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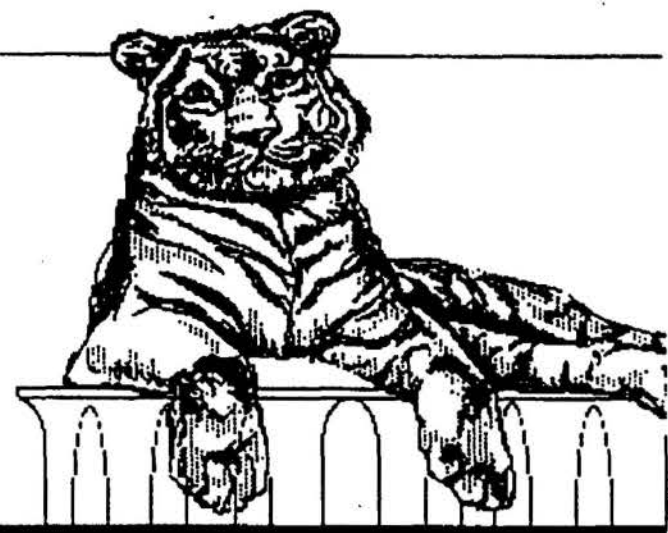
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Financial matters dominate floor at Senate meeting

Colin McKenney
News editor

The financial situation for regent institutions in Kansas may not be as bleak as has been predicted, but then again it may.

Erik Sandstrom, student body president, presented information from yesterday's Kansas Board of Regents meeting to the Student Senate to the best of his ability at last night's Student Government Association meeting. Particular aspects of the financial picture are becoming more hazy, however, as recommendations pass through the House of Representatives.

To begin, Sandstrom said most line items cut from the regent budget while in committee in the

House were restored. He estimated the amount of restored funds to total \$12 million. He said the way the material was presented at the meeting made it difficult to interpret how beneficial the restorations would be to particular line items.

The one thing Sandstrom said that did come across loud and clear at the meeting was the realization that the restorations would come at students' expense.

He said Legislators had dropped the recently-proposed tuition increase suggestion of 8 percent for Fort Hays State, Emporia State and Pittsburg State universities, and 10 percent for Wichita State, Kansas State and Kansas universities. Yesterday's recommendation favored a raise of 3 percent for the regional

institutions, 8 percent for the three larger universities and 20 percent for non-resident students.

Sandstrom said such a tuition increase would mean students would foot the bill for \$7.3 million of the \$12 million restored to the budget.

Although the news for higher education was not all positive, Andrew Irwin, FHSU Associated Students of Kansas director who was also at the regent meeting, said he was partially relieved by what he interpreted from the discussion.

"I am a lot more optimistic than I have been all year," he said.

Sandstrom said he was concerned by "major increases in tuition" and would be on the phone to Topeka this morning to clarify what the House is specifically intending to

do with higher education funding.

In other business at last night's meeting, the Senate addressed the second reading of the proposed Allocations bill.

Andrew Addis, University Leader editor in chief, went before the Senate to offer his expectations of the future of the Leader, should the proposed bill be ratified with Leader funding remaining at \$44,000, the same amount allowed in the previous budget.

"I am not here to issue you any threat whatsoever," he said, but he described both current and future conditions at the Leader as unsatisfactory.

"The Leader has about four weeks of operating funding left for this year," he said.

He said it is possible the Leader may not be able to print some of the final issues of the newspaper this semester.

According to Addis, the Leader will run into trouble finding people to fill staff positions for future semesters because the publication is not able to compete with other jobs offering minimum wage. He said his salary is the highest among staff members of the newspaper, and he still makes well below the national minimum wage.

"My average pay is about \$1.60 per hour," he said.

"When minimum wage goes up to \$4.25 it will be extremely difficult to maintain a staff."

He also mentioned the possibility

the paper could change from a twice-weekly publication to weekly.

Other discussion of the bill centered around those organizations not receiving funding.

Linda Schmitt, Allocations Committee chairwoman, said some organizations had failed to submit complete requests, some were too new for consideration and others could be taken care of with appropriations funding.

The bill was passed unanimously without further discussion.

Scott Jecha, Senate president, then announced intent-to-run forms for Student Senate elections are due at 5 p.m. next Friday and actual elections will be April 11 and 12.

Initiative, referendum proposals offer more power to individuals

Editor's note: This is the first of two stories by Dana Forsythe looking into the proposed initiative and referendum plans.

Dana Forsythe
Staff writer

Gov. Joan Finney's referendum and initiative package went before the House of Representatives yesterday to fulfill one of her major campaign promises.

The initiative proposal would allow voters to amend the Kansas Constitution and to propose and adopt new laws.

The referendum proposal would allow voters to approve or reject legislative issues that are under consideration by the Legislature at the time. The Legislature would have to submit the issue to the voters in order to be approved or rejected.

Three different resolutions make up the proposed package. Adding the initiative and referendum to state politics requires a change in the state constitution, making all three resolutions constitutional amendments.

If the initiative recommendation passes the House and the Senate, the people of Kansas would have power to directly impact laws and the constitution without going through the Legislature.

For example, the people could

adopt a new law by initiative without any consideration from the Legislature whatsoever. Or, the people may force an issue they believe is important to appear before the Legislature for a vote.

Under Finney's initiative proposal, the people could even amend the constitution on their own.

The referendum proposal would give the Legislature the authority to submit issues to the people for their decision.

This measure could become a political tool for the Legislature. For example, the Legislature could refer a controversial issue to the people such as abortion. They could, in this way, avoid taking a partisan position, which might have political consequences.

In a speech to the Legislature on February 6, Finney outlined the reasons for her proposals.

She said the people of Kansas have been denied the opportunity to directly participate in state government since the state's formation.

"The real strength of government on any level is in its people and their communities. It is in the cafes, on main street, in our schools, on our campuses. It is on the farms, in the churches and on the factory floors."

"The people are the greatest resource. They are the potential for success unlimited, for opportunities for Kansas that knows no bounds," she said.

Finney said decisions made by the people through initiative or referendum could not be overridden by the Legislature or by Finney's veto.

Twenty-five states have either one or both of the options in place. All four of Kansas' neighboring states have the referendum and initiative.

"Kansas remains an island of non-response to its residents," Finney said.

Yesterday, the house considered only the first two resolutions, which would allow for the initiative portion of Finney's plan.

An administrative official in the governor's office said yesterday that the debate in the Legislature centered mostly around the rules.

