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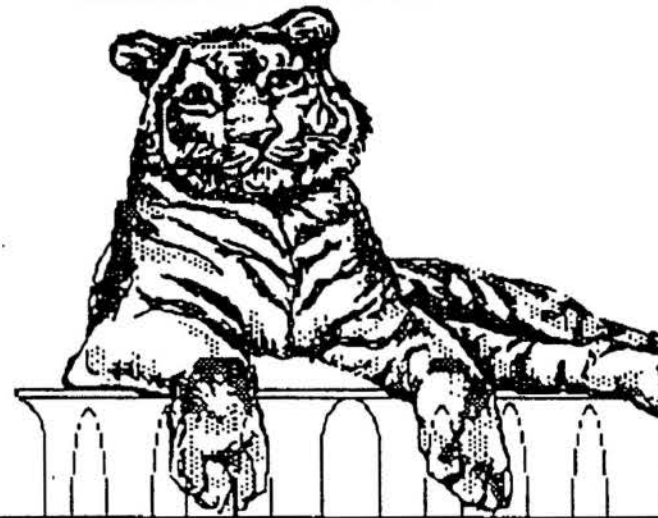
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Briefs

Campus & Community

Hays Medical Center

Living with Cancer, a support and education group for persons and their families affected by cancer, will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in the East Meeting room of the Annex at the St. Anthony-Campus of Hays Medical Center.

For further information contact Connie Witman at 625-7301, Ext. 378.

The next meeting of the "Compassionate Friends" and "Living Through Grief" groups will be tonite at 7 p.m. in the conference center on the St. Anthony campus of Hays Medical Center.

For more information contact Darlene Misegadiaz at 625-7301, Ext. 331.

Northwest Kansas Singles

The Northwest Kansas Singles Club sponsors a dance at 8 p.m. every other Thursday at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays.

There will be a dance tonight with music by SunCountry. Music for the June 27 dance will be provided by S.L.Y. Ridge.

For more information call Betty Clark at 628-2550.

Local

170th to leave Saudi

Members of the 170th Maintenance Company, which consists of individuals from Hays, Colby and Goodland unit is to arrive at Forbes Field, Topeka, at the beginning of next week.

Summer entertainment planned for everyone

Sarah Simpson
Copy editor

Many Fort Hays State and Hays community organizations have activities scheduled this summer, all of which are open to both students and community members.

The Memorial Union Activities Board will offer two concerts performed by the Hays Summer Band. The band will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 and Tuesday, June 25 on the patio in front of the Memorial Union.

The Hays Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company will provide free Pepsi at the June 18 performance and the Memorial Union Bookstore will provide free lemonade on June 22.

A special concert will be given by the Hays Summer Band at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4 at Old Fort Hays. Free watermelon will be provided.

All three concerts will last approximately one hour and blankets or lawn chairs should be brought.

The FHSU Theater department will perform "The Dining Room" at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30 at Felten-Start Theater.

"This play is about changing social mores in the U.S. during the decade of the 80's," Willis Watt, director of the play, said.

It is also about changes in inter-

personal relationships, he said.

The cast is made up of students and community members, though most are FHSU students, Watt said.

In addition, the FHSU Music department will be performing the summer musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11, Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Felten-Start Theater.

The musical is based on the characters in the comic strip Peanuts, created by Charles M. Schulz.

A small admission fee will be charged for both plays, though the amount is not yet known.

The Ellis County Fair will be held July 21 - 28 at the Ellis County Fairgrounds, and several grandstand events are scheduled.

A concert will be given by Laurie Morgan and Highway 101 at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24.

Other concerts include "30 Years of Rock and Roll" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 and Winger at 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 26.

Tickets are \$10 for each concert. The Hot Rod Truck and Tractor Pull will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 21. Tickets are \$8.

The PRCA Rodeo is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23. Tickets for this event will be \$6.

At 6:30 Saturday, July 27, the 12th Annual Lion's Club Demo Derby will be held. Tickets are \$8.

Contributions Campaign raises \$10 million in two months

Rebecca Isom
Staff writer

The completion of a successful local and area spring fund drive, the best telethon ever last fall and other gifts from alumni and friends, enabled the Fort Hays State Endowment Association to have a banner year in 1990-1991, Adolph Reisig, Executive director of the Endowment Association said.

The donations to the university through the association last year totalled approximately \$1.5 million. Gifts such as land, buildings, cash and pledges are included in the final figures.

"Our figures do not include the monies raised and pledged for the University's capital campaign drive," Reisig said.

