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# The University LEADER

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## Air quality results to be released next week

**Melissa Chaffin**  
Senior copy editor

Results from the air quality investigation in Rarick Hall will be released early next week.

Ramsey-Schilling Consulting Group, Inc., Overland Park, an environmental consulting firm, was hired in January to investigate ventilation in Rarick Hall.

The investigation consisted of three phases: a fact gathering process from

interviews and files, actual testing and sampling for chemicals and the preparation of a report with recommendations.

As a result of testing and chemical sampling done last Thursday, Feb. 25, Ramsey-Schilling discovered "higher than normal" levels of carbon monoxide in at least two rooms on the third floor, Rarick 350 and 351.

A PROFS note issued on the morning of Friday, Feb. 26, by Cindy Cline, secretary to Larry Gould, Dean of

College of Arts and Sciences, stated rooms 350 and 351 would be closed this week Monday through Friday to allow for extensive testing of the air quality.

The PROFS note said departments with regularly scheduled classes in those rooms were to be relocated by Eric King, director of facilities planning.

Rarick 350 is the History Library and Rarick 351 is a classroom.

King said, "The consultants found

some higher than average levels of carbon monoxide in those rooms."

King said he did not know what level of carbon monoxide poisoning is considered dangerous for either adults or children.

Officials at Ramsey-Schilling also refused to comment on what the carbon monoxide tests showed. Officials at the firm referred all questions back to King.

He said additional testing was done by someone from the Department of

Human Resources on Friday, Feb. 26, whose instruments were "geared more toward carbon monoxide" and found the levels to be lower than average.

King said they will continue to test and monitor the building.

"We're going to continue to investigate it until we feel comfortable we have an answer," King said.

Wednesday night the rooms were again tested by both Ramsey-Schilling and the representative from the Department of Human Resources to

monitor any differences, however, King would not comment on the results.

The results of the investigation in Rarick Hall will be released early next week, King said.

"I don't know if there's any danger in this at all. Just in the event, there's a problem we've closed off (Rarick 350 and 351)," King said.

The chemistry department was unavailable for comment about the effects of carbon monoxide.

## Qualified admissions passed

**Crystal Holdren**  
Managing editor

For high school students, the senate bill 332 will have an effect on their lives if it is approved in the House of Representatives.

The senate bill 332 says in order to be accepted to a Board of Regents institution, a high school senior must meet one of three requirements.

The three requirements are a GPA of 2.0, an ACT score of at least 23 or be in the top third of their class.

The bill was also amended to state that of those who meet the requirements, the institution can also accept an additional 10 percent of students who do not meet these requirements.

The Kansas Senate passed this bill with a vote of 27 to 13, Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Hays) said.

He said the original bill wanted 15 percent to be accepted, but the Senate Education Committee would not accept this condition.

"The university is in favor of the original bill of 15 percent," President Edward Hammond said.

The committee revised the bill to say the institution could accept 5 percent for the next two years and then 10 percent after that.

Moran said this is the first time since he has been in office qualified admissions has gotten past the committee, but he did not agree with the change.

"This is such a radical departure. The bill needed flexibility," Moran said.

Hammond also agreed with Moran. "That (the committee's revision) is unacceptable. That would be detrimental to students, especially from western Kansas."

After reaching the senate floor, Moran said "I offered an amendment of 10 percent and left it open for discussion."

He said the senators seemed to agree with this amendment because it gives most students the opportunity for a higher education.

Moran said another reason why qualified admissions might have gotten passed was because of the new senators.

Out of the 40 senators, 21 were appointed to office at this last election and have "apparently brought a new perspective," he said.

He said he agrees there needs to be a restriction, but not as severe as allowing no exceptions.

"My theory is there will be an increase in expectations," Moran said.

He said in school he only did what was expected of him, so if the expectation level increases, then the students will aim higher.

"It is time for the universities to improve education," Moran said.



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## Rollin' on

Gage Korobka, 8, son of George and Virginia Korobka, 1605 E. 28th St., rolls through the wheelchair obstacle course yesterday at The Mall, 2938 Vine St. The activity is sponsored by LINK (Living Independently in Northwest Kansas) of Hays, as part of disability awareness week which runs through Saturday. The last run through the course will be at 3 p.m. Friday.

Student was selected

## Assembly looks at improving relations

**Melissa Chaffin**  
Senior copy editor

Tony Gabel, Hays senior, represented Fort Hays State as a delegate at the 35th annual U.S. Air Force Academy Assembly in Colorado Springs, Colo., last week.

