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### Photo exhibit recalls Big Creek floods this month

There is a photo exhibit on display in Forsyth Library through the end of July. The photos feature the Big Creek floods of 1951 and are on the main floor of Forsyth.

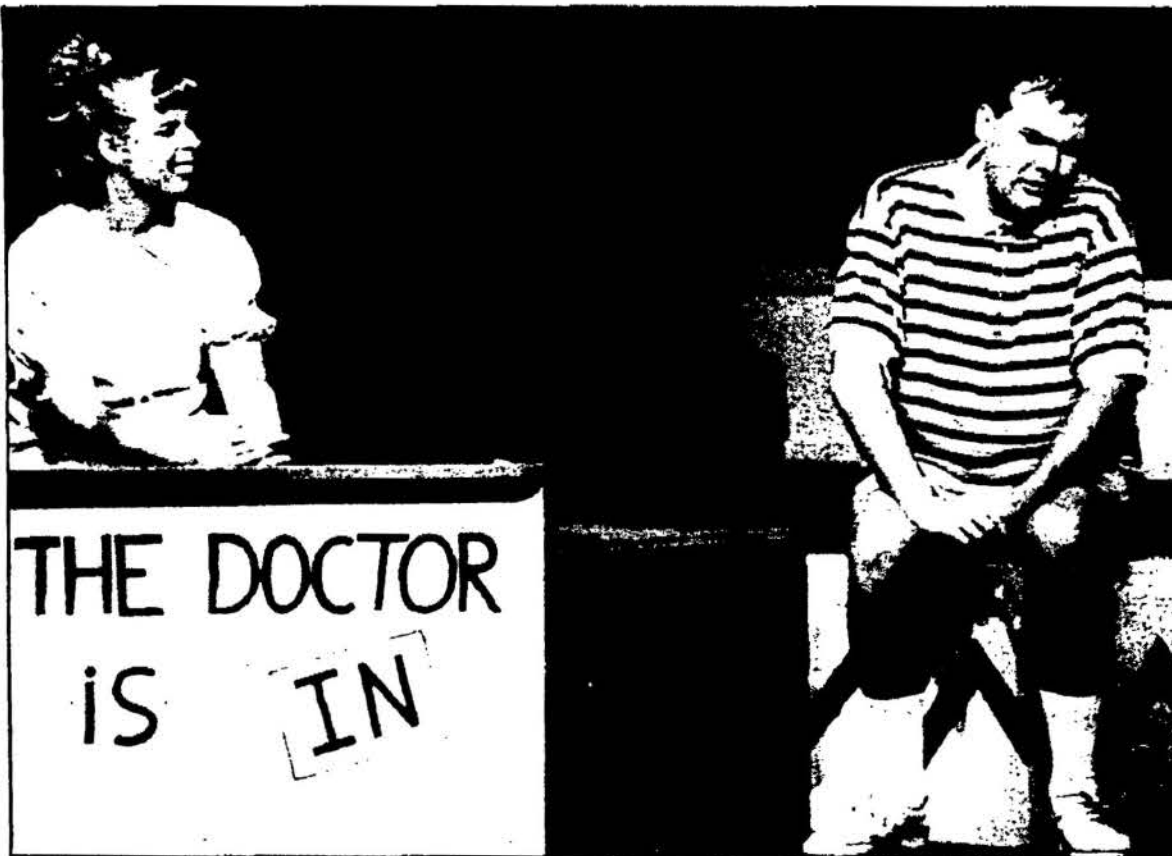
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### Blood pressure screening in Memorial Union lobby.

Area residents wishing to have their blood pressure checked may do so from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesday in the main lobby of the Memorial Union.

The clinic is free and registered nurses will provide the checks.

For more information call the Student Health Center at 628-5901.



Dan Wieggers/Photo editor

Tell me your problems - Charlie Brown, James Van Doran, Hays freshman, tells Lucy, Amy Rasmussen, Hays freshman, what is troubling him. The two will perform in the musical "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown."

## Musical opens tonight

Sarah Simpson  
Copy editor

The Fort Hays State Music department will present this summer's musical "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at 8 p.m. today through Saturday in Felten-Start Theater.

The musical is based on "Peanuts," a comic strip created by Charles Schulz and examines occurrences in the lives of its characters.

Rager Moore, director of the musical, said, "The play's full of little scenes, each one is part of the everyday life of Charlie Brown and his friends."

