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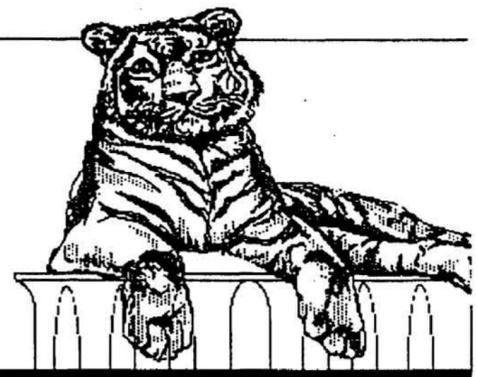
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John Collins/Staff photographer
Stan Dreiling, maintenance employee, (from the back of a truck driven by Bill Leeds) removes one of the flags put up for the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championship Tournament Saturday evening. The flags were originally used for Homecoming. Recently the flags have been used to celebrate campus events.

Center for activism abandoned Talley closes Coffeehouse

Madeline Holler
Copy editor

After the coffee-stained percolators emptied their contents and the 10,000 Maniacs sang the final lines of "Hey Jack Kerouac," a generation of midwestern wannabe beatniks were forced to relocate.

One year and one month after its opening, the student-run Back Door Coffeehouse was opened for the last time.

The Coffeehouse, located in the basement on the south side of Custer Hall, was opened and managed by James Talley, Salina junior.

But dwindling cliental and personal responsibilities convinced Talley to close the doors permanently.

"The Coffeehouse became too much of a strain on my time," Talley said. "We were open seven days a week from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m."

"I had no time to spend with my family and friends," he said.

Talley said he had thought for a long time about closing the Coffeehouse, and when he made his final decision — a week previous to the closing — he decided to do it quickly.

Because he had thought about closing the business for a while, he said there was little remorse when he locked up for the last time.

"On closing night, no one felt any regret, they just had a nice sense of nostalgia," he said.

"It felt really good to close it."

Following the opening of the Coffeehouse in January 1990, a group of regulars, attracted to the place's late-night service and atmosphere, banded together to form various unofficial activist groups.

Andrew Irwin, Junction City junior, said the surge of activism the

campus saw earlier in the year — protests of war and government policies and anti-discrimination groups — will be hindered because of the closing.

"The Coffeehouse served as a foundation for student activism on campus," Irwin said.

Without the coffeehouse and its atmosphere that encouraged free-thinking, Irwin said non-traditional student activities will falter.

"We'll always have our MUAB (Memorial Union Activities Board) but we have nothing for the important issues," Irwin said.

The coffeehouse was a catalyst for student activism, he said.

Zach Lowe, former Coffeehouse co-manager, said the inability of the coffeehouse to increase the number

of customers was due, in part, to students stereo-typing the people it catered to.

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"It certainly was a sight for activity and good programming," Culver said. "We still need something like that on campus."

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Check-out policy for instructors allows consideration to student needs

The library policy allowing instructors to keep checked-out material for 90 days has caused some confusion.

But Angela Barger, circulation supervisor, said students should realize the library will assist them in procuring materials already checked out.

Barger said for the five years she has worked in the circulation department, the policy has been one that serves the students.

If students need checked-out

material, Barger said she will call the patron and ask for it to be returned for the student's use.

Barger said only recently has she heard complaints from students about the extended check-out time instructors are allowed.

"One student was complaining and I offered to call the instructor to return the materials," Barger said.

However, she said the student declined.

"I have never not called to see if someone would not bring a book back earlier than the due date if

someone has requested the material," she said.

Paul Basinski, assistant professor of political science, said, considering the frequency the books from Forsyth are borrowed — particularly the ones he has checked out — the library's procedure of contacting holders of the books is an adequate method for distributing the materials fairly.

"I can open the book and it shows they were last checked out in 1976, 1977 or 1978," he said.

Although he currently has around

60 books checked out from Forsyth, Basinski said there is no question in his mind of an insignificant demand for the texts — despite their relevant subject matter.

He said the policy is one that professors need.

"The privilege makes it more convenient for professors to use in lectures and research," he said.