In April, the university initiated a three-year, \$20 million capital



Dan Wieggers/Photo editor

Flipping Buggers - Faizal Momin, Hays graduate student, flips hamburgers at last night's MUAB outdoor concert featuring Mark Sellby and the Sluggers.

For \$12.50, a 1991 Ellis County Fun Card can be purchased. This card admits the bearer to all grandstand events.

Tickets can be purchased by writing to Ellis County Fair c/o GB Records, 106 W. 9th, Hays, Kans., 67601.

contributions campaign which has seen more than \$10 million pledged in the first two months.

Reisig said that the spring fund drive, chaired by Hays businessman Bob Meckenstock, and the telethon, chaired by Jack McCullick, Dean of the FHSU College of Business, and Mike Nelson, Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, brought in approximately \$700,000.

Bob Masters chaired the faculty

drive which exceeded their goal of \$40,000.

"Most of that money will be used for scholarships for academically outstanding or needy students," Reisig said.

Reisig said, "I want to thank those who contributed and the volunteer workers for making the past year such a tremendous success for both the University and the Endowment Association."

Commentary

It is not over until they all come home

The Persian Gulf War is over and the administration is finally turning its attention back to the concerns of our own country. Those who fought in Desert Storm and those who were in Vietnam deserve a hero's welcome and all the support and praise of a job well done. Even so, aren't the festivities a little premature? Shouldn't all those intended to receive commendation be given the opportunity to attend the celebrations? Are families and friends going to rejoice with their loved ones still half way around the world?

The 170th Maintenance Unit of the Kansas National Guard, with many Hays residents among them, will not return to the United States until next week. They're not the only ones that missed the parades in Washington D.C. and New York City last weekend.

The Vietnam vets have waited for years for the recognition and appreciation they deserve, will those veterans of Desert Storm who were still in the Middle East miss their kudos also?

John Collins

Photo staff



During her campaigning last year, "populist" Gov. Joan Finney promised that her number one priority for the 1991 session would be property tax relief. When the legislature wisely rejected her sales tax plan, Gov. Finney simply refused to cooperate and the legislature was forced it's own relief package.

The legislatures plan would have:
 •Raised \$50 million by increasing the sales tax from 4.25 to 4.5 percent.

•Increased income taxes for married people with combined incomes of over \$50,000 a year and for singles earning over \$35,000.

The legislatures plan would have increased aid to school districts by \$41.5 million instead of cutting it. It would also have provided money to the states Universities which have had to make cuts. Because school districts sole sources of funding are state aid and property taxes, there is a chance that property taxes could go up \$120 million state wide.

A little chat with Finney

Gov. Finney pronounced the legislature's plan dead on arrival, vetoed it and then celebrated victory when a last minute legislative override attempt failed. Telling voters that it was up to them to make sure that local school districts cut their budgets, instead of raising property taxes and insuring that Universities across the state were forced to make cuts.

I can just imagine the conversation that would take place if I called Gov. Finney to find out the reasoning behind her actions. I would imagine that her number is probably (913) 555-HARP.

Ring ... ring ... ring ...
 "Hello you have reached Gov. Finney's office, her daughter speaking."

"Yes, this is John Collins, might I have a word with Gov. Finney."

"I'm sorry ... my mom, I mean the Governor is not available at the moment she's taking harp lessons, might I have her call you back? Wait a minute, here she comes now."

"This is Gov. Finney, who am I speaking to?"

"John Collins ma'am, I had a few questions on your veto."

"Yes, I feel that was a great success, even though I isolated myself from the rest of my party and will face a hostile legislature next year."

"Ma'am, what I was wondering was why you did that after calling yourself a populist during your election. Wasn't the populist movement made up of farmers who advocated an income tax and would have surely opposed any increase in property taxes."

"Well John, an increase in property taxes can still be avoided if 'the people' keep pressure on their local school boards to cut expenses."

"But, ma'am but school districts already made cuts under Hayden, they're already down to the bone, would you ask them to cut down to the marrow?"

"Well ..."

"And what about the Universities? Aren't they one of the few things, besides Dorothy, that Kansas is known for. They had to revise their summer schedules, offering fewer courses. What about those students who lost classes they needed to graduate this summer?"

"Now John, don't you worry, I've got the solution. When the legislature reconvenes I'll politely ask them to remove the sales tax exemption on lemonade stands so that I can fund a committee to study the problem."

"But ..."

"Well got to go, the harp's waiting."