According to the official, House Resolution 5005, the referendum resolution that was not considered yesterday, has more support from the legislators.

"5005 probably has the widest support. The initiative side of the issue has probably received a little less support," he said.

Both the republican and democratic party platforms contain support for the initiative and referendum issues. However, the democratic side of the house has so far supported Finney's proposals much more strongly. "Reaction has been pretty partisan."

"It will be pretty interesting to see peoples' reactions to the final outcome," the official said.



John Collins/Staff photographer

Arthur Pranno, instructor of music, listens to the Trio Sonata in E minor between violin performances of his own, during the Faculty Recital Thursday evening at St. Joseph's Church. The recital was presented by the Fort Hays State music department and the Hays Art Council as part of the Hays Baroque Festival.

Environment gets another day

Earth Day activities to return

Cheryl Milam
Staff writer

Fort Hays State helped kick off the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 1990. One year later the Ellis County Environmental Awareness group is planning another Earth Day Environmental Fair.

"We had a birthday fair last year at Midwest Energy which was a big success," Lynn Albers, Hays, said.

"We just decided once every 20 years was not enough and we need to celebrate it every year," Albers said.

With that thought in mind, Ellis County Environmental Awareness,

Inc. has scheduled an Earth Day Environmental Fair for Sunday.

"This year, the fair will be inside the Shenk building at the Ellis County Fairgrounds which will make it easier for the demonstrations using VCR's," Albers said.

Albers said the fair combines community members, high school students and junior high students in demonstrations about everything from water conservation to recycling.

Albers has been working hard trying to get more people involved in recycling and was one of the instigators of the Curbside Pilot recycling program.

"This year's fair is being co-sponsored by ECEA, Midwest

Energy, and KHAZ radio," Bill Calvert, president of ECEA, said.

Calvert said many demonstrations going on at the fair include the Kansas Department of Health and Environment which will have exhibits relating to well-head protection and non-point source pollution.

The Ellis County Extension Service will offer demonstrations in indoor water conservation and testing water wells both in and out of town, and Terry Manell will explain Xeriscaping, which is landscaping a yard in a way which will require less water to maintain.

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Plan could remove grades

Madeline Holler
Copy editor

Students who fail at Fort Hays State may be able to start school again with a clean record, if the Student Affairs committee has its way.

The committee is currently working on a proposal, which reconsiders some of the specifics in the Faculty Senate's policy proposed to President Edward Hammond.

Academic clemency, as defined by the Faculty Senate's policy, would allow students who failed any number of semesters to re-enter the university after a minimum of two calendar years.

Upon re-entrance, students would be required to average 2.4 credit hours and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. If students meet the criteria, they could petition the Academic Appeals Committee to have up to 15 credits and the corresponding grades removed from their GPAs, according to the the Faculty Senate's policy.

However, credits and grades removed from the average, could not be classes in the student's major.

Laura Graham, Student Affairs committee chairwoman, said the committee has some concerns

with several points in the Faculty Senate's policy.

"I think it (the Faculty Senate's proposal) defeats the purpose of academic clemency," Graham said.

She said the Faculty Senate's proposal identifies the hours under academic clemency without actually erasing them from the transcript.

"The employer will still see the grades and question the student," she said.

Graham said forcing the students to sit out two years, completely disassociated with the university, is an unnecessary restriction.

Instead, she said she thinks students should be allowed to immediately resume classes. If the students maintain a 2.5 GPA after 24 credit hours, students could, under the committee's guidelines, petition for academic clemency.

However, the committee is not in total agreement.

Lane Victorson, Yuma, Colo., junior, said without requiring the students to be disassociated with the university for some duration, the clemency policy could be abused.

"However, the two years the Faculty Senate outlines is extreme," Victorson said.

Victorson said the Faculty

Senate's policy, rather than working for the students, seems to work against them.

"It seems the essence of academic clemency is to help out a student earlier in his or her life, where problems — pregnancy, death in the family, freshman insecurity or alienation — may have inhibited their performances," he said.

The Faculty Senate's policy, which only subtracts 15 hours from the GPA, was improper for an educational system that is based on annual awarding of financial aid, he said.

"It seems wrong for someone who has been away and is ready to make a change would have to average in 30 plus hours of U's. It seems wrong they should not be able to go to Fort Hays because of it," he said.

Although the committee has worked on a clemency proposal since the end of February, Graham said they will most likely not have enough time to push a policy through Student Senate.

However, she said they will outline their concerns to then be sent to Larry Gould, assistant to the president.

Hammond will make the final decision after considering policies and concerns of both the Faculty and Student senates.

Brutal racism relived

Police display problem of consequence

Disgusting is the only way to describe it.

Rodney King, 25 and black, was beaten severely by a gang of white police officers in Los Angeles for either speeding, a high-speed chase or just for not being white. This gang of police officers is not the only gang in Los Angeles, but it is the only gang that's licensed for crime.

The people of the city of angels are looking for a way to rid themselves of their many demons. In most situations, the public turns to its authorities when it comes to rooting out problems, but in this case, where do the people turn?

The situation is compounded each day as details of this isolated incident unfold into a network of hatred, corruption and racism.

Tapes, recently made public through court proceedings, show an attitude of racism not only exhibited in the savage beating of King, but in the dispatchers at the station who laughed at the reports as they came in.

The public is calling for the resignation of Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates, but is that enough?

Apparently, there is a much greater, all-encompassing problem that plagues the police system that cannot be corrected by the public's persecution of the city's scapegoat, worthy though he may be. Ridding themselves of Gates may be a partial solution, but real reforms must take place in the racist, violent, mal-adjusted officers whose actions are intolerable.

A deeper integration in the police force could possibly balance instances where a black citizen is suddenly confronted with numerous white officers. Establishing a system to make sure there is no discrimination against blacks rising in the ranks of responsibility would break the morale of those suffering from internal prejudice. Finally, there is a need to come down hard on all offenders such as the case now humiliating the department.

Punishments shouldn't be parole, fines or demotions. Prison terms and permanent dismissal are the only elements harsh enough to punish those who are supposed to protect others from the evil they are administering.

Beyond the senseless brutality. Beyond the corruption. Beyond the controversy is the violation of a trust. The people of any city, county or state have placed great trust in their law enforcement officials.

That trust is broken and leading to catastrophe.

Civil war may erupt in America's metropolises as a product of a violent society who seeks only more brutality as the answer.

It's time the students of Fort Hays State did something about the usefulness of those inane faculty critique forms.