The circulation policy for instructors states they may check out materials from Forsyth for 90 days.

Barger said instructors begin receiving written notices one day after the book is overdue. However, instructors are not subject to the 10-cent-per-day fines.

Instructors must, however, pay for any lost materials.

Undergraduates, graduates and community members may check out regular material from the library for three weeks and are allowed a one week grace period to return the book before they are fined 10 cents per day.

Barger said if students do not find materials on the library shelves, they should inquire at the circulation desk, where she will search for the material.

She said if the student needs the material, he should not be afraid to have her call the instructor to retrieve the material, especially if the student only needs it for a short while.

"I do recall the material and I have yet to be turned down," Barger said.

University farm, water committee strive for conservation

Editor's note: This is the final article in a series discussing water use at Fort Hays State.

While an attempt was made years ago to pump water for the stock out of Big Creek, the loss of several head of cattle to a disease, coupled with the inefficiency of the pump used, led to a policy of using piped-in water for the stock, Gould said.

Gould said the two residences,

offices and shop areas use water piped-in from Hays for sanitary and cooking purposes.

The farm dairy is also connected to city water due to the need to meet health standards. Water troughs for the animals are also hooked to city water," he said.

The only water used on the farm that is not purchased comes from a windmill-powered livestock tank, Gould said.

Gould said there is no irrigation of crops as dryland farming is practiced at the farm.

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When it comes to conserving water, Gould said the farm is as

conservative as such an operation can be.

"People waste water, not animals," Gould said. "Animals use only the water they need."

Gould said a 1,000-pound steer uses only about 10 to 12 gallons of water a day. "The average home uses much more than that."

"The most effective thing we can do at the farm is to maintain the distribution system as well as we

can to prevent leaks," he said.

In addition to the conservation measures already taken on campus, a report on proposed additional conservation practices is pending from the FHSU water committee.

John Ratzlaff, water committee chairman, said the report will be the first attempt to formally list some of the methods that could be used to conserve water at the university.

Ratzlaff said the committee, made

up of members drawn from all elements of the FHSU community, was created by President Edward Hammond last year.

Ratzlaff said the committee broke-down into sub-committees to thoroughly study water usage on campus, concentrating mostly on indoor water usage.

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Sternberg move to Metroplex rumored

Sarah Simpson
Staff writer

Fort Hays State is reportedly negotiating the purchase of the Metroplex, 2911 Canterbury Road, with the Chrysler Finance Corporation, Erik Sandstrom, student body president, said.

Sandstrom said FHSU is attempting to acquire the Metroplex to use as a new location for Sternberg Museum.

"The last time I spoke with Dr. (Edward) Hammond, (FHSU president), he said the situation was still in negotiation," Sandstrom said.

A representative from Chrysler Finance Corporation's Detroit office said the Allentown, Penn., division of Chrysler first was

dealing with the negotiations, but refused further comment.

Despite statements made by Chrysler and Sandstrom, Hammond said he knows nothing about a possible deal with Chrysler.

"I have no idea what this deal could be. I know of no one negotiating with Chrysler about the Metroplex, and if there is someone, I'd love to hear about it," Hammond said.

Hammond also said he has heard many rumors about such a compromise over the past few months, but did not believe there to be any truth in them.

If a compromise was reached, the Metroplex would be given to FHSU through capital campaign contributions headed by Larry

Miller, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Miller said he knows nothing about negotiations with Chrysler, but has heard the same rumors as Hammond.

Miller also said he believed Hammond above all others.

"The only valid source would be Dr. Hammond, if he doesn't know about it, it doesn't exist," Miller said.

Miller said he had no explanation for the difference in stories, as he said he had not heard the information for himself.

"I can't say why because I don't know who or what you're talking about," Miller said.

KJLS-FM is currently the only organization housed in the Metroplex.