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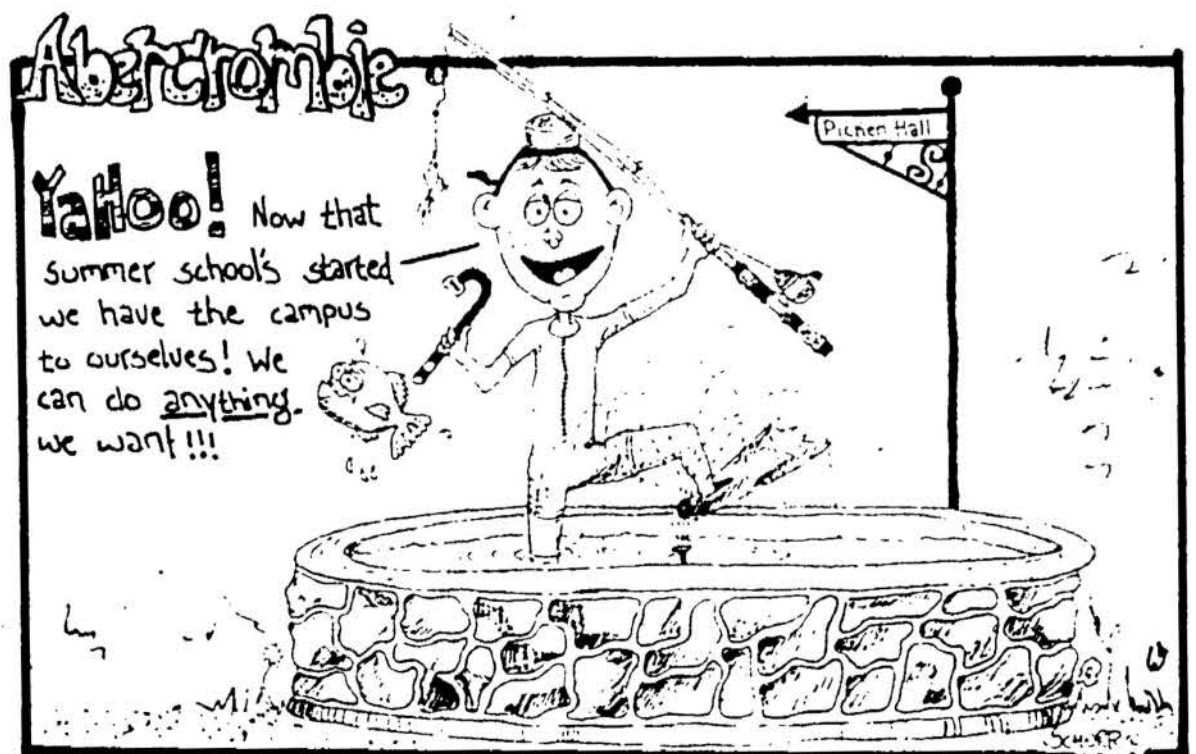
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Faculty Senate continues debate over Academic Clemency

Brian Pawley
Copy editor

At the June 3 Faculty Senate meeting, academic clemency was on the agenda again as Fort Hays State faculty and students continued work on a policy whereby students can return to school and work to amend their transcripts.

Presently, only the Faculty Senate policy passed March 5, 1991, has been forwarded to President Edward Hammond for adoption. Its main tenants include:

- Undergraduates may petition the Academic Appeals Committee to have up to 15 hours, at the students discretion, removed from their cumulative grade point average.
- Student must maintain a 2.5 average in 24 hours of course work following a two year layoff to be eligible.
- The classes must be non-major classes, or classes that are no longer offered.
- And all courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript with the added notation "academic clemency has been granted."

Willis Watt, Faculty Senate president, said, "Hammond has requested a student response to the policy passed by the Faculty Senate."

On February 28, 1991, the Student Government Association resolved to support academic clem-

ency; however, they disagree on three points of the faculty's policy.

First, they believe that in addition to the grade being omitted from the cumulative grade point average, it should also be omitted from the transcript. The course(s) name(s) should remain on the student's transcript with the notation "academic clemency has been granted."