Gabel said approximately 200 delegates from across the United States attended the assembly from Feb. 22-27 to discuss U.S. policies with Latin America.

"What it (the assembly) is, is a simulation in the formation of public policy," Gabel said.

"We looked at existing conditions in Latin America and came up with a policy to improve relations."

The delegates split into groups of 14 to 15 and were led in discussion of Latin American issues by a round

table leader with expertise in the field.

The four topic areas discussed within the round table were U.S. policy goals; economic policy and programs; security issues; and political, social and environmental issues.

From their discussions, the delegates narrowed down their ideas to 10 major issues.

These issues were then given back to the round tables to "finalize it and flush it out" until a final draft was completed.

The delegates brought a variety of expertise and knowledge to the round tables, Gabel said.

"I brought to the round table federalism which was important when it came to discussing democracy in Latin America and how it should take place," Gabel said.

He said he gained practical skills,

as well as networking, from attending the assembly.

"Obviously, the simulation itself was important," Gabel said. "On a more practical basis was the professional networking. In other words, I now know someone that may be able to help me on a particular subject."

"The networking side of (the assembly) is invaluable," Gabel said.

Gabel said the delegates lived with the Air Force Academy cadets during the assembly. Two cadets were in each round table group and all had interests in Latin America.

Gabel is a political science major who plans to attend law school, possibly at Notre Dame.

Gabel said he learned of the conference from several professors of political science who recommended he attend the conference.

## Forum to deal with future education

**Tracy Whitlock**  
Senior copy editor

The High Plains Reading Association will be sponsoring a public forum in the future of Kansas Education from 4 a.m. to noon tomorrow, in the Black and Gold Ballroom of the Memorial Union.

Germaine Taggart, visiting instructor of curriculum and instruction, said the High Plains Reading Association is a " dues paying group of parents, teachers and some administrators that promote reading in the schools and family."

The forum will start with a panel discussion on Quality Performance

Accreditation.

The panel will consist of Mike Slattery, assistant professor of administration, counseling and educational studies; Dennis Wilson, LaCrosse superintendent; Kathy Bergen, Hoxie teacher; and Kathy Spicer, Hays Board of Education member.

QPA is the "new mandated program for all schools in Kansas," Taggart said.

According to a document from the Kansas State Board of Education, the QPA "requires that schools be accredited through a process which focuses upon student performance."

The document, titled "Kansas Quality Performance Accreditation," was

adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education in March '91 and was revised in December '92.

It states schools are to accomplish this through four areas:

• School improvement through effective school principles.

• High standard of academic performance through an integrated curriculum approach.

• Human resource development and staff training and retraining.

• Community-based programs and the learning community concept.

Taggart said the panel members have worked with QPA and will discuss what their schools have done to comply

After the panel discussion, an open forum on QPA will take place.

From 10 to 11 a.m., guests will be able to participate in a Share-A-Thon. This will consist of various displays of key educational concepts, strategies and programs.

Displays include Head Start, Parents as Teachers, team training and drug awareness, current technology and authentic assessment, talking books, use of literature and writing in the classroom and hands-on equations.

At 11 a.m., there will be a panel discussion on alternative certification.

Members of the panel are Lee Drogemuehler, commissioner of the

State Department of Education, Rep. Carol Dawson (R-Russell), Charles Leftwich, professor of administration, counseling and educational studies and ACES chairperson and Ken Bungert, director of certification of the State Department of Education.

Taggart said the alternative certification program offers ways other than the usual university programs to become a teacher.

After the panel discussion, an open forum on the program will take place.

"It (the forum) is open to anyone who wants to know more about what's happening in education," Taggart said.

The forum is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

## Athletic funding could cause increase

**Anne Zohner**  
SGA reporter

The topic of athletic funding was on the front court of discussion last night at the weekly Student Government Association meeting.

Tom Spicer, athletic director, and Johnny Williams, vice president of administration and finance, presented a proposal to the student senators in an attempt to acquire more funding from student fees for the athletic program.

The proposal calls for a \$3 increase over three years in student fees.

Spicer told the senators last night the increase in funding is needed in order to obtain gender equivalence in athletic scholarships, enabling the athletic department to give as many women's athletic scholarships as men's.

"We are trying to give our women's sports the opportunity to compete," he said. "We are trying to create equity between the number of scholarships given to men and women."

The increase in funds will also aid Fort Hays State in acquiring athletes through scholarships.

"To get better students to represent us in a quality fashion, you have to be able to compete against the other schools when recruiting," Spicer said.