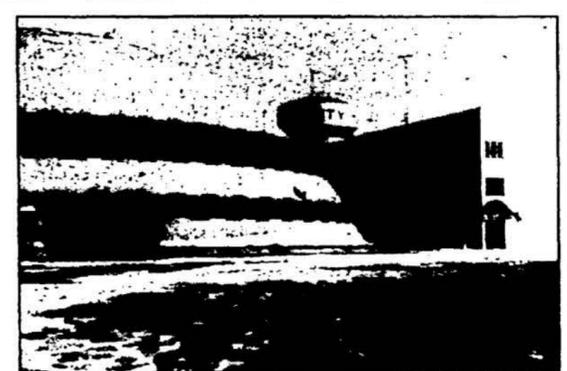
Chrysler's representative stated they have no further information at this time, but will notify the campus and students of any change in activity.

"When we have something to announce, we'll announce it," he said.

The acquisition of the Metroplex would enable Sternberg Museum to expand its collection and get back several of its exhibits that are out on loan, Scott Jecha, student body vice president, said.

Sternberg would also bring in more tourists, as it would be located directly off Interstate-70.

"It would be great for Sternberg," Sandstrom said, "the potential would be endless."



John Collins/Photographer

The Hays Metroplex, 2911 Canterbury, is rumored to be the future site of Sternberg Museum, currently located in McCartney Hall. Fort Hays State may be negotiating with the Chrysler Finance Corporation to acquire the building. Locating Sternberg closer to Interstate-70 may bring more tourists to the Hays area.

Education's tailspin

Student's sacrifice no longer tolerable

It was no surprise, but it hurt just the same. A legislative subcommittee Friday approved a \$22 million cut in school aid that would ravage school districts in Kansas. Collegiate education doesn't look much better. Putting all committee recommendations together, including the \$22 million cut and the Board of Regents' tuition increase — 8 percent for Fort Hays State, the outlook for Kansas students is pretty bleak. Currently, there is to be no third year of the Margin of Excellence in the fourth year of expectation. Student leaders and legislators have asked students to make sacrifices in the past. In the end, it's been a futile endeavor. Surely, student leaders and legislators won't have the gall to ask students for anything again, until they give something back.

Grammy Awards hit, miss

The votes are in and the decisions have been announced.

Wednesday night, viewers all over the country tuned in to see whether or not their favorite musicians would be recognized at the Annual Grammy Awards ceremony.

As I watched the broadcast, I was both pleased and disappointed with the Academy's choices.

I was pleased to see that Mariah Carey was recognized for her outstanding success over the year. She deserved to be rewarded for her work.

Yet, at the same time, I was disappointed that she was matched with Wilson Phillips who also deserved recognition for their accomplishments over the year.

Perhaps they should have had separate categories for groups and



Vicki Schindberger
 Staff writer

individuals. They made the distinction in other areas. Why not in the New Artist of the Year category as well?

I was also upset Madonna was overlooked once again. I really feel she is underrated for unfounded reasons. Since her debut, she has been one of the most consistent artists in the music industry.

This year she resurrected a whole new dance craze with her interpretation of "Vogue."

Yet she still managed to get overlooked at the Grammys.

I was glad she did not do them the honor of performing this year as she has in the past. Maybe she should have been the one to boycott the ceremony.

By that, it can be assumed I was extremely happy to see Sinead O'Connor was not rewarded for her antics this past year. She did not even deserve a nomination.

First, she refused to have the national anthem played at her concerts, then all of a sudden she became patriotic enough to speak out against the awards ceremony.

Who does she think she is anyway?

Then, just before curtain call, poor Phil Collins finally was handed the only award out of his eight nominations. I was happy to see that he got at least that, but I was disappointed he did not receive more. I thought the Academy was going to overlook him too.

Speaking of overlooking someone, what happened to Janet Jackson? She did not even capture a nomination. Maybe she is not going to follow in the footsteps of her brother after all. Who knows?

If the Grammy Awards are any indication, I would say she has her work cut out for her.

Now all we have to look forward to is the Academy Awards, although I am certain "Dances With Wolves" will make a clean sweep.

