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Heat dangers
With recent temperatures hovering near triple digits, health precautions should be followed. See page 4.

INTERNATIONAL

• Vents fail killing 1,400

Investigators blamed a failure in the ventilation system for a stampede in a pedestrian-packed tunnel linking the holy city of Mecca with a tent city. Diplomats said around 1,400 pilgrims suffocated or were trampled to death. Sources said a power failure caused the air conditioning in the 1,500-foot-long, 60-foot-wide tunnel to switch off in 112-degree heat on Monday, setting off the stampede.

NATIONAL

• Photos may be aided

Images from the Hubble Space Telescope may be improved to sharp, crisp pictures through the same computer process that cleaned up photos taken by the Voyager spacecraft. Scientists are studying possibilities of using computer-enhancing techniques to remove the focusing flaw from star pictures taken by the Hubble. The Hubble focusing problem is absolutely consistent, and reliable symmetry will enable scientists to correct the fuzzy view through the computer program.

• Man killed by own sweat

A man apparently was electrocuted when his perspiration dripped into the drill he was using to build a swing set in his backyard, a coroner in Luling, La., said. Richard Muller, 54, had been using the electric drill in 90-degree heat. He apparently was pushing against the drill with his chest, and his perspiration went into the drill itself and made a contact, the coroner said.

Switching over

Speech pathology makes move to biological science department

By KARLA ZOHNER
Leader staff writer
Two years ago the speech pathology department moved from the communication department to the department of biological sciences and allied health in the School of Health and Life Sciences.

As a result of this move a proposal to change degree requirements was brought to the Faculty Senate Monday.

Fred Britten, associate professor of biological sciences and allied health, proposed the degree be changed from a bachelor of arts degree in communication to a bachelor of science degree.

The degree would be a speech-language pathology degree, not a communications degree or a biology degree.

The proposal, if passed, would then have to be approved by the Board of Regents.

"When the speech classes move, undergraduate students in communication can still take Intro. courses in speech pathology that will dual for a bachelor of arts degree in communication," Charles Wilhelm, director of communication disorders, said.

Students in communication could have a more rounded education in the communication field with knowledge of the basics of speech pathology.

"It is more the scientific part of communication," Wilhelm

Now with the population growing older the career has changed

— Charles Wilhelm, director of communication disorders

Wilhelm said he hopes the move to a bachelor of science degree will cause more students to decide to continue on with the master degree at Fort Hays State.

The masters degree in the speech pathology department has been at FHSU since 1960 and is nationally accredited.

"Recently people who graduated worked mostly in schools, now with the population growing older, the career has changed. It is more a medical model," Wilhelm said.

"There is a tremendous demand for our graduates. Usually a graduate will have at least 10 job offers after graduation," he said.

Three-fourths of the students currently enrolled in the masters program graduated from other schools.

"Hopefully the change in the undergraduate degree will attract more western Kansas students. We also hope to coordinate with community colleges," Wilhelm said.

Docking Institute awarded \$3,500 speaker grant

By CHERYL MILAM
Leader staff writer

The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State has been awarded a two-year \$3,500 grant to establish a faculty speaker's bureau and outreach program on international security topics.

The purpose of the program is to improve public awareness and participation in policy formation.

"We cover the widest area of any other school they have in the project," Curt Brungardt, grant coordinator, said. "Larry Gould and I wrote a



Last night people at Russell and across the nation celebrated the Fourth of July with various activities and a grand fireworks show. Photo by Dan Wieggers.

grant telling them about the 44-county area, and we were funded by the project for two years," Brungardt said.

Gould is the assistant to the president.

Brungardt said FHSU is the only school in Kansas to receive this grant, and it has the single largest territory of any organization in this grant program.

Brungardt said they are in the process of putting together a brochure listing the topics, who the speakers are for each topic and information about each topic. Twelve FHSU faculty mem-

bers have already been chosen to speak with this program.

Brungardt said with these faculty available there will be a wide variety of subjects discussed.

"If a group or organization needs a speaker they may invite one of these speakers under the topic area mentioned in the brochure," Brungardt said.

He said all of the topics are somehow related to international security.

Brungardt said if any group needs a speaker, it may get in touch with him at the Docking Institute.

Perspectives

Editorial

FHSU playing games with faculty positions

Fort Hays State is once again playing musical chairs, as far as the comings and goings of faculty are concerned.

Why is it that new instructors move in and out of campus offices during the summer session like the California tide?

That may never be known, but the continual change brings imbalance to each department. Departments are weakened as newcomers struggle to become familiar with the new surroundings of FHSU, trying to learn how things are done instead of improving the current system.