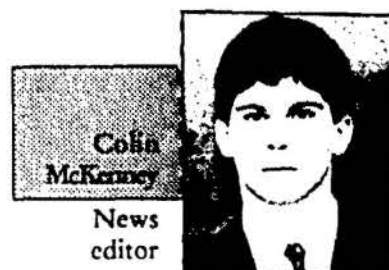
As we near the end of yet another semester of interesting encounters with new faculty members, it becomes evident we will soon be asked to fill out forms grading the performance of our hard-working instructors.

I am not using hard-working as a negative connotation of Fort Hays State instructors in general at all. The vast majority are indeed interested in teaching and the collective good of the students.

But, by the same token, let's not kid ourselves. We have all run into a few who have lost that burning desire to share their knowledge and improve the world through more-informed and self-satisfied graduates.

I must confess, during my four years here, I have heard horror stories from large groups of students about the occasional tenured professor whose only goal was to belittle his well-meaning subjects and drive them into fits of uncontrolled depression.

Most of those instructors were here when I came and will remain after I am gone. Why is that?



Colin McKenney
News editor

Each year as students fill out instructor evaluations we are assured they will not go unheeded and important staffing decisions are based on what is contained on those cherished slips of democracy.

Bull-squat. If something has ever come of those things, the students have not been told about it. I want public demonstrations of the wrath of the administration following the tabulation of those things. Stonings might be inappropriate, but an occasional ceremonial banishment could be refreshing.

I guess the problem might not be so much inaction by the administration, as much as the general absurdity of the evaluation forms.

Statements of degrees of agreement like, "Exams cover the assigned material," "Objectives of

the course are stated clearly" and "Tests are returned promptly" just do not help describe whether or not an instructor has the ability to convey his vast knowledge to students.

Why aren't there statements like, "You got your money's worth," "The instructor was interested in teaching you more than making a buck" or "Material covered was limited to establishing a good working knowledge of important material and not trivia"?

Shouldn't the person who reads those things get the message when most of the answers to the question "What would you change in this course?" are limited to "the instructor"?

If the same old forms have not been able to bring about any noticeable change, why don't we try something new?

Something dramatic like a mass failure to fill the things out could make an unmistakable statement to administrators, but it would fail to use an opportunity to do what those things are supposed to do.

We need to do something more noble and specific. The best possible solution is to shower the situa-

tion with information.

I'm not talking about actually writing something on the back of those worthless sheets. Addenda are the only alternative.

One, possibly two, typed pages of specific, unmistakable criticism of those practices, specific instructors incorporate into their teaching styles, that annoy us.

Down with those instructors who are convinced tests should cover the miniscule. Down with those who base test grades on a quota distribution system of A's, B's, C's and D's.

Of course those instructors who have an abundance of positive practices should be rewarded with the appropriate warm-fuzzies on their addenda. That is the only way to make this thing truly fair.

In the best-case scenario, students could even sign these things to be contacted at a later date for one-on-one evaluation.

Sure, it takes a little more work. But one semester's evaluations would be enough to send the message "We will not be denied."

If someone out there is willing to consider our pleas for excellence in education, I might forgo the request for refreshments at the public banishments.

MEANWHILE, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THAT GEORGE BUSH FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON PROBLEMS AT HOME RATHER THAN THOSE ABROAD...



Antique publication's aim continues today

When you pick up an old news paper, you may feel the stories are already out-of-date, or even rotting. However, sometimes, there is still something to tell.

One day I asked Esta Lou Riley, assistant director of Forsyth Library, if they have kept track of our school papers periodically, and she said, yes, they are in the microfils.

Here's to show you what our earliest school paper was like about 80 years ago.

At that time, Fort Hays State was called Western State Normal



Nob Kuramori
Staff writer

School, a kind of senior high-school and was only six years old with fewer than 400 students enrolled. Its school paper was published semi-monthly by the Western Normal Publishing Association.

The spring of 1908 production staff was Marvel Rowison, editor in chief; Ida Solomon, associate editor; Benjamin Crocker, business manager; and Brownlow Hopper, assistant business manager. Reporters were H. E. Pierce, Ellen Behan and Neva Bell.

On the front page of the March 18, 1908, edition, one of the staff wrote, "The Western Normal Leader." It means just what it says, that the Western Normal will lead the schools of Western Kansas now and forever...

Its size was smaller than a tabloid, and the layout was very simple, almost one story per page, so it reminds me of a newsletter

rather than a newspaper. Campus photographs, which are familiar in today's Leader, seldom appeared in early editions.

The following are the typical news stories in the newspapers of April 1908 and 1909.

"Our principal, Mr. Picken, attended a meeting of the regents and heads of our state institutions of learning at Topeka on Tuesday," (April 30, '08).

"Lost! Strayed! or Stolen! - a tiny patent leather pump, somewhere between Mr. Jordan's residence and Quality Hill. Finder will please return to 'Skirts' and receive a liberal reward," (April 30, '08).

"Miss Elizabeth Agnew of Wichita High School takes charge of the Domestic Science beginning her work June 6," (April 8, '09).

"Mrs. Cunningham and Wooster have resigned their position that they may complete their university training," (April 8, '09).

"With the departure of coach Cunningham, the Western State Normal School loses one of the best athletic directors that ever was in the employ of any school or college," (April 8, '09).

On the September 17, 1908, issue of the 'Leader' Lillian Picken, wife of William S. Picken, wrote an article, describing her school.

"What does the Western State Normal offer to the young men and women of western Kansas? A free education.

"This instruction is absolutely without tuition. It is the gift of the state to its youth."

Since the beginning of the

school, people have been concerned with the subject of enrollment.

"We are now only two short of the 350 mark for enrollment," (April 30, '08).

On the edition of April 8, 1909, a demography of the student body showed only six out of the 298 person student body were from out-of-the-state like Colorado, Illinois and Oklahoma at that time.

On the last page of May 28, 1908, edition, its staff contributed a long fare-well essay to the readers. Their words are still alive as how we, the University Leader staff, think of the paper and its readers.

"... although we have not always been able to satisfy all and have received some little censure on this account, we have tried to pass it by and think only on the many good things that have been said and done for us.

"We hope that a start has been made that will, in due time, make one of the best school papers in - Kansas."

Well, I think we are still trying to do this.

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Op-Ed

Larson recalls the business of duty

Former professor serves in Gulf War

Editor's note: The following material was sent to the University Leader from Steve Larson, former instructor of communication from 1980 to 1990. The letter was dated March 3, but contact with his wife confirms that he is still serving in Saudi Arabia. Shawn Larson, his wife, is working at Tulane University in New Orleans. She said he is doing fine and even calls occasionally as commanding officer in charge of incoming and outgoing medical supplies.