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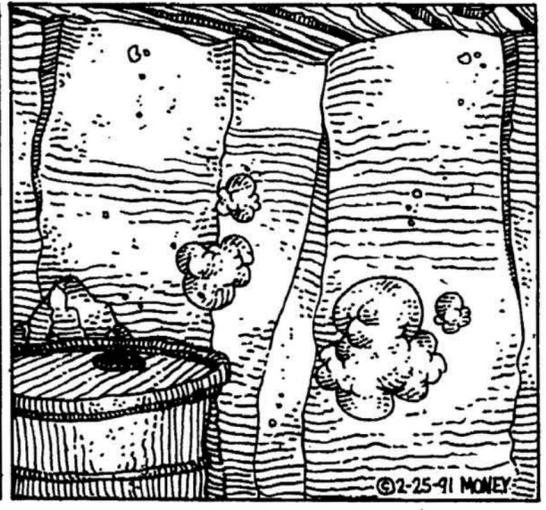
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MEANWHILE, AS AMERICAN GROUND FORCES GROW CLOSER...



Today's toys produce tomorrow's trouble

The other day, while looking through a Wichita Eagle, I was reminded of one of my fondest memories as a child — toys. I remembered all of the Barbie dolls, matchbox cars and Lincoln Logs that used to fill my days.



Sarah Simpson
 Staff writer

Sadly enough, the stories that sent me on this trip down memory lane were about some of the most frightening toys I'd ever heard of. These toys weren't frightening in the way they looked or the things they did, but in what they depicted.

One story was about a new doll called the Stročheart doll.

This doll is meant to display the horrid vision of a homeless child.

will help these small children. The frightening part is in what a doll of this type says to our children. This doll says, basically, these starving children are toys.

This may sound somewhat ridiculous, but let's examine this.

When children play with dolls, they usually act out a happy scene. A scene full of love and joy, not the usual lifestyle of a homeless child. Instead of showing our children that this terrible part of life exists and showing them how they can help, we give them an adorable doll and tell them to have fun.

The children who need a toy are the very ones being used to entertain more fortunate children. This, however, is not the most disturbing part.

In another story about the World Toy Fair, some of the best-selling toys this year are ones depicting either war or ways to avoid ecological collapse. Whatever happened to toys being an escape?

The explanation for the success of these toys is that children love to play in ways they see adults "playing." The fact the Persian Gulf war can be recreated for children to enjoy is awful.

Perhaps these toys help them cope with the current situation, but giving them a toy and saying they too can play war is unforgivable. Teaching children that war is alright is a sure fire way to keep the United States involved in wars for years to come.

Children learn things they carry with them for the rest of their lives. They especially retain the values they are taught. Parents who tell their child that war is fine and buy them toys to prove it may as well hand their child a loaded gun.

As for the ecological collapse toys, the general idea is valuable. Teaching children to care for the earth while they are young is of utmost importance. However, it is not enough.

If a parent buys one of these toys while taking the child to dinner and proceeds to eat everything from Styrofoam, the child will get mixed signals. At a young age, children find it too difficult to decipher these inconsistencies and will, more often than not, opt for doing what the

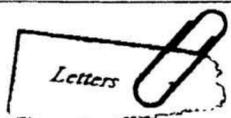
parent does. Practice what you preach is the most important lesson any parent can learn.

If the intent of ecological collapse toys is accomplished, it will be because of the parent, not the toy. A toy can help in understanding and in the application of parental lessons, but it cannot teach on its own. That is our responsibility.

We've come a long way from the Fisher-Price Hospital. In today's world, it's too easy for Weebles to fall over. It's up to each of us to teach our children, and by our example is the best way.

What our children learn today will form our society tomorrow.

They are our children and our future.



National Condom Week misses target in social battle

Dear editor:

How about having a "National Abstinence Week" and have a jar filled with lifesavers, and if you guess the correct number in the jar you will win a free T-shirt with a drawing of feet-skirted lifesavers dancing on it with a slogan, "Nobody's doing it."

We will also say "We're not promoting abstaining from sex, but if you do, you may save a life, possibly your own."

This makes about as much sense as what I saw going on at the Student Health Office last week in the Memorial Union. I know the Student Health Office is concerned about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and that is a concern.