Change at times can be a good thing, but in the teaching atmosphere a form of continuity must be established.

Summer term fulfills no promises

Dawn Hansen



Why is it that in the spring when we're deciding what summer classes to take, we're filled with energy?

We feel like we're capable of taking on the world, or at least a full summer load.

Do we really think we can accomplish in eight weeks what we normally have trouble doing in sixteen?

Why do we think we can handle all those general education courses we've put off during the regular school year?

Do we somehow believe we're better students during the summer?

I must, because I always set myself up with a really nasty summer schedule.

Perhaps I like pitying myself as I watch my friends head for the lake while I have to sit in a

classroom all day and do homework all night. Maybe I secretly hate the outdoors, and summer school gives me an excuse to hide.

Most likely it's because I am a sixth-year senior, ready to get out of college, and the best way to do that is to attend school year-round.

As much of an inconvenience as summer school is, I always end up enjoying my classes.

I learn more during summer courses, because I am literally immersed in them, and I don't have as many different classes to concentrate on.

I also enjoy the classes because they are general education courses, even if I do have a difficult time with them.

I will also graduate instead of being a student for the rest of my life. So I guess in the long run, I'm not really missing out on that much. I'm gaining more by taking classes than I'd ever gain from spending the summer at the lake.

Still, it would be nice to go to the lake at least once. Oh well, maybe I'll get a chance during the two weeks before fall semester.

Driving truck deserves combat pay

Cheryl Milam



The novelty of driving a wheat truck has officially worn off.

I was truly excited to discover I would be driving a truck during harvest this year.

Upgraded from last year's mere sandwich-maker, I was ready. But if I had known what I was in for, I would have asked for combat pay.

Just the thought of being in charge of a piece of heavy machinery added an edge of excitement to the upcoming days. Of course, I had never driven a truck during harvest before and really had no idea what to expect.

Nonetheless, I should be congratulated. I didn't drive through, over or into anything. And those awkward monsters don't particularly like driving at 45 mph in second gear either. But I'm forgiven because I am a rookie.

My first trip to the elevator proved to be more than routine. It seems the original steel bin had blown over, and the company was in the final stages of putting up a new bin. Of course, the giant crane and assorted building materials were planted just on the other side of the drive through where I was supposed to dump my

grain. I was told I would have to back out after I dumped the grain. Get real.

On my second trip to the elevator, I noticed that a certain amount of bonding occurred when I passed another truck with a female driver. We would nod and occasionally give the princess wave, you know the one where the back of your hand faces outward, then go back to trying to get out of there dignity intact.

Naugahyde should be outlawed.

On the third day of harvest, I elected to wear baggy shorts and thongs. My entire body was sweating profusely when I took a load of wheat to the elevator that afternoon. I had to slide across said Naugahyde seat to take my ticket from the gentleman working on the scale.

The sound my thighs made while sliding across the seat was highly embarrassing to say the least.

I found new ways to pass the time.

I learned how to bury bugs in the grain in the back of the truck and time how long it took them to crawl out. I made hand prints resembling past presidents. I even made an angel, just like the ones you would normally make in the snow. Unfortunately, you get grain in your shorts when you do that.

Thank God that it is over and done with, that is, until next year.

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Campus Briefs

Turnover Departments affected by loss of instructors

Editor's Note: This is part one in a two-part series on the departments hit by faculty turnover at Fort Hays State.

By DAWN HANSEN
Leader copy editor

Some Fort Hays State departments will be saying goodbye to familiar faces and welcoming new ones.

Some of the departments that will be experiencing changes are the departments of art, curriculum and instruction, computer information systems and quantitative methods, history and music.

Joanne Harwick, art department chairman, said the art department has two positions open.

"We have one position in graphic design and one position in interior design. We are

beginning interviews next week," she said.

Harwick said the positions are open due to the retirement of Dale Ficken, associate professor of art, and John Thorns, former art department chairman.

Robert Meier, computer information systems and quantitative methods department chairman, said his department will replace one instructor.

"Arup Mukherjee will be teaching the management information systems course and the decision support systems course. He will be replacing Charles Hassett," Meier said.

Hassett was an instructor in the department.

"It should strengthen the department, because Mukherjee has a doctorate, and Hassett didn't," he said.

Alan Miller, curriculum and instruction department chairman, said he has no full-time faculty leaving, but does have one new faculty member coming in and another position to fill.

"J. Clarke, who was filling a temporary position, has taken a position in Florida. We are now in the search process and hope to fill that position over the summer," he said.

David Rasmussen, music department chairman, said he has two new faculty members in his department.