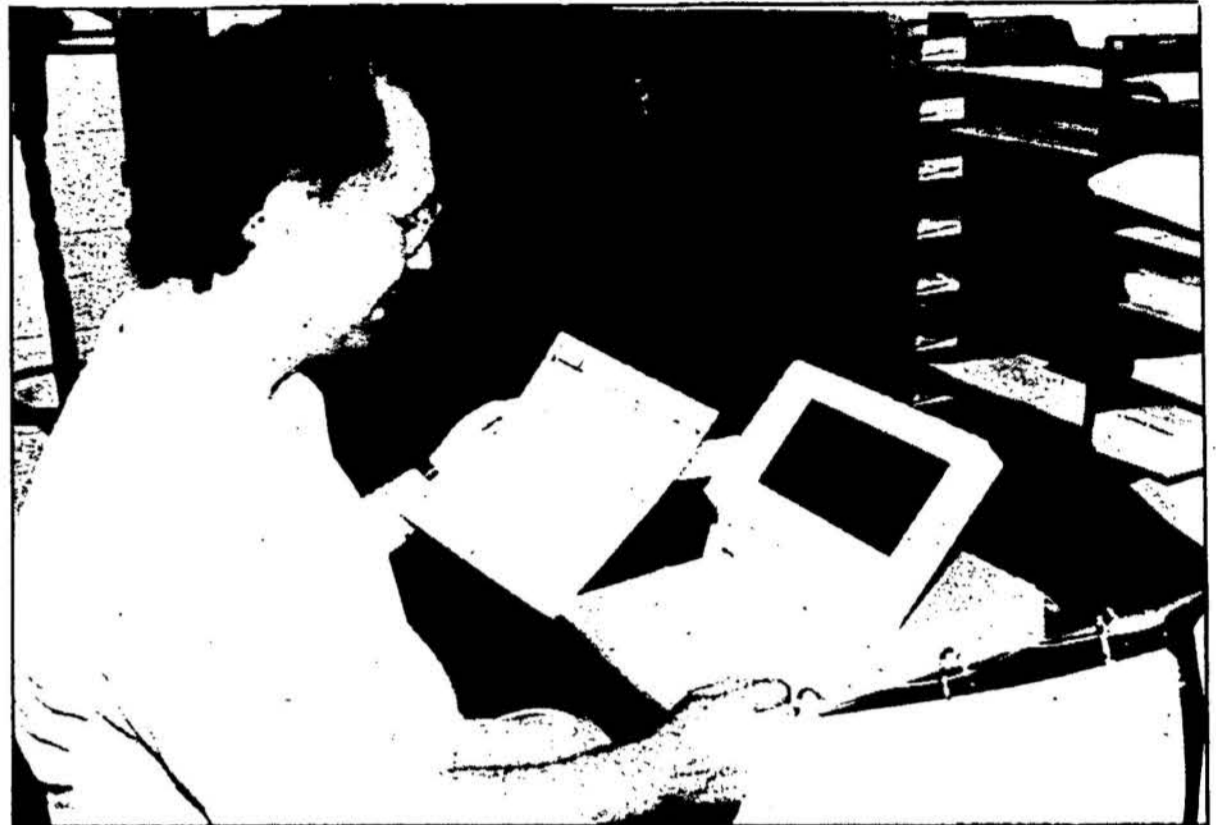
Second, the "pick and choose" option should be eliminated from the policy. Academic clemency should be granted in units of a whole semester without regard to the number of credit hours taken during that semester.

Finally, a maximum of two, one semester units should be allowed per student.

Watt said, "Although I voted in favor of our policy, I like the student's policy. It's much more strict." The strictness comes from eliminating the "pick and choose" option and removing the grade from the transcript.

He said that these two elements will make students really consider the ramifications of dropping a semester. For most students, this would entail dropping passing grades from their transcripts. Watt said it also makes academic clemency a step beyond repeating a class by removing the grade and entering the disclaimer.

Upon being pressed about the



Dan Wiegers/Photo editor

Working out the details - Bill Watt, President of Faculty Senate, studies the proposed academic clemency that faculty senate and student affairs have been working on for the past few years, in hopes that someday the dispute over the bill will be resolved.

ramifications for FHSU, he said it could positively reflect the enlightened views of the university by giving students a second chance; however, there could be negative responses as employers see inflated grades.

He also said that most employers and graduate schools are professional and will look at the individual as opposed to stereotyping FHSU.

Watt said he also believes Hammond is showing his wisdom in not modifying the policy himself.

"By the Faculty Senate and Student Senate working together to incorporate modifications, a good solid joint policy will be developed for FHSU," Watt said.

When the Senates meet this fall, a seven year debate may be resolved.

Corrections

In the June 6 issue of the University Leader an error was made in the story, "Tax bill veto causes budget cuts."

Larry Gould, executive assistant to the president was misquoted as saying 80 to 85 percent of classes were cut from the summer class

schedule. The quote should have read that 80 to 85 percent of classes on the original schedule will remain during the summer session.

The University Leader editorial staff apologizes for any inconvenience this might have caused its readers.

Rodeo Club sends two to College National Finals Rodeo in Montana

Jon Runger
Copy editor

Two FHSU students will be heading to Bozeman, Mont. June 16-22 to put their title hopes on the line at the College National Finals Rodeo.