But, I disagree with the statement "Everybody's doing it." I have more faith in the students at Fort Hays State and across the

country and would like to encourage the students, who for moral or religious values, have chosen not to have pre-marital sex and are saving themselves for their spouse.

I know that due to the way our society has become, these numbers of students may not be as many as those who are sexually active before marriage.

But, I would like to say to these young men and women good job, you can stand strong, hang tough, it'll be worth it and don't give in to the false statement "everybody's doing it."

For extra strength, you should read Philippians 4:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, and if you're desiring to start over, read 1 John 1:9.

Leanna Wylie
 Quinter sophomore

Condom Week issues taken too lightly for serious topic

Dear editor:

This letter concerns the article in the Feb. 19 edition of the Leader entitled, "Condom Week Underway." I was appalled by what Patti Scott called "education through humor."

This is an issue that should be taken seriously. Characters like Dick and Jane undermine the importance of the issue. The "hybrid rubber plant" turns it into an absolute farce.

I am not necessarily against the use of condoms. In fact, I believe that those who are sexually active should wear one. Ordinarily, I believe that sex education does not promote sex, but this time it does.

The T-shirt that says, "Everybody's Doin' It," is obviously promoting sex. It should read, "If you are sexually active, use a condom."

If the Student Health Center wants people to take condoms seriously, they will have to present it in a serious way. I'm scared to think what will come next.

Mike Brungardt
 Jctmore junior

Sandstrom responds to classroom language barriers

Dear editor:

The quality of instruction at the universities in the state of Kansas is obviously a top priority of the Kansas Board of Regents and the individual Universities. The challenges of providing the highest quality of instruction, a

situation which is compounded by budgets which are below our peers, prove to be varied and diverse.

Variability and diversity aside, one of the most crucial elements to quality instruction is instructor/student interaction and the dissemination of information from instructor to student. For such interaction and dissemination to be complete and of high quality, speaking and communication skills must be of an adequate level on both sides.

In our attempts to improve higher education in Kansas, the Students' Advisory Committee adopted Language Competency as an area of concern.

The Kansas Board of Regents has a policy to address the issue of language competency for the hiring of faculty and graduate teaching assistants.

Unfortunately, the Student's Advisory Committee believes that either the policy is not as effective as it should be or that it is not being enforced as intended. At this point, more documentation of the problem is necessary for any progress to be found.

Adequate resolution of this issue and the acquiring of the needed documentation requires the involvement of all Fort Hays students.

If you have ever had any problems or complaints related to the quality, or more importantly the

lack of quality — of an instructor's or graduate teaching assistant's English, you need to voice these concerns to the Student Government Association.

Your Student Government Association and Student's Advisory Committee is working for you, please help us on this issue.

Erik Sandstrom
 Student body president

Leader needs to clarify story: NTSO 'Project Desert Video'

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the article, "Project Desert Video Complete" published in the Leader dated Feb. 19, 1991. NTSO appreciates the coverage of our project.

However, some clarification must be made to prevent any ill feeling toward NTSO. The statement "the cheerleaders and several coaches maneuvered their way on screen" was quite off the mark — actually it didn't even hit the target.

While being interviewed, I told the reporter that as we were filming the Tiger Debs at Gross Memorial, we (NTSO members) came up with the idea to get the cheerleaders and the men's and

women's basketball teams on film. I approached these three organizations and invited them to participate in our project.

Each coach earnestly agreed to do so. I assure you, no one tried to "maneuver their way on screen." We were very happy these teams took part in Operation Desert Video and NTSO thanks them as well as all the other organizations and individuals who came forward.

To whoever might be curious as to how NTSO could possibly get mail to our troops so quickly (two weeks) this too was an inaccuracy. I believe I told the reporter that the tapes would be ready to send in approximately two weeks.

Roughly 15 tapes have to be dubbed and accompanying each tape will be a letter explaining our project. This process is estimated to take one to two weeks as of the date of the final taping (Feb. 15).

I would hate to think that such a positive project would end on a negative note, and I hope this letter can prevent that from happening. Again, thanks to all who participated. Each and every message enhanced the final tape and I'm sure it will be received with gratitude.