Hello from Saudi Arabia.

Well, life here sure slowed down. Since the cease fire, we have gone on a day-on, day-off status. If there was something to do on our days off, it would not be so bad.

As it is, we are restricted to the base area (for us that means Eskon Village south of Riyadh), our medical supply warehouse, which is brimming full, nearly \$10 million worth, and to Riyadh Air Base, which is primarily a Saudi base.

We are currently serving only about two customers a day and most customers, who had orders waiting to be picked up, are not coming to get the supplies.

A lot of what they picked up prior to the cease fire will probably soon be coming back, since they will have to turn it in prior to leaving to return to the states.

Returning to the states. Who? When? We just don't know for sure. Most of the intelligent

guessers are predicting 30 to 75 days. Of course, by the time most of you get this letter, you may have heard differently on the news.

We know very little about the war other than the highly censored bits that are broadcast on Armed Forces Radio. As far as newspapers and magazines, they are usually 10-14 days old by the time we see them.

We spend a lot of our time with our Saudi National Guard (their term for their army) friends that are all around our area. Our warehouse is located next to King Fahad Hospital and almost in the middle of the largest Saudi military base.

Though our compound is loosely guarded by one of our troops, getting to the compound requires going through guarded checkpoints.

It constantly amazes me at the initiative shown by some of our younger troops to make friends and communicate with some of these Saudi lads who speak little or no English.

Welfare and Morale Boxes. The American public has simply overwhelmed the American men and women here with boxes of goodies and mail.

During the escalation period for moving supplies into Saudi Arabia, most of the boxes and a lot of the mail was pushed aside for more important things like medical supplies, ammunition, etc.

Now that the war is winding down, much of the morale boxes and even some old mail is starting to be distributed. The Air Force simply says, come get the morale boxes or they will be

destroyed.

We send our trucks to the airport daily to pick up more boxes. We have received so much "stuff" that we have set up shelves in our warehouse so that our workers simply "go shopping" while at work.

No one here will need pens, pencils, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, candy, gum and other goodies for the next five to 10 years. Answering the letters will probably continue for the next five to 10 years.

Answering the letters will probably continue until after many of us return to the states. I have spent many hours writing to grade school children, 4-H clubs, World War II vets and many others who have taken the time to share something with us. It is very heartwarming. We can never thank you enough.

We receive letters from relatives we haven't heard from in years. Neighbors of our parents, parents of our high school and college chums have taken the time to show their support.

As we wind down these last few weeks in this land so far from home, we have lots of time to reflect on life, on our lives, about our loved ones back home. We who make up the support services have had an easy war.

Most of us have lived in condo-like barracks with all the comforts of home — warm meals, hot showers, a telephone available for that call home each week. We have been thankful for that.

We know that the men and women up at the front have not had it so easy. I spoke to several troops from the 82nd Airborne a

couple of weeks ago.

They had come back to the rear for a break that included their first hot shower in more than a month, a trip to Baskin-Robbins for the first real ice-cream in four months, the first phone call home since they had come over.

I do hope to be able to do some sight-seeing in old Riyadh and around the area. The rumors are that we will be able to do so in several weeks.

Part of our unit (not me) will be traveling to Kuwait City to help provide medical help and supplies to the people there. They are scheduled to be gone for about two weeks.

Though some of the young kids going think that this will be a vacation, we have tried to convey to them some of the things that they are going to see and experience. I'm sure what they experience will never be forgotten. I can't really fathom what it must be like up there.

We continue to get our twice weekly dust and sand storms. These are something to see, though visibility is usually limited to about 100 yards.

The wind and sand will really sting your skin and will take the paint of the side of your car. Last week we had quite a little rain and on Thursday, 3 inches of rain and 2 inches of hail. Quite unusual for this area.

There is little vegetation here and, traveling to and from the warehouse to Eskon Village, we see endless sand and rock and an occasionally a camel or two in the distance.

There is a large grain elevator near Eskon Village and to our southwest, a relatively large

irrigated agricultural area. Flying into Riyadh in January, we noticed the distinctive pattern of center-pivot irrigation systems from Medina to Riyadh. There were also many chicken ranches that were easy to spot.

About the only real excitement we have had came the first week we were here in January just after the air war started. A Patriot missile intercepted a SCUD north of us and many saw the incredible impact and explosion. We went through lots of alerts that week but none since. The same night that downtown Riyadh was hit by a SCUD, another landed southwest of us on a vegetable field.

We all ran up to the roof of our condo to watch the fire some two miles from us. We really have never felt threatened in our area.

The SCUD that hit Dharhan and killed the reservists would have overflown the area but malfunctioned and crashed into the barracks. About 30 of our people were working in the Dharhan area and have been through countless alerts for what turned out to be valid reasons.

Well, that's what's happening here. I thank all of you for the many cards and letters I've received. Mail call at the end of a hard day really lifts our spirits. God bless you all for your prayers. We'll be home soon.



Attitudes depict modern society

Have you ever had to explain what an attitude is to someone who doesn't speak English fluently or to a child who just doesn't understand?

I got stuck with this situation a while back when a foreign exchange student asked me why she was always depressed. I proceeded to tell her she needs to have a good attitude, when she asked me what an attitude was.

I hate it when people ask me a question that I have trouble putting the answer into words.

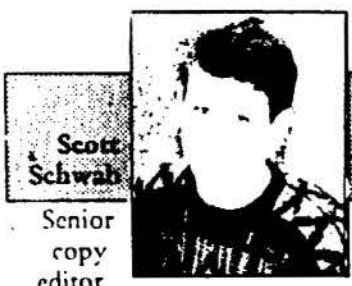
Not having a dictionary at hand, I proceeded to give her examples, which in turn gave me a better perspective of our society's attitude.

The best example I have is one from a pastor in Emporia gave me.

He said he once went into a store with his family to purchase something for their kitchen. After they checked out and went into their car, he opened the bag in which his purchased items were and found some candy. He then gave some to his wife and kids to eat on their way home.

He told me he thought this was really a nice way to keep customers happy, at least it had worked on him.

The next few times he was in the store, the same thing happened, more candy. Finally,



Senior copy editor

he went in one time and looked into his bag and found no candy at all.

Then he admitted he got a little bitter with the store, because he and his children wanted some candy.

After a while, he realized they did not have to give him candy in the first place, after all, he did not purchase it.