Jeff Hinton is the new band director, and Michael Patterson is the new music education specialist.

Hinton is replacing Raydell Bradley, who is working on his doctorate at the University of Washington, and Patterson is replacing Sue Dolezal, who had reached the end of her three-year temporary contract.

"I'm very pleased with our new faculty. They're both excellent musicians and very enthusiastic about teaching at Fort Hays," Rasmussen said.

The departments who currently have open positions are working to have those positions filled by the beginning of the fall semester.

It should strengthen the department, because Mukherjee has a doctorate, and Hassett didn't

— Robert Meier, computer information systems and quantitative methods department chairman

"Also, Dr. Mark Levine will be coming from Colorado Springs to start the Early Childhood Program. I hope these changes will affect the department in a positive way."

Alan Busch, history department chairman, said he has one position open.

TODAY

• Exhibition open

"Love or Something Like It," a visual commentary on the post-everything human condition, will be on exhibit in the Moss-Thorns Gallery, Rarick Hall first floor, until July 27.

TOMORROW

• Thesis, study titles due

Tomorrow is the last day for graduate students to submit approved titles for master's theses or specialist's field studies. This deadline applies to summer graduates only.

MONDAY

• Deadline arrives

Monday is the last day to withdraw from full eight-week courses.

After Monday, students may withdraw from four-week courses that started July 2 or courses that have not yet started.

• Gifted students to study

The third and final group of gifted students will arrive on campus Monday to participate in the Hubbard Leadership Seminars at Fort Hays State.

Regular educators are invited to observe and participate in the leadership seminars.

• Camp to be on campus

A Kansas High School Athletic Association cheer-leading campus beginning Monday.

TUESDAY

• Interview announced

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Common sense needed to beat heat

By **MARTHA BRUNGARDT**
Leader staff writer

Common sense. That is all it takes to stay cool when the weather gets hot. Health officials recommend these tips to keep cool. The body cools itself through sweat evaporation, but this system is ineffective if the person is dehydrated, so drink plenty of liquids. Take several breaks when it gets around 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit or more with over 70-percent humidity. Schedule a 10-minute break for every

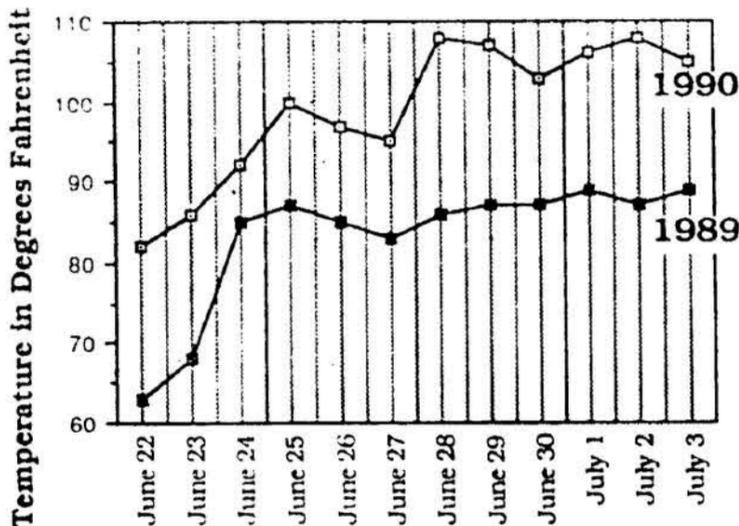
hour you are out in the heat. If you are overweight, do not run or do heavy exercise alone. High humidity greatly affects heat tolerance, so if the humidity is high and it is hot outside, slow down. Dress appropriately for the heat; wear clothing that is lightweight, light-colored and made from a fabric that breathes. One of the first signs of heat exhaustion is flushed skin and cramps in the upper arm and legs. Heat cramps can soon turn into a heat stroke.

"This is a medical emergency. Get to a hospital soon if this happens," Rod Koehler, trainer, said. If you get heat cramps, rest, get plenty of cool liquids, preferably water and try to cool down.

"Don't take salt tablets unless recommended by your doctor. Most of us get more than enough salt in our diet," Koehler said. When suffering from heat stroke the body may reach 102 to 106 degrees, which is

dangerously high. Officials recommend people avoid drinks containing more than 2.5 percent salt or sugar. Just use your head and acclimatize yourself if you must be out in the heat for extended periods of time.

1989 & 1990 Temperature Comparisons



Trying to cool off, area residents headed to local swimming pools to beat the heat. Health officials advise drinking plenty of liquids to prevent the side effects of extreme heat. Photo by Dan Wieggers.

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