Gayleen Shaver
 Operation Desert Video
 Project Coordinator



Darris Sweet/Staff photographer

In the first act of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Scott Menzies, Great Bend junior, and Raymond Brent, special student Hays, discuss the poor conditions at the mental hospital.

Campus, community join for 'Cuckoo's Nest'

Cheryl Milam
Staff writer

A state mental hospital is the setting for the Port Hays State production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The play opens 8 p.m. Thursday at Felten-Start Theater. The last performance is 2 p.m. Sunday.

The production, directed by Stephen Shapiro, is based on the novel by Ken Kesey. Jack Nicholson won an Academy Award for the film version.

"I started talking about getting the community involved with this production several months ago. We had more than 40 people show up for the auditions," Shapiro said.

He said the 20 roles were filled by a combination of FHSU students, high school students and community members even though some of the roles were non-speaking.

He said the lead character, Randle McMurphy, is the only patient who is faking his illness, so he acts in the way he thinks crazy people should act.

"This goes on until he discovers, at the asylum, the nurses and doctors have the ability to keep him there as long as they wish, unlike in prison where there is a specific date he would be released," Shapiro said.

Shapiro said McMurphy is trying to "buck the system" by faking the illness because he wants to get away from manual labor and the work farm.

"This goes on until he is

driven to the breaking point by nurse Ratched, who represents the establishment and law and order," Shapiro said.

Shapiro said the main conflict of the play is between McMurphy, played by Scott Menzies, Great Bend junior, and Ratched, portrayed by Jacquelyn Philip. Philip is an alumna who has played in other FHSU productions like "Steel Magnolias" and "Quilters."

Still Shapiro said actors are focused on the current production and rehearsals are going well.

He said the Sunday matinee will be visually interpreted for hearing impaired.

"Barry Howery (Hays graduate student) who is usually one of two individual interpreters has a roll in this play so Sheila Howery (Hays junior) and Tag Goodspeed (Hays resident) will be the other interpreter," Shapiro said. "This will be the first time for Goodspeed."

Shapiro said the play has an adult theme and contains some adult language so there will be a sign outside the theater stating they do not recommend children under age 10 attend the performances.

He said he looked over the script and decided to remove any suggestive language that could be removed without damaging the play itself.

"I realize we have a responsibility to the audience of Hays and as a result, we don't do anything intentionally to offend anybody," Shapiro said.

AREA EVENTS

Health, human performances announces 8-week courses

The department of health and human performance is announcing this semester's last eight-week courses that begin Monday.

HHP 120, beginning tennis; HHP 125, beginning golf; HHP 126, advanced golf; HHP 251, techniques of teaching tennis and pickleball; HHP 253, techniques of teaching track; HHP 255, techniques of teaching softball; and HHP 257, techniques of teaching flag football.

HHP 116, basic scuba diving, begins March 9 through May 11.

Direct teaching application deadline approaches

Students planning to enroll in directed teaching for the fall semester must have their application filed by Friday.

Applications are available in Rarick 209. Additional information is available by calling Connie Tabor at 628-4542.

Volga-German Association provides scholarships

The Ellis County Volga-German Association is accepting applications for its scholarship program covering the 1991-'92 academic year.

Details about student qualifications and how to apply may be obtained from Phyllis Schmidt, assistant professor of library science, in Forsyth 138. Fifteen scholarships were granted for the 1990-'91 school year.

Water

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The committee looked at different types of buildings, living areas, auxiliary buildings, classrooms and offices for the report, Ratzlaff said.

"And the area studied is considerable. There's close to 3,000 sinks on campus alone. It really adds up," he said.

Monitoring and curing leaks in the system are some conservation methods recommended by the committee, Ratzlaff said.

He said a typical loss in a city's water supply from leaks is 20 percent.

Ratzlaff said four ways to increase water saving proposed by

the committee consists of the installation of water saving devices, learning new techniques and methods for conservation, monitoring leaks and educating the FHSU community.

Although presentation to FHSU officials of the committee's report, which is currently in preparation, will complete the committee's assigned task, Ratzlaff said he believes the committee will be asked to undertake further water conservation studies, including a study of ways to more efficiently use water outdoors on campus.