There is no real plot to this musical, as it is made of several unlinked

scenes, Moore said.

He said he believes everyone will enjoy the play because it is easy to relate to.

"It speaks to the human condition. Things happen to the characters that happen to all of us. We can relate to it because we've been there," Moore said.

The cast consists of mostly FHSU students, although two are community members.

Rhonda Johnson who portrays Peppermint Patty, is a teacher in Ellis and Eddie Rasmussen, Linus, will be a senior at Hays High School.

Other cast members are: James Van Doran, Hays freshman, plays Charlie Brown; Jeff Morrison, Great

Bend senior, as Schroeder; Spring Trail, Osborne senior, as Snoopy; Amy Rasmussen, Hays freshman, and Angela Johnson, Atlanta senior, as Lucy.

The part of Lucy is portrayed by two women because of the great talent of the two, Moore said.

Rasmussen will play the part Thursday and Saturday, and Johnson will be Lucy on Friday.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased before 7 p.m. each day at the Student Service Center. After 7 p.m. tickets will be sold at the box office in Malloy Hall.

All seats are general admission, however every seat is excellent, Moore said.

## Child care centers combine services

Wayne Farminer  
Managing editor

Hoping of keeping a strong program alive, the Early Childhood Development Center decided to combine its program with the Community Child Care Center and Preschool of Hays.

The announcement, made at a news conference July 1, is effective immediately.

The idea of a merge between the two facilities had been discussed previously.

In the mid-1970's the two groups launched a joint building drive, but have now agreed to join for one particular reason.

"Both our organizations have a long history of serving children in the community," Susan Bittel, ECDC school relations coordinator, said.

Another reason was the two preschools compliment each other with varying hours and programs that will benefit families by combining them at one site.

Janie Shelden, acting director of ECDC, said combining with the day care will allow them to provide after school services for children up to 12 years old all at one place.

Even though plans for a new facility are not complete, there are a couple of ideas being considered by the administrators.

One of the ideas is to add on to the present ECDC building, while the other proposal would use space in existing facilities at Fort Hays State.

The building being considered for the facility is McGrath Hall, which is near the ECDC building.

McGrath was at one time a residence hall, but now stands vacant.

Moving to a new facility or adding on to the existing ECDC build-

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# Commentary

## Freedom of expression gets another bad rap

The First Amendment is in grave danger.

A 15-year-old shot and killed a man in Dodge City on April 16. The shooting occurred during the early morning hours after the young man had been drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. And yet the defense attorney is claiming a rap song provoked him to shoot a man in the head.

The rap music was indeed offensive. It did advocate racial violence. But to let a person who stole a rifle, used illegal drugs and was drinking while under age get away with murder is not only an affront to the judicial system of the United States of America, but is an attack on the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The freedom of speech is constantly under attack and the last thing we need is a lawyer desperate to win a case using musical expression already targeted by the legal community.

It is agreed that the lyrics and subject matter was tasteless, however, it is the inalienable right of the "artists" to record and of people to buy, what they want. A 15-year-old should not have access to such material, but then again he should not be able to obtain alcohol or marijuana. It was his choice to smoke and drink and listen to the music. It was also his choice to shoot a man, and he should be held accountable for that choice.

If this is allowed as a defense, it will open the doors for censorship. Is book burning or restrictions on the press far behind?

## Justice Thurgood Marshall's resignation silences liberal voice of U.S. Supreme Court

Sarah Simpson

Copy editor



With the recent resignation of Justice Thurgood Marshall from the Supreme Court, it has become obvious that this country is heading for a quick slide back to the Dark Ages.

Since President George Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to fill this role, it is apparent where this slide will occur.

Much of the change can be summed up by the phrase Bush used while trying to decide his nominee; "I am looking for the best man for the job." Man being the operative word.

The fact that our President, a person who is suppose to represent all of us, could be so blatantly sexist, certainly sets the tone for what is to come.

If Thomas replaces Marshall, the conservative influence in this coun-

try will be drastically increased. Much of the freedom we enjoy today may be revoked because of the conservative outlook.

One such freedom is that of expression. The ability to say and do what we want, within the boundaries of the law, is one of the most important freedoms we have. However, if some conservatives get their way, our ability to do this will be lessened and possibly removed.

Another impact this could have is a change in prisoner's rights. Several conservatives are fighting to revoke prisoners rights, saying that prisoners do not deserve to be protected against things such as cruel and unusual punishment.