FHSU rodeo team sponsor Gary Brower said both Rob Hendrickson, Caputo, S.D. junior and Joe Clevenger, Colony senior, "have a shot at winning national awards and

scholarships."

Hendrickson finished the season as the reserve champion bareback rider in the Central Plains Region. Brower expects him to be among the front runners "if he gets a horse that will buck."

"He needs a horse that is a hard buck so that he scores higher," Brower said.

Hendrickson needs to score an 80 or above from the two judges, who each give two scores for a possible 100.

"The first is from 1-25 points based on the horse, and how hard of a buck it is. The second is from 1-25 based on the rider," Brower said.

Hendrickson finished in the top two places in each of 13 regions.

Brower said he predicts that Clevenger, a bull rider, may also score well if he "draws a spinning bull, the kind he is good at riding."

Clevenger is finishing a term as the region's student director.

"He will be representing 23 colleges at the event, and will be attending meetings each day" Brower said.

Brower said he has a lot of confidence that Clevenger will do well. He finished 18th in the region.

Also making the trip will be Coach Bronc Rumford, Abbyville, trainer Kelly Norton, Hays senior, and Brower.

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Feature

Professor moves on after 21 years service; Dean Nelson heads to North Eastern Missouri State

Rebecca Isom
Staff writer

Even the squirrels feel comfortable visiting Mike Nelson. They perch on the window ledge outside his office and feed on the nuts put there for their lunch.

In the fall of 1970 Nelson was hired by Fort Hays State as an assistant professor of geology. In 1973 he was appointed chairman of the earth science department. In January of 1991 he became Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Nelson will be leaving next week to become head of the science division at North Eastern Missouri State in Kirksville, Mo. He will be working with approximately 60 scientists rather than the humanities, social sciences and science departments he chaired at FHSU.

"My leadership style has been influenced by two very important people in my life - Provost Jim Murphy and Leland Bartholomew, the former dean of Arts and Sciences," Nelson said.

"Jim has taught me about the tremendous value of quiet diplomacy. He is a strong supporter of the academic side of the university and works extremely hard for the department and faculty.

"Leland Bartholomew taught me that problems can not be solved without the support of the faculty. A dean needs to work very closely with departmental leaders," Nelson said.

When Nelson and his wife arrived at FHSU, he told her that they would only be in Hays a couple of

years. That was 21 years ago.

He said there were four reasons he would miss the campus.

"I enjoy the students and the faculty. Many of the faculty that were here when I arrived are still here today. They are a group of dedicated professionals.

"The university has been good to me and Hays has been a good place to raise our two children," he said.

The geology department was started in 1960, and he has instructed 90 percent of the students who have graduated in geology from FHSU.

He said his greatest accomplishment is "my rapport with the graduates. They write or stop by to tell me how things are going with them."

Nelson and his wife, who works for Murphy, have purchased a home in the woods by a lake near Kirksville which is in northeastern Missouri. He said it has been a dream of his to live closer than 50 miles to a good fishing hole.

Their son will be a junior at Angelo State in Texas, and their daughter is a freshman at Emporia State.

He decided not to apply for a position as Dean of Arts and Sciences because, "I believe FHSU needs an external dean to guide the Arts and Sciences department."

In leaving Kansas Nelson said, "I am extremely concerned about leadership in the statehouse. I want to work under a governor who is concerned about education. The young people of Kansas are our most valuable resource. I do not see this support in the Kansas statehouse."



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Astronomy open house scheduled for tomorrow

The physics department will offer an Astronomy open house tomorrow night in Alberston 108 room.

Members of the physics club will escort groups to the observatory for a telescopic view of the western sky which will include views of Venus, Jupiter and the first-quarter moon.

Along with observing the sky through the telescope, spectators will be invited to view a 30-minute long video about astronomy which will shown in room Albertson108.

'The Grapes of Frath' to be performed in the Union

The Paw Palette Players of the Hays Arts Council and the Humane Society of the High Plains are going to present the play "The Grapes of Frath" at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday in the Memorial Union.

The cost of the play is \$15.00 per person which will include a dinner and viewing of the play. Reservations are available through Hays Arts Council or the Humane Society. Reservations should be made before tomorrow.

Student Health to offer free blood pressure checks

The Student Health Center is sponsoring a clinic for people of all ages to have their blood pressure checked by registered nurses.

The clinic is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 in the lobby outside of the Memorial Union cafeteria.

Center director Patti Scott said the clinic is open to people of all ages. More information is available from the center.

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