"We're sort of just beginning," Ratzlaff said. "We have the list (of suggested changes proposed by the committee); the next phase will be implementing them."

National experts to speak on developments in nuclear science

Physics department offers seminars

Nob Kuramori
Staff writer

The department of physics has scheduled four seminars on nuclear technology and nuclear energy.

Kwo-Sun Chu, physics department chairman, said three experts from federal agencies and industries have been invited to speak.

"We want to bring people to talk about the most exciting advancements in the physics discipline or physics-related high technology," Chu said.

In the sessions, which take place in Albertson 108, several topics such as quarks in nuclei, high temperature superconductors, future energy sources and nuclear weapons will be discussed.

Ben Zeidmond of Argonne National Laboratory, a nuclear

research center in Chicago, will present two seminars dealing with experiments in nuclear energy.

Zeidmond will discuss nuclear experimentation in "Detectors for Intermediate and High Energy Nuclear Experiments," at 10:30 a.m. today.

Zeidmond will also discuss fundamental particles in the nucleus in "Looking for Quarks in Nuclei," at 2:30 p.m. today.

Robert Kribel from Jacksonville (Ala.) State University and the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington D.C., will discuss a new form of producing energy in "Hot and Cold Fusion," 3:30 p.m. March 18.

Kribel will focus on nuclear fusion, a process that produces energy considered safer and cleaner than fission.

Nuclear fission is the process of

producing energy that is presently used in nuclear power plants.

Nuclear fusion produces energy along with a huge amount of heat when the two hydrogen atoms are fused.

Kribel will introduce the inconclusive experiment conducted in Utah, which produced cold fusion at low temperatures.

Chu also invited Raymond Hunter, a weapon research program manager of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The Los Alamos National

Laboratory is the world-wide leading nuclear weapon research institution.

Hunter will discuss impacts nuclear weapons will bring to the environment, civilization and politics in "Nuclear Weapons in Today's Environment," 3:30 p.m. April 15.

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Hoxie High School successfully defends State Wrestling Championship

Christian D Orr
Sports writer

Gross Memorial Coliseum was the site of the 1991 Kansas High School 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championship tournament this weekend, where the Hoxie High School Indians successfully defended its 1990 championship.

HHS captured its second straight championship despite not having any wrestlers claim individual championships.

The Indians had six wrestlers in the semi-finals Friday but were only able to pull out victories in two of those matches. But the Indians were not going to be denied, as the four wrestlers who lost in the semi-finals came back Saturday and made the finals in the consolation bracket.

HHS was led by Eric Koster, freshman, and Nick Kaus, senior, who both captured second place in the tournament. Koster earned second in the 103-pound category and Kaus earned his medal in the 145-pound weight division.

Chad Koster, junior, lost in the semi-finals Friday, but pinned his next two opponents Saturday to earn 3rd place in the 125-pound weight division. Koster won the championship last year in the 119-pound category.

The other three HHS wrestlers that placed were Troy Reitcheck, 140-pound sophomore, Albert Popp, 189-pound senior, and Kurt Sulzman, 275-pound senior. All three were 4th place medal winners.

The top three finishers of the tournament were Northwest Kansas League schools. HHS grabbed 1st place with 115 points, Atwood High School finished 2nd with 81 points, and St. Francis High School earned 3rd place with 79 points. The 2nd place finish for Atwood marked the third year in a row the Buffalos finished in the top three team scores at the state tournament.

Earning 4th and 5th place at the tournament were Ellis with 72-and-a-half points and Leoti with 63 points. All of the top five teams qualified for the state tournament from the Oakley regional.

HHS is the first team to capture back-to-back championships since Southeast of Saline High School did it in 1985-'86.

The victory moved HHS tournament record to 5-1 for the 1990-'91 season. Their only loss came earlier in the year to 4A Concordia High School. CHS placed 7th in the 4A state tournament at Wichita.