Basically, the conservatives are saying that prisoners are below the level of household pets, since animal abuse is unacceptable, yet prisoner abuse is fine.

This idea seems ridiculous to me. These prisoners, no matter what they've done, deserve to be treated with at least a little bit of common decency.

Another, and perhaps the most

controversial battle, will be fought with the topic of abortion.

The conservatives are hoping to overturn Roe v. Wade in the next Supreme Court session. A decision like this could have serious repercussions.

Since the U.S. is split on this topic, another change could set off the same violence and disputes that the original decision did.

Time has passed since the decision was handed down, and the uproar it once caused has decreased considerably. Overturning this case would send us back to that time of intense conflict.

Since the problems created by this difference of opinion are intense even today, just imagine them intensified by a drastic change in policy.

A shift to the conservative could alter so much of what we know as America. Perhaps Justice Marshall knew this was coming.

Maybe he decided to get out before everything the Supreme Court had accomplished was thrown to the wolves.

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ing is important as CCCC is losing space due to increasing enrollment at Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy Elementary School in USD 489 school district.

The administration hopes to have the plan completed in three years.

"Our goal in this joint effort is to provide a place where parents have access to many services by visiting one site," Janis Sheldon, Acting ECDC Director, said.

For the 1991-92 school year, which will be the transition year, staff and programs will remain virtually identical.

Cheryl Morgan, acting director of the CCCC, said the daycare will still be able to offer the same programs to as many children this fall as last year, although some classes will be moved to the gymnasium and cafeteria.

The daycare expects enrollment to be between 125 and 135 children this fall.

Galen Pfeifer, president of the CCCC board of directors, said the merging of the agencies will be in the best interest of the children of Hays.

## Computing Center purchases million dollar IBM mainframe



Dan Wieggers/Photoeditor

A new computer - Keith Faulkner, director of Fort Hays State Computer Center, demonstrates the new mainframe computer.

Cindy Hertel  
Staff writer

"It's just like buying a new car except we pay \$212,000 each October," Keith Faulkner, director of Fort Hays State Computer Center, said.

Faulkner was referring to the new \$1,243,000 equipment installed at FHSU on June 28. IBM technicians replaced the existing mainframe computer in Martin Allen Hall with an ES9000 Model 260.

"It is very expensive," Faulkner said, "because we are getting in on the life cycle of new technology. We chose the beginning of the life cycle because it will get us through the '90s, and we can spread the payment over 10 years rather than five."

An initial payment of \$300,000, some of which came from the Computer Center's funds and some of which came from the university's general use fund, was made.

According to Faulkner, the old mainframe was in good condition, but the cost of upgrading it a third time wasn't justifiable since it was at the end of its technological life cycle.

Instead, FHSU traded it in, and IBM will refurbish it and sell it to someone whose needs it will meet.

Because of the rapid computerization on campus, meeting the needs of FHSU was something the old

mainframe could no longer do.

"During peak times, users were having to wait 15 to 20 seconds for the computer to respond to a command," Faulkner said, "and that adds up."

The new computer is three times as fast and has eight times the memory as the old system. This not only allows for instantaneous response to commands, but it also has the capacity to run two new application programs which couldn't be run on the old system.

Taking full advantage of the new machine, however, will entail installing two new operating systems.

One of the switch-overs will occur one week before the 1991 fall enrollment and will improve computer response time.

"Support personnel who use it daily have already commented on response time," Faulkner said, "and faculty and students involved in on-line enrollment will also see a big improvement in response time."

Students who own an IBM compatible microcomputer can also take advantage of the new technology.

"In order to get in, they need a modem on their microcomputer and proper security, issued through the Center," Faulkner said.

On-campus students are charged \$25 per semester since the university supplies the wiring. There is no charge for off-campus students.

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## First ever capital fund drive exceeds \$11 million

Rebecca Isom  
Staff writer

For the first time in its 90 year history, Fort Hays State has entered a capital fund drive campaign. Since

"Campaign FHSU" kicked off in April, the drive has generated over \$11 million.

Mickey Spillane, noted author and former FHSU student, accepted the national chairmanship of the

campaign. President Edward Hammond and Spillane announced the \$20 million goal at an invitation-only celebration April 19.

The drive targeted eight areas for enhancement of FHSU programs and facilities including: academic enhancement, Sternburg Museum, alumni-endowment center, Lewis Field Stadium, international program, performing arts endowment, scholarship and loan fund endowment, and expanded electrification of the campus.