Then I realized how society is so much like this today. It expects something it doesn't always deserve, and often wants it immediately.

After explaining attitudes to my friend, she understood what her problem was and how small the answer was.

So pretty much in short, the next time you don't get something you want, whether it be from people or something else, first ask yourself if you deserve it, then have a good attitude about it.

Best man must really be best

In class the other day, I couldn't help overhearing two women discussing their summer wedding plans.

There was much excitement and enthusiasm being demonstrated by the two.

But the discussion at the moment centered around the "good looking best man." No doubt he's a good friend of the bridegroom, whoever he might be.

So, I had to ask my retired preacher/historian, Jake Dolittle, "What is the purpose of the best man at weddings?"

Dolittle explained in the beginning of history, a bridegroom's best man had to excel in many qualities, which are now completely forgotten and even unnecessary.

"Back then, he was chosen for being strong, brave and a good fighter. He accompanied his friend as an armed escort to help him in capturing a bride.

"No wonder, therefore, he was called the best man. For such a purpose only the best was good enough."

Dolittle said warriors in some parts of the world considered it undignified to woo a woman themselves. They let others do the



Staff writer

job for them. When all was ready for the marriage they set out with their companions — to wrest the bride from her original groom.

That is why the actual wooer surrounded himself with an armed guard, his "best man," Dolittle said. They were there to repel any attacks and defend the goods, so richly deserved and already paid for.

Times changed. Men no longer captured their brides, either from their homes or their rightful "owners."

And yet, on the day of the actual wedding, they needed extra protection and support.

There still was the danger of a rival who, at the last moment, might carry off the bride. To avoid this the best man was in attendance,

armed and on the alert, Dolittle said.

"It was for this reason," he said, "that Scandinavians used to hold their weddings under the cover of night. Behind the high altar of one of the Swedish churches, so it was said, were kept lances with sockets for torches. These served the best man in his hazardous task, as weapons and sources of illumination, to detect and repel possible abductors."

Dolittle said, "At first, as only logical, the best man accompanied not the groom but the bride, who obviously, he was there to guard and retain."

Only when rough times increased vulgarity on the part of the men and brides seemed even less safe under their protection, a separation of sexes proved advisable.

"From then onward," Dolittle said, "the best man was always near the groom, whilst bridesmaids closed their ranks around the bride."

He went on to explain procedures

at weddings follow definite rules.

Its processions and paraphernalia are therefore carefully studied and rehearsed all parties concerned.

The bride and groom stand and walk together in a way that is traditional.

At the altar, the bride takes her place at the left hand of the groom. After the ceremony, her new husband places her hand within his arm to follow the clergyman into the vestry to sign the register.

Finally, on the way out, the bride passes down the aisle, once again on the left arm of the bridegroom.

That on each of these three occasions the groom offers his left arm and hand to the bride is not just a matter of meaningless etiquette.

It is the result of ancient and most anxious considerations.

Once, he did so purposely and not merely because it was "the right thing" to do. He placed her on his left not to honor but to secure her.

It enabled him to keep his right hand free (and sword), so be ready to defend her (and himself) from attack and capture by jealous rivals.

V.I.P.'s

Application blanks are available in the President's Office, Sheridan Hall, for membership in this prestigious service organization. V.I.P.'s are the hosts and hostesses for Fort Hays State University. This volunteer group assists in the President's home and at many important events, greeting guests and visiting dignitaries.

Interviews are from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., April 22 and 23. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m., April 9.

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Championship team bestowed with honors at home



Colin McKenney/News editor

Head Coach John Klein speaks before a crowd of several hundred Tuesday night at a ceremony to honor the NAIA Champion Lady Tigers. During the event team members were given individual awards for their achievement and Klein was awarded NAIA coach of the year. Members of the team also traveled to Topeka Wednesday to be officially recognized by the Senate, House of Representatives and Gov. Joan Finney.

Cheryl Millam
Staff writer

Lady Tiger fans from all over the state gathered at Gross Memorial Coliseum Monday night to show their support and gratitude to the 1991 Women's NAIA basketball champions.

The women entered the Coliseum amidst the overwhelming standing ovation and the introduction of each individual member by emcee Lance Lippert, instructor and associate director of closed circuit television.

Lippert listed their record-setting accomplishments for the year and defended his decision to cover the women's basketball games for the university's television station, KFHS.

"It's time to let people know what they (the women) can do," Lippert said.

He also praised the parents of the team members for being at

the majority of the games.

The group of guest speakers included President Edward Hammond.

"What made me the most proud was not the winning of the awards, but the way in which they won them," Hammond said. "These girls are a class act."

"You have brought honor to yourselves as well as the community," Tim Schmidt, president of the FHSU Tiger Club, said.

Hays City Commissioner Dan Rupp read a wordy proclamation that made Tuesday, March 19, 1991, FHSU Lady Tiger Team Day.

An unrehearsed yet eloquent speech by Head Coach John Klein praised the work ethic of the women he worked with for the last several months.

"This is a group of fine young ladies who knew what it took to win. They really hate losing," he said.

"I've never been on a No. 1 team before," Annette Wiles, Hunter senior said.

"We finally have our own banner to hang up there," she said pointing to the ceiling of the coliseum.

Wiles thanked many people for their support of the season but added a special note of thanks to Klein "for putting up with grumpy women on Monday morning."

Individual plaques were given to all team members, the cheer squad, the team manager and the coaches. All-tournament awards were then presented to the winners, second team Julie Kizzar and Petreice Faulkner, and first team Annette Wiles.

The highlight of the evening was when the National Championship trophy was given to the team and the women hoisted the Championship banner to the ceiling along with the American flag.

Student Government Association

announces elections for 1991-'92 school year are scheduled for April 11 and 12.



Intent to run forms are due March 29 by 5 p.m. Forms are available at the SGA office in the Memorial Union. If you have any questions, contact the SGA office at 628-5311.

K-SNEA Meeting

6 p.m. March 28, Rarick Hall

Agenda: Officer elections for '91-'92 and bonus for attending.

Students missing job opportunities

Nob Kuramori
Staff writer

A few Fort Hays State seniors have found jobs through on-campus interviews this semester.

However, Dan Rice, Career Development and Placement

director, said career placement services are going largely unused.

Since the fall semester, many representatives from corporations and federal organizations in the Midwest have come to FHSU, allowing students to compete for top jobs without having to travel to other cities.

Rice said he has been pleased with the large number of employers

that have come to campus for the interviews.

