humor has to be a prerequisite to becoming a clown.

Although many consider a clown's job is to make people laugh, he has one of the most dangerous jobs of all rodeo participants. The clown is responsible for the safety of every bull rider.

If at any time, during or after the ride, a cowboy gets in danger, the clown must bail him out by distracting the bull's attention. Now tell me you can't call that excitement. I know it kept me wondering during each and every ride.

Other events in the category of riding events are bareback riding and saddle bronc riding. Also highly interesting events, they involve much determination.

As I noticed this weekend, the old western saying "There never was a boss that couldn't be rode, and never a cowboy that couldn't be throwed," provides the needed information to describe this event.

Another of the men's events, the timed events, includes team roping, steer wrestling and calf roping. This category will also give one a thrill.

I enjoyed watching cowboys lunge from horses onto running steers and body slam them to the ground. Some of these hits could've made the

highlight films in the National Football League.

When talking about this category, almost no cowboy can be complete without his rope. Team roping and calf roping also require precise timing and much talent with the use of the rope.

These events bring me to the last, but certainly not the least events of the rodeo, the women's events.

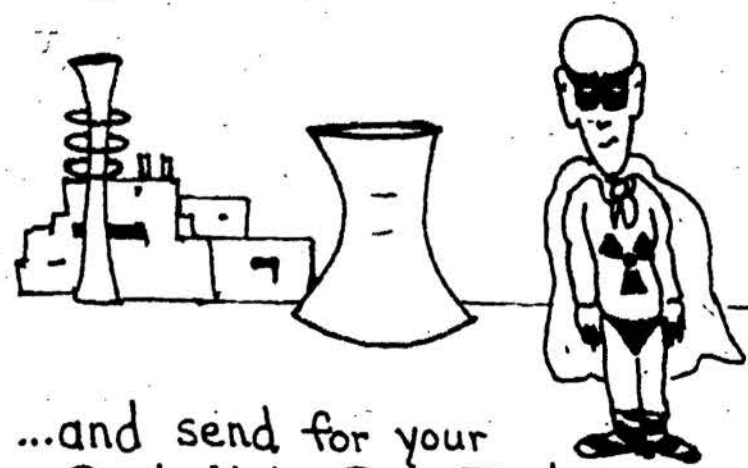
Women participate in three events that also require skills from both the horse and the rider. These events include break-away roping, goat tying and barrel racing. The first two basically require the same knowledge and devotion as many of the men's roping events.

However, the third, barrel racing is the most exciting. It requires a highly-trained horse to run the course with the precise timing that is necessary.

As I mentioned earlier, all these events sparked a new interest in sporting events in me. Although some events are not as exciting as others, the rodeo is a well worth your time event.

Whether it be at the collegiate or professional level, these athletes deserve to be recognized as true sportsmen. So next time you have a chance, journey on out to the arena, and take part in what is an American tradition.

Kids, Captain Nuke says
Nuclear power is safe.
So, relax...



...and send for your
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letters



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New delivery service may go overboard

Score one for Kansas State University. Maybe. A freshman K-State vet student is turning entrepreneur with a business venture: a condom delivery service.

Boggling the minds of pizza and taco delivery services, Bob Thayer and two friends started Protection Express last week.

Just call Protection Express, and 15 to 30 minutes later, a package of three of the devices are at your doorstep for a bill of \$5.

Thayer's company made its first delivery Saturday night and expects business to be slow.

Thayer told the Associated Press he got the idea from a similar business at the University of Florida and received advice from them as well.

"They said it would be slow until people realized it was not a joke," Thayer said.

Protection Express operates from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For faster service, Thayer and his friends use a CB radio to track down customers.

"We fully expect controversy," Thayer told AP, "but what we feel what we're doing is right. Sexually transmitted disease is a problem, and it's here in Manhattan."

Sorry I had to quote AP so many times. I hate it when that happens. I tried to get my own

quotes from this guy, but with no luck.

I called Thayer at K-State yesterday, and surprisingly got through. I guess Protection Express isn't needed much at noon on Mondays.

"I have other partners in the deal, and our policy is that we talk to each other before we interview with any particular entity," he said.

Either this bozo is on the lookout for a press agent, or he realized that I called him just so I could make fun of him.

"Hey," I thought, "I'm not *The CBS Evening News*, *USA Today* or *The National Enquirer*, but give me the time of day, OK?"

He had his chance for his side of the story. What if Thayer and his friends do succeed? What if the business branches out nationally? Will you see the Golden Condom, brandishing over 60 million served?

Are you going to see Prophylactics 'R' Us, with a chain of outlets nationwide?

Will there be a drive-thru -- say Contraceptive King -- "Have it Your Way?"