The wrestlers that captured individual championships included Jason Wheatley, Immaculata junior, 103 pounds; Lance Stoll, Oakley sophomore, 112 pounds; Matt Jensen, Norton junior, 119 pounds; Jace Prather, Lyons junior, 125 pounds; Lyle Geyer, Leoti junior, 130 pounds; Jamie Brangardt, Douglas senior, 135 pounds; Bret Rechfertig, Wellsville senior, 140 pounds; Gary Steffen, Eudora sophomore, 145 pounds; Mitch Beims, Atwood senior, 152 pounds; Jason Gager, Ellis senior, 160 pounds; Heath Hrabe, Wellsville senior, 171 pounds; Scott Urban, Atwood senior, 189 pounds; and Mitchell Schleppe, St. Francis senior, 275 pounds.



Bill Bennett/Photo editor

Lyle Geyer, Leoti junior, flips his opponent, Brad Uehlin, Oberlin senior, on his way to clinching 1st place in the 130-pound class at the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championship Tournament in the final round Saturday.

FHSU thinclads fall short of RMAC indoor track title

Greg McFadden
Sports writer

The Fort Hays State track team fell short last weekend in its attempt to capture the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship title for the indoor track season.

Unfortunately, the Tigers also fell short at the District 10 Indoor Championships at Manhattan.

After the conclusion of the Alex Francis Invitational, Head Coach Jim Krob said even though they dominated the meet, it was hard to tell how they would compete at the

district meet.

He also said the teams to beat in the district were Emporia State University and Southwestern College.

Emporia was the team to beat in both the men's and women's divisions Saturday.

The Tiger men's team compiled 99 team points to take 3rd place behind Emporia and Southwestern, while the women's team took 2nd with 147 points behind Emporia State.

Amy Skillman, Waverly junior, took 1st place in the long jump and triple jump, while Marlys Gwaltney, Topeka senior, took 1st place in the 400 and 300.

The men took 1st place in the distance medley, and the women's team took 1st place in the 4 by 400 relay.

The next meet for the team is the national meet in Kansas City, Mo.

Lady Tigers seeded No. 1 at District 10 tournament

Christina Humphrey
Sports editor

The 'Lady Tigers' basketball team is seeded No. 1 in the District 10 playoffs. They will take on Sterling College, who is the No. 8 seed in the tournament, at 2 p.m. today at Bethel College in Newton.

The winner takes on the winner between Bethany College and Friends University.

The Lady Tigers were able to move into the first place position in the Dunkel ratings by defeating Southwestern College last Monday and by Emporia State University losing to Rockhurst College on Feb. 16.

The Lady Tigers had lost their first place position in the Dunkel ratings earlier this season when they lost to Emporia State University by two points.

Fort Hays State's record now stands at 26-2 and Sterling's is 14-12.

Tigers come up short in final Dunkel ratings

Claudette Humphrey
Copy editor

The Fort Hays State men's basketball squad defeated the Antelopes of Kearney State (Neb.) College, 99-71, Sunday afternoon.

Despite the 28-point victory, the Tigers were unable to move into the top spot in the Dunkel Power ratings.

FHSU, who had a previous rating of 42.5, was able to improve its rating to 44. However, it was still one-tenth of a point behind Emporia State University's rating of 44.1.

FHSU had five players score in double figures in the victory.

Damian Evans, Chicago junior, led the Tigers in the scoring department with a game-high 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Troy Zierke, Pierce, Neb., senior scored 21 points and pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Jay Sawyer, San Jose, Calif., junior, and Mark Willey, Abilene junior, each added 17 points for the Tigers.

Sawyer, who scored 14 of his points in the first half, had a good performance from three-point range, going 5-of-7.

Rounding out the top five scorers was Jerome Carson, Chicago junior, who had 11 points on the night.

The victory boosted the Tigers' overall record to 16-11.

Sunday's contest also marked the final regular season game for three Tiger seniors.

Before the start of the game, Rodney Tatum, Jacksonville, Texas, senior; Maurice Carroll, Baltimore senior; and Zierke were each awarded with a plaque for their athletic contributions to the FHSU basketball program.

The Tigers host McPherson College tomorrow in first-round playoff action.

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