"They come to the campus because they want people from this part of the country, or because FHSU students can demonstrate good work ethics, or have a positive outlook or good computer knowledge," he said.

During the last 10 years, approximately 87 percent of the

students who have registered with Career Development and Placement for their job searches received jobs, he said.

"Right now, the on-campus interviews are lined up for the year, several more are coming during March and the first part of April," Rice said.

He said those students who have not gained employment should certainly get their credentials turned in and sign up for the remaining interviews this semester.

After the last on-campus interviewing is closed, students must pursue their job searches through self-direction, he said.

Rice said students should make sure their application letters and resumes are well-written, and they also need to establish their own network to contact companies.

He said he encourages students to use various publications and resources at the Career Development and Placement office, Sheridan 214, and also to participate in workshops conducted by his office each semester.

"We strongly encourage students who do not have experience interviewing and writing application letters to come in. We will help them individually in establishing a job-search plan of action," he said.

He also said FHSU students have more opportunities for getting on-campus interviewing than students at larger universities.

Larger universities are more likely to use a closed interview system, where the employer chooses applicants it wishes to interview from a list of interested candidates, Rice said.

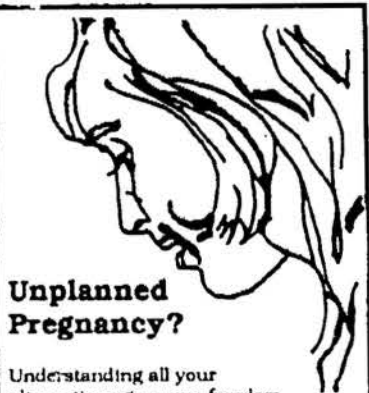
The system at FHSU allows all students to interview on a first-come basis, he said.

Despite the opportunities available to students in terms of the on-campus interviews, Rice said a lack of interest by the students has resulted in unfilled interview schedules.

The interviewing service will continue through April 11, for students who are registered.

Opportunities are also available for jobs from companies that will not interview on campus this semester, Rice said.

All students interested in services provided by Career Development and Placement should contact the office as soon as possible.

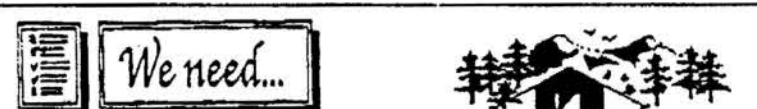


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The stipend/salary is based on the number of weeks worked, quality of work performance, and the attitudes of motivation and enthusiasm expressed. Housing and meals are provided.

Camps will be held during four weeks from July 14 to August 9, 1991.

For more information contact Daniel Schartz at 316-227-1533 by April 19, 1991, or write to the Office of Family Services, P.O. Box 849, Dodge City, KS 67801. Applications must be completed by April 25, 1991.

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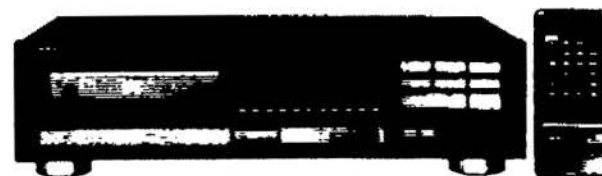
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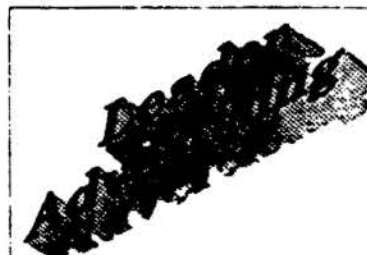
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FHSU welcomes Special Olympians

Special athletes compete in Kansas state basketball tournament

Christina M. Humphrey
Sports editor

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 1991 Kansas State Special Olympics basketball tournament opening ceremonies. The parade of athletes will now march into the coliseum," Mike Cooper, master of ceremonies, said.

This was the introduction of the Special Olympians 7:30 last night in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Cooper introduced all of the participating teams and their respective adopt-a-team sponsors as they paraded around the coliseum. There were over 1,500 athletes and coaches in attendance.

The national anthem was then sung by the High Plains Barbershop Chorus, under the direction of Chuck Ames, and the flag was displayed by the Kansas State Council Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard.

After the anthem, the Rev. James Roth of the Knights of Columbus led the invocation.

The entertainment was next on the agenda. Marty Rothwell of the Association of Retarded Citizens of Kansas introduced the performers. Several olympians sang and danced to the delight of the crowd and the athletes, volunteers, sponsors and coaches.

Vivian Hammond, wife of Fort Hays State President Edward Hammond, welcomed everyone to FHSU campus. Vivian said the idea of a celebration during this weekend of competition is most appropriate.

"We plan this week to celebrate with all of you at this special event," she said.

The Special Olympians have been at the HPER since 1976. The university allows the olympians to use the entire facility for three days each year.

Cooper thanked Don Fuertges, health and human performance chairman, and his staff for all their assistance during the three

days of competition.

"The facility in itself is a great contribution. The person in charge of this facility makes it a priceless contribution. Fuertges goes the extra mile and beyond to insure the athletes have the best tournament possible," Cooper said.

Fuertges said he was very excited about hosting the event and looked forward to doing it again next year.

"Our athletic department is very excited about hosting this event each year, and we look forward to it again," Fuertges said.

Attorney General Robert Stephen was also on hand for the ceremonies and congratulated the Lady Tiger basketball team for its championship win and told the olympians how proud they make everyone.

"We're all proud of you, all the people in the state of Kansas. We thank you for enriching our lives," Stephen said.

Dale Chaffin, president-elect of

Kansas Special Olympics, handed out awards to several individuals and recognized those who have helped to bring the

olympics to Hays.