Maybe Protection Express could get a cute little cartoon character, say Robbie the Rubber, to promote their product?

As they speed through town, will they have a flashing red light and siren to make their delivery?

Or maybe just a replica of the product on top of the delivery car?

Will Thayer become the Col. Sanders of the condom delivery trade? Or will Protection Express borrow the motto of a pizza delivery chain -- "One call does it all"?

Will there be a money-back guarantee if the goods aren't delivered within 30 minutes?

Well, the next time you're in Manhattan, don't be surprised to hear this over your CB radio:

"Break one-nine. Mother Unit to Baby Buster, over."

"Yeah, Mother Unit, this is Baby Buster, come back."

"Yeah, we got a party tonight -- Looks like a biggie."

"Well, it's a good thing we brought along a boxful tonight, Mother Unit."

"Ten-four, Baby Buster, let us know if you get in a jam. Over and out."

"We're going to wait a while," Thayer told me. "We're not in any position to rush this."

He told AP he would wait until the fall to decide whether or not to continue the service.

Meanwhile, Bob Thayer can only hope for a ballooning business.



leslie ragan

Sunday's party proves relatively quiet

Wasn't that a party!

Sunday at Swinging Bridge Park, an estimated 400 people consumed who knows how many kegs of beer.

The party was thrown by a local tavern to show appreciation to its regular customers.

The beer was purchased with money collected in tips and with donations collected at the party.

Frisbees sailed from one end of the park to the other, while horseshoes threw dust with every pitch at the stake. Footballs also spiraled along.

Circles of hackey-sack players kicked around throughout the park.

Musical equipment was provided by the band, Submytion, and a disc jockey manned the turntable.

From my observation everyone there was having a good time.

Although many people were drinking all day, surprisingly few got totally inebriated.

I think this is commendable considering how long the party lasted.

My roommate and I left at 10 p.m., and the party, which started about 1 p.m., was still going on.

The music shut down at dusk, but someone

turned on his car stereo to provide some tunes.

The only time the crowd became unruly was when the kegs ran dry, and more beer was brought in.

Everyone was waiting around the kegs trying to push to the front of the line.

However, nobody was hurt. It was really no big deal.

Several groups of people brought blankets and stretched out on the grass and relaxed in the hot afternoon sun.

One couple soaked up the sun on lawn chairs.

The weather could not have cooperated more. The high Sunday was 87 degrees, and there was sunshine all day.

Crowd control is something that Fort Hays State officials had a problem with earlier in the year.

If those officials had been at that party, they would have been proud of the way the students behaved.

It's really hard to believe that with all the socializing going on, there wasn't one fight. I don't even think there was an argument.

There was just a lot of fun.

The swinging bridge itself brought a little

excitement too.

A crowd of people gathered on the bridge and along the bank of Big Creek to watch two party-goers take a dip in the unusually high water.

Three or four dogs also decided to go for a swim.

I saw the Hays Police cruise through the park several times throughout the day.

But there were no problems, so the police didn't stop.

Wouldn't it be great if parties could happen just like the one Sunday?

I think the FHSU students (and others) who attended the party should be congratulated on their behavior at the party.

I don't think students are commended enough when they do something right.

But if something goes wrong, students are the first to be reprimanded.

Sunday was a great day for a great party -- and a great crowd.

It wouldn't surprise me if the management of the establishment that threw this party decided to do it again sometime. ...

Thanks to you.

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Let's Rodeo !

Nice weather helps make rodeo success

Organizers of the 22nd Annual Fort-Hays State Rodeo had hoped that nice weather conditions would be present this past weekend for the event, and with the possible exception of the temperatures being too hot, they got exactly what they wanted.

The rodeo, which has long been the biggest project the FHSU Rodeo Club has each year, started on Friday night. After more competition on Saturday evening, it concluded on Sunday afternoon with championship round competition.

Garry Brower, FHSU Rodeo Club sponsor, said he was extremely pleased with the outcome of the rodeo. He cited the hard work of the different members of the organization as the major reason why everything went so well.