Hammond said the campaign has concentrated, so far, on Sheridan renovations, scholarships and computing technology.

The first major renovation at Lewis Field Stadium since its construction in 1935 will follow enabling full use of the track, field and buildings for the first time in many years.

Hammond said, "As the international student population increases, so does the need for an international center as a student gathering place, one which will provide a global focus for FHSU."

Hammond said, "The next announcement for 'Campaign FHSU' will occur during homecoming week. At that time we will update the list of contributors and the amount of monies received."

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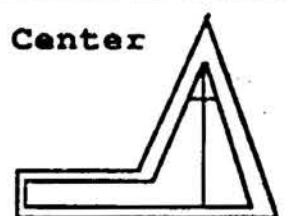
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# Feature



Dan Wieggers/Photo editor

Looking over the campus - (left to right) Shahram Cham, Mike Pirzadeh and David Noorani look over the changes that have been made to Sheridan since they left Hays.

## Old friends, FHSU alumni reunited

Twenty years after leaving Fort Hays State, and wondering if they would ever meet again, three individuals returned to the campus to relive old memories.

Mike Pirzadeh, David Noorani, and Shrahram Cham, all of whom are from Iran, were a part of the first International Student Union at FHSU in 1971.

After graduating, each went their separate ways and were unable to keep in touch with one another, until a strange thing happened, Noorani said.

"I went on a business trip with Texaco to Houston six months ago, and I looked up the phone numbers of David and Shahram along with another friend of ours (Massoud Dabiri), and out of the bunch I found Dabiri's," Noorani said.

"The funny thing about that is he has never had his phone number listed until this year.

"So I called his phone number, and that is when he told me where Shahram and Mike were living so I called them up and it's been total happiness since then," Noorani said. After visiting with each other, they all decided to come back to visit Hays and the campus.

"We wanted to come back to Hays to relive all of our college memories," Noorani said.

"Even though we attended other colleges before coming to Fort Hays, when we all sit down to reminisce about the days of college, we always talk about the days we spent at Hays," Cham said.

One of the major items they noticed about the campus, beside Rarick Hall being constructed and the basketball gymnasium (Gross Memorial Coliseum), was how Sheridan Coliseum has changed over the years.

"When we were here, Sheridan was where the basketball games were played, and there was a swimming pool in the basement of the building," Pirzadeh said.

"Overall everything looks the same except for those few buildings," Noorani said.

Despite some of the buildings changing over the years, they still remember one faculty member, who still teaches at FHSU.

"The teacher we remember the most was the recreation advisor and the bowling instructor Bill Moyer," Cham said.

"We really enjoyed having him as a teacher when we were here," Noorani said.

While in Hays the group decided to take a drive down Main Street to see if much as changed over the past 20 years.

"As for the city of Hays changing dramatically over the years, it hasn't changed too much, but from what I have heard, the social activities have changed a lot," Noorani said.

"When we were students at the university, the thing to do on weekends was to drag Main Street honking the horns, and when we had to stop at a red light, we would get out of our cars and talk to the girls," Pirzadeh said.

"While I was going to school here, I used to work at the Varsity Drive-In, and I used to sell beer at the window, so I was a pretty popular guy on the weekend," Cham said.

When people were not cruising the streets, most individuals spent their time at a bar just off Main Street.

"Everybody used to go to the Brass Rail and have a good time there just visiting with friends," Cham said.

"The three of us used to go there every opportunity we had and pay that place our respects," Cham said.

Despite all of their happy times at FHSU, the three give much of the credit and success they had to one particular individual.

"Dean Jean (Stouffer) helped us out tremendously with everything," Noorani said.

"She was always willing to help

the foreign students anytime she could and half the time we didn't understand her and she couldn't understand us," Noorani said.

"Anytime we needed to move or go back to our country to visit, she would contact the Department of Immigration to get permission and to obtain our visas so we could return home for awhile," Cham said.

"We depended on her a lot and our relationship with her was very special," he said.

Even though college life at FHSU was exciting in its own way for them, one particular item stands out in their minds when they think about the city of Hays, its people and the university.

"Being foreign students, the col-

lege and community treated us very well," Noorani said.

"The host families we spent time with over the holidays were extremely nice. They welcomed us into their homes and prepared us American food, so in return, we would prepare them international foods," Cham said.

"The host families were great to us during the holidays and that helped to brighten our stay at FHSU," Noorani said.

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