Cooper then introduced the NAIA National Basketball Champions, Head Coach John

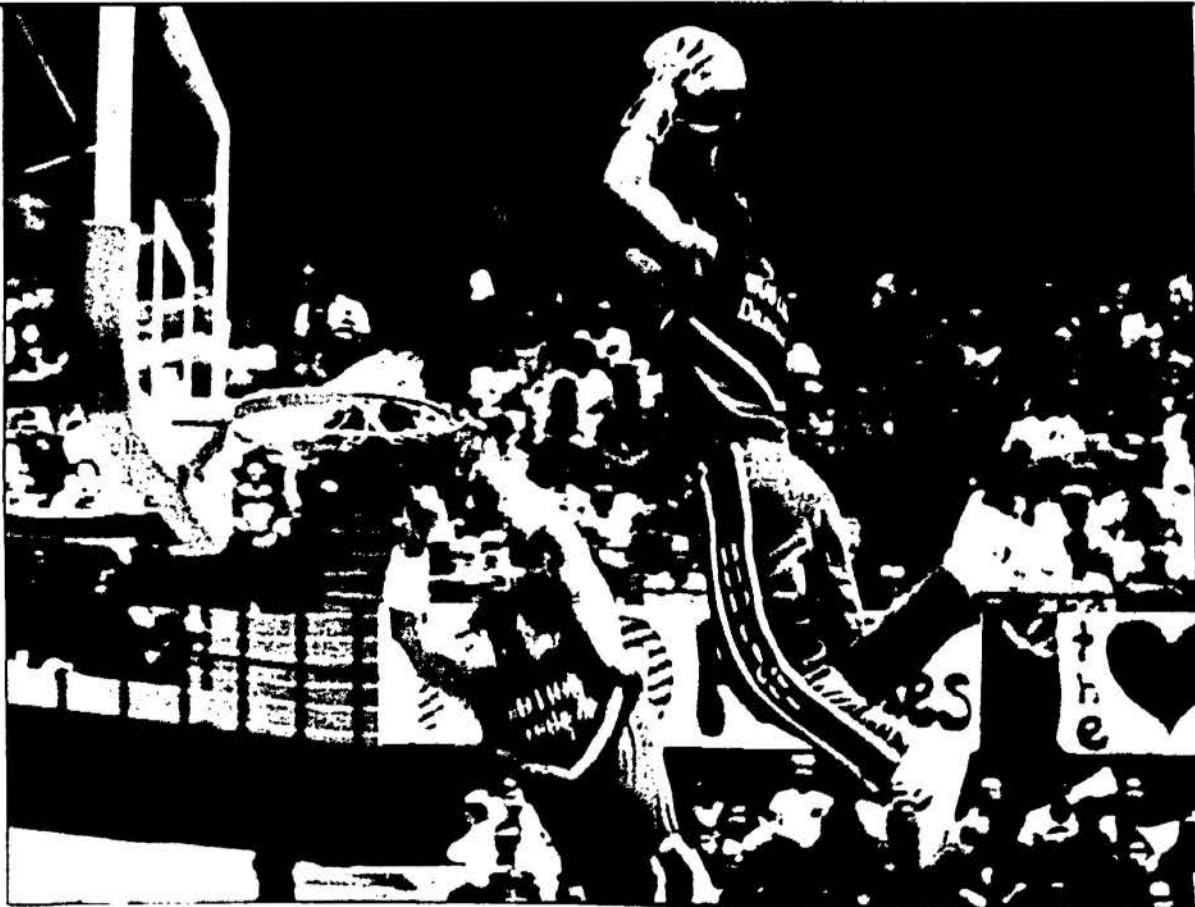
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Darris Sweet/Staff photographer

The Knights of Columbus hand a blank check to Dale Chaffin, president-elect of the Kansas Special Olympics, Thursday night at the opening ceremonies of the Kansas State Special Olympics basketball tournament.



Darris Sweet/Staff photographer

The Bud Light Daredevils finish out the Kansas State Special Olympics basketball tournament with their own special kind of play. The Daredevils, the nation's No. 1 acrobatic slam dunk team, have performed for audiences in Europe, Japan and Australia, as well as the United States.



John Collins/Staff Photographer

Participants from Lawrence and Birch Parsons state hospitals competed in a basketball game as part of the Kansas State Special Olympics basketball tournament Thursday afternoon. Teams participating in the Special Olympics competitions came from all areas of Kansas.

Special Olympians remind us of what life is all about

Athletes are some of the luckiest people in the world.

I'm not speaking of only professional athletes or college or even high school athletes, but people in general who have the physical abilities to participate in sports and recreational activities.

We so often forget how lucky we are to be in good health. We forget how lucky we are that we have legs to run with and arms to catch with. We so often forget how fortunate we are not be handicapped.

I went over to HPER early in the afternoon to take in a little basketball action. It was fantastic. The athletes put their hearts and souls into playing, and let me tell you, nothing is more exciting than watching them put the ball through the hoop. High fives are most appropriate.



Christina M. Humphrey
Sports editor

You can see the joy each athlete exudes when he or she makes a basket. You also see the team spirit. The athletes pat each other on the back when they make a good play. It's a joy to watch.

What impresses me most about these athletes is the utter joy they get simply from playing the game. We who are not Special Olympians forget what sports are really all about. It's not so much the win-

ning, but the ability to participate and interact with others.

I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers helping out at all the events during the Special Olympics. They take time out of their busy lives to make something special happen for the athletes. People with this characteristic of giving are so very special themselves. I salute you and thank you for your efforts and contributions.

We could all learn a lot from these very, very special people. They remind us what is truly important in life — love and friendship.

I had the pleasure to speak to some of the athletes. They are great. They are so heart-warming and friendly. It made my whole day, but most of all, it made me "think" and "thank."

It made me realize sometimes I forget what simple pleasures I have, such as the ability to take care of myself, make my own decisions, walk, run, ride a bike, go to college and do this without any handicaps. It also made me realize that I don't give thanks enough for these opportunities.

We need to take the time and thank God for our talents and basic human abilities. We, who are not Special Olympians, are blessed with our health, and we should not take it for granted.

I noticed something quite extraordinary about the Special Olympians. They don't want pity nor do they want to be looked at like they are different. They stand tall and proud and they work with what talent they were given. They are special, not because of their

handicaps, but because they know what is truly important in this world. They are bound and determined to live life to the fullest, no holds barred.

These athletes are firm believers in themselves and their abilities to compete. When the competition begins, they rise to the occasion like the true champions that they are. Each participant is a champion and a winner and each should be commended for their efforts and accomplishments.

I had the opportunity last night to attend the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympic basketball tournament. It was enlightening and very touching as the athletes paraded in with their families, coaches, volunteers and sponsors. It

was quite moving when the flame of hope was lit by the olympians.

I'd like to share a poem with you by Johnny Hart, author of the cartoon, B.C.

"Things I am thankful for: I am thankful that I have one leg, to limp is no disgrace. Although I can't be No. 1, I still can run the race. It's not the things you cannot do that make you what you are. It's doing good with what you've got, that lights the morning star."

You see, they are very special athletes and they deserve the best. I encourage you to take some time out and go watch the Special Olympics. I promise you it will give you a warm, fuzzy feeling inside, and it will bring a smile to your face. I'm still grinning from ear to ear.