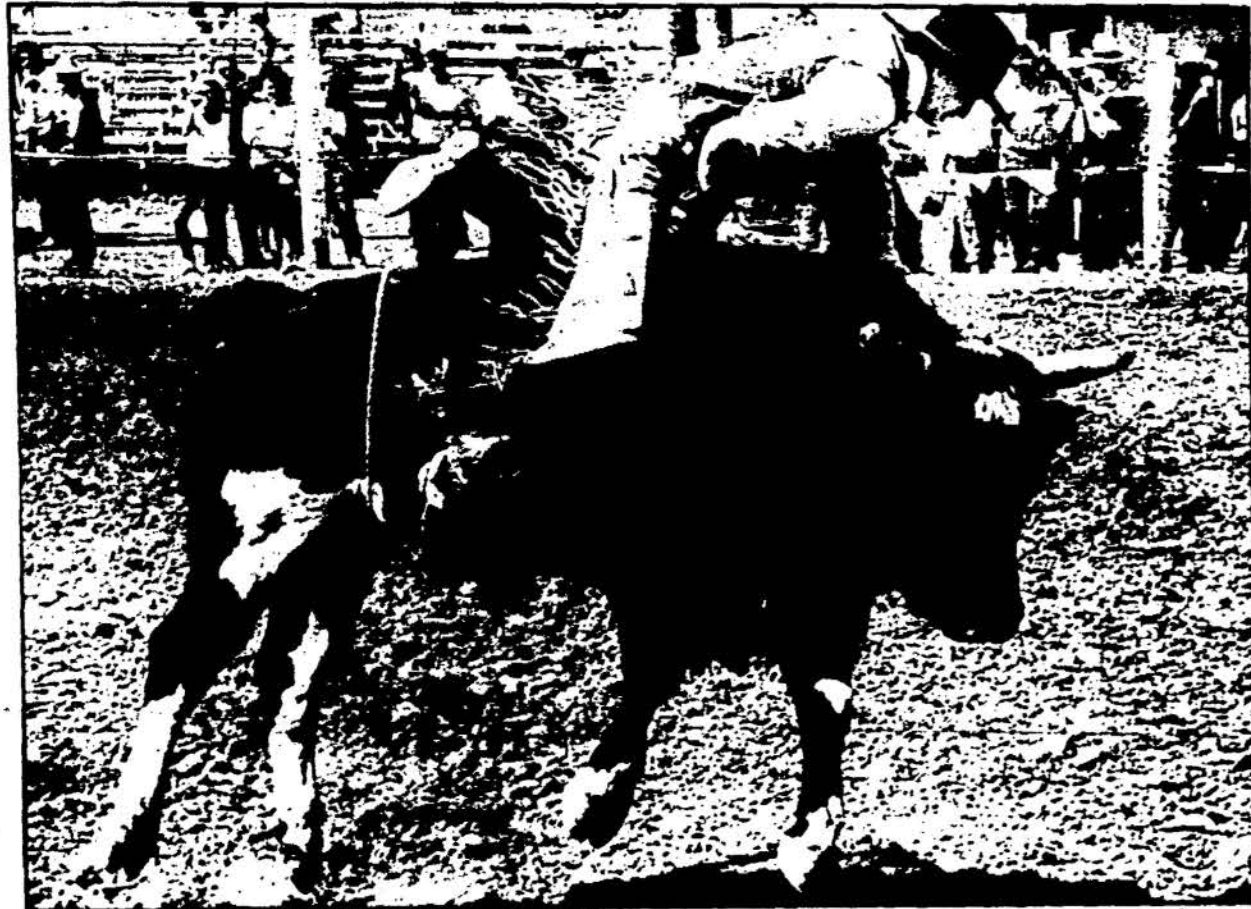
"This was just a tremendous rodeo," Brower said. "We had good crowds, great weather and great stock. All of those things make for a great rodeo. We had over 450 entries overall, so I would say that this was just as big as any rodeo we have ever had before if not bigger."

"Our people did a good job running this thing. They put on one whale of a rodeo, and they had a lot of extra work here lately because I was sick and couldn't help them for awhile. We've been to enough rodeos this year to get a good idea of what a good rodeo is, and every coach that I talked to this weekend thought we did a great job. The kids really pulled together even though they had to do some things they didn't expect, and I'm real proud of them all."

Friday and Saturday night's competition consisted of long go-rounds to help decide who would make it to the short go-round action on Sunday afternoon. Only three of the FHSU Rodeo Club members made it to the short go-round on Sunday, but Brower said he was still pleased with the overall effort the team put forth.

Dodge City Community College won the women's division of the rodeo, while Southwest Oklahoma State University of Weatherford won the men's division.

Another highlight of the three-day event came on Saturday night when Tonya Colglazier, Burlington, Colo., freshman, was announced as queen of the annual rodeo.



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Photos by Don King



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Vernon Gardner, Kansas State University, competes in the saddle bronc competition in Sunday afternoon's short go-round. ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Whizbang, a.k.a. Kevin Rich, Windsor, Colo., sophomore, entertains the crowd with his "world famous hypnotist act." LEFT: Carla Shirley, Northwestern Oklahoma State, Alva, puts the finishing touches in the goat-tying competition. UPPER LEFT: Riding Bar II, a bull that was featured in last year's National Finals Rodeo, Shawn Pletcher, Pratt Community College, attempts to ride the full eight seconds.