NEWS IN SPORTS

New Players sign with FHSU football team

Head Coach Bob Cortese, who took the 1990 football team to its first ever post-season appearance, has signed 17 high school and two junior college

players to play for the Tigers. All the athletes are from Kansas except for one. Three of the athletes will play in the Shrine Bowl in August. They are Dustin McEwen and Mark Wahlmeier, both of Norton Community High School, and Clint Bedore of Stockton High School.

Intramural office announces deadlines for several events

The intramural office has announced deadlines for several sports activities.

The four-on-four volleyball tournament will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Entries are due today in the intramural office in Cunningham Hall.

Softball entries are also due today and play begins Monday. Bowling singles play at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Memorial Union.

Soccer Club to host Sterling College Saturday

The Fort Hays State Soccer Club hosts Sterling College Saturday. The kick off is 1 p.m.

Admission is free. Seating will be provided along with free coffee.

Baseball team to host Regis College in two doubleheaders

The Fort Hays State Tiger baseball team will play host to Regis College Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's and Sunday's double-headers start 12 p.m. at Larks Park.

The Tigers record now stands at 0-15.

Bo Jackson's career in sports may be over because of injury

Bo Jackson, left fielder for the Kansas City Royals and running back for the L.A. Raiders, may not be capable of playing either sport as a result of an injury to his left hip.

Sources have claimed that the hip is so severely injured that it will probably prevent Jackson from playing any sport again.

KU Jayhawks defeat the Indiana Hoosiers in Kentucky

Last night the Jayhawks of the

University of Kansas in Lawrence defeated the Indiana Hoosiers, 83-65.

The Jayhawks now advance to the quarterfinals to play against Arkansas University on March 21 in Charlotte, N.C.

Dykstra gets probation from baseball commissioner

Lenny Dykstra, outfielder for the Philadelphia Phillies, was given probation for his gambling activities by baseball commissioner, Fay Vincent.

Sheridan Hall office locations



The following are office listings for the new Sheridan Hall

First floor: Registrar, 106; Business Office, Loans/Grants, 108; Assistant Vice President for Administration and Finance, 110; Accounts Payable, 110; Cashiers, 110. Second floor: Vice President for Institutional Advancement, 202; University Relations, 204; Institutional Research, 206; Division of Student Affairs, 208; International Student Adviser, 208; Career Development and Placement Services, 214; and CAP office, 214. Third floor: Provost, 302; Assistant Provost and Dean of Continuing Education, 304; President, 312; Executive Assistant to the President, 312A; Assistant to the President, 314; Vice President for Administration and Finance, 318; Budget office, 318; Purchasing and Scheduling, 318; and Internal Auditor, 317.

Fitting contest invites all interested students

LeRoy Wilson
Staff writer

Students interested in competing in the Little International Livestock Fitting and Show contest may still sign up, Robert Rahe, Little International chairman, said.

The Little International is April 13.

The annual spring contest and awards banquet is one of many events sponsored by FHSU Block and Bridle Club.

Those interested can sign-up in the Memorial Union main lobby's

bulletin board or Albertson 318.

"All the interested student has to do," Rahe said, "is just sign their name and telephone number at these bulletin boards and we'll do the rest."

The annual contest is at the Livestock Pavilion, one-and-half miles north of the Gross Memorial Coliseum. The awards banquet will be at the Memorial Union.

Approximately 50 to 60 FHSU students participate annually in the contest, Rahe said.

"We have five major animals (beef, dairy, sheep, hogs, horses)

for the students to select from, and the selection in each species will be done three weeks prior to the April 13 contest," Rahe said.

Rahe explained the students will select a specific animal of their choice, they will utilize their skills in grooming and training the animal during the three-week period.

"During this time span, the students, all starting from scratch, will be competing for the awards and, at the same time, learning something new, as well having a lot of fun," Rahe said.

All the farm animals will be supplied by the FHSU farm, west of the campus.

During the three-week period, there will be a fitting demonstration, April 2, when local professionals will be on hand to provide advice in grooming and training for the students.

Next month, a practice showing will be at the pavilion. "Any FHSU student can participate, and they don't have to have any experience. Just interest in animals and the desire to compete," Rahe said.

Fair

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"This includes using rock or planting grass, trees and shrubs of the variety which do not require a lot of water," Calvert said.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is doing an exhibit on household hazardous waste, which will coincide with the opening of the waste disposal facility by the landfill.

"We are also going to have a fellow with the Kansas Rural Water Districts named Elmer Roddenbaum, and he is going to demonstrate low flow showerheads," Calvert said.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association and MUAB would like to thank all that helped and participated in the MDA Bowl-a-thon. Special thanks go to Auto World of Hays for their donation.

Calvert said many of the demonstrations are centered around water conservation because of the recent concern about the water supply in Hays.

Other booths include the Hays Beautification Committee, Wildlife and Parks and energy conservation demonstrations by Midwest Energy.

Calvert said there will not be as big of a campaign nationally as last year.

"We would really like to make this an annual event, because the fair shows people a lot of things. 'Earth Day is an idea we need to keep alive every day,'" Calvert said.

"Earth Day needs to be a way of life."

Bill Calvert, president of ECEA

Calvert said there will also be demonstrations of low water toilets and solar energy by companies from Salina and Great Bend.

He said there has been some controversy with the low water toilet, whether they get the job done or not.

He said Midwest Energy will be a drawing for approximately 25 free trees which will probably be larger trees of the water efficient variety like scrub oak or hackberry.

"Earth Day needs to be a way of life," Calvert said.

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PERSONAL

K-SNEA meeting March 28, 6 p.m. RM 307. Agenda includes officer elections for 1991-'92 and there will be a bonus for attending!

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority would like to congratulate the Lady Tiger basketball team on their excellent season.

Karen,
Hope you liked the flowers. Do you know who I am yet? If not, keep looking. Glad your alive. Your not-so-secret admirer

Live poet's society: free literary discussion on A.A. Milne at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 in the Pioneer Room, MU, public invited.

Tim,
Mom's on the way to recovery. Still looking forward to seeing you in May. I've written you, so now you have to write me. Takin' it easy down at the paper, but will probably still get out late. Not much else to say, so ... 'til next time.
Love,
Scott

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Dear Romantic,
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Romantic

Student Government Association announces elections for 1991-1992 school year will be held April 11th and 12th. Intent to run forms are due March 29th by 5 p.m. Forms are available at the SGA office in the Memorial Union. If you have any questions, contact the SGA office at 628-5311.

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There's something going on.
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