Williams said funding for the athletic program comes from four main sources: state funding, student fees, ticket sales/concession net and fund raising.

He said FHSU student fees fund 18.6 percent of the athletic program.

Williams then compared this figure to the student fee athletic funding at other state institutions.

"Compared with Emporia State University, student funding makes up 29 percent in athletics and it is 30 percent at Pittsburg State (University)," Williams said.

On the dollar side, Williams said student funding for athletics for the fiscal year '93 for the three institutions was as follows: FHSU, \$243,000; ESU, \$380,000; and PSU, \$435,000.

"We are looking at our peer institutions and we see what we need to do

to fund our athletic program adequately enough to give our athletes the chance to compete and to have success," Spicer said.

Nate Halverson, Associated Students of Kansas campus director, gave the senators further information and research on the subject.

"There is more than one way to solve the issue of funding of athletics," Halverson said. "I believe that there could be a compromise made because I'm not sure if the students are ready for such a huge increase."

This proposed \$3 increase would come on top of a 6 percent overall tuition increase next year, Halverson said.

"You need to realize that \$3 credit hour increase will add on \$45 to a student who is taking 15 credit hours," he said.

The issue of an increase in student fees in the area of athletics is not new to students. Just last April, students had the opportunity to vote in a 25 cent increase in athletic scholarships. The students voted against the increase.

However, Andy Addis, student body president, said the defeat of last spring's 25 cent scholarship funding was close.

"With the subject of any new support being given to the athletic program, the first thing I think about is when the constituency voted it down last year, but it was close," he said.

Although Addis said he believes the proposed \$3 amount is "horrendous," it may be what FHSU needs to obtain the program they need.

"It may be that we need a horrendous amount to catch up with the other universities," he said, "but I don't want to tell the students it is good news to inflate the student fees to \$3."

Jason Fawver, allied sciences and health senator, echoed Addis. "The bottom line is (students) are broke."

Addis said in an issue which affects every student, feedback is needed.

"The only way for (SGA) to support this is if we hear from the students," he said. "We need to know how important athletics are to the students."



## Leader encourages letters

While the primary charter of most newspapers is to publish hard news, today's newspapers perform many other functions.

One of those functions is to serve as a forum of public opinion. To perform that mission, many newspapers have an opinion/editorial, or op/ed, page. The purpose of the op/ed page is to allow readers to voice their opinions, regardless of whether or not they agree or disagree with the views of the editors and the staff.

The University Leader has an editorial policy that allows and indeed encourages editorials, letters to the editor and guest columns from students, faculty, staff and the general public.

The Leader staff sees input from our readers as a vital and interesting part of our publication. We are always excited to receive material about any subject concerning our readers.

Unfortunately, because of the size and frequency of our publication, it is sometimes impossible to print everything we receive. Since we cannot print everything, the decision on what and what not to print is made by the editor-in-chief.

The process for picking material for the Leader is much like that used in larger publications. The major difference is larger publications have an editorial board that decides what material should and should not be printed. Larger daily publications also have the luxury of being more timely and having more space to allocate for opinions and editorials.

The decision is based on the perceived importance, timeliness, significance to our readers and amount of coverage the issue has already received, as well as the amount of space available in the current issue.

Again, the Leader would like to be able to print everything our readers submit and we encourage you to write us about anything that concerns you or if you would just like to share something with the rest of our readers.

## Guest Columns

The University Leader encourages readers to submit editorials and/or columns on their views.

Editorials run 150 to 250 words and columns run 500 to 700 words.

The editorial staff reserves the right to condense and edit articles according to available space and Leader style. Publication of the articles is not guaranteed.

## The University Leader

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## Handicapped people deserve equal treatment

Have you ever had handicapped friends? How did you get along with them? If you haven't and want to understand the handicapped, I will be glad to share my experiences with you.

Being a handicapped person, I suffer from frustration very often. People often ask handicapped people to do something more than they can do or at least think they can do. For example, people say, "Esther, you should climb the stairs by yourself. Do you know how many handicapped people can climb mountains? You should be able to do the same."

Each time I exhaust all my efforts while attempting to do something, I

### Student speaks

Esther Wang

Taiwan graduate student

hope to get encouragement. However, all I get is "that's nothing" or "we can do that better than you."

Some people do care about handicapped people, but they do not know how to express their feelings. They say, "Esther, if you practice walking and do not depend on your wheelchair all the time, you will be able to walk better." When people say that, all I can

do is smile, but I would like to say, "That is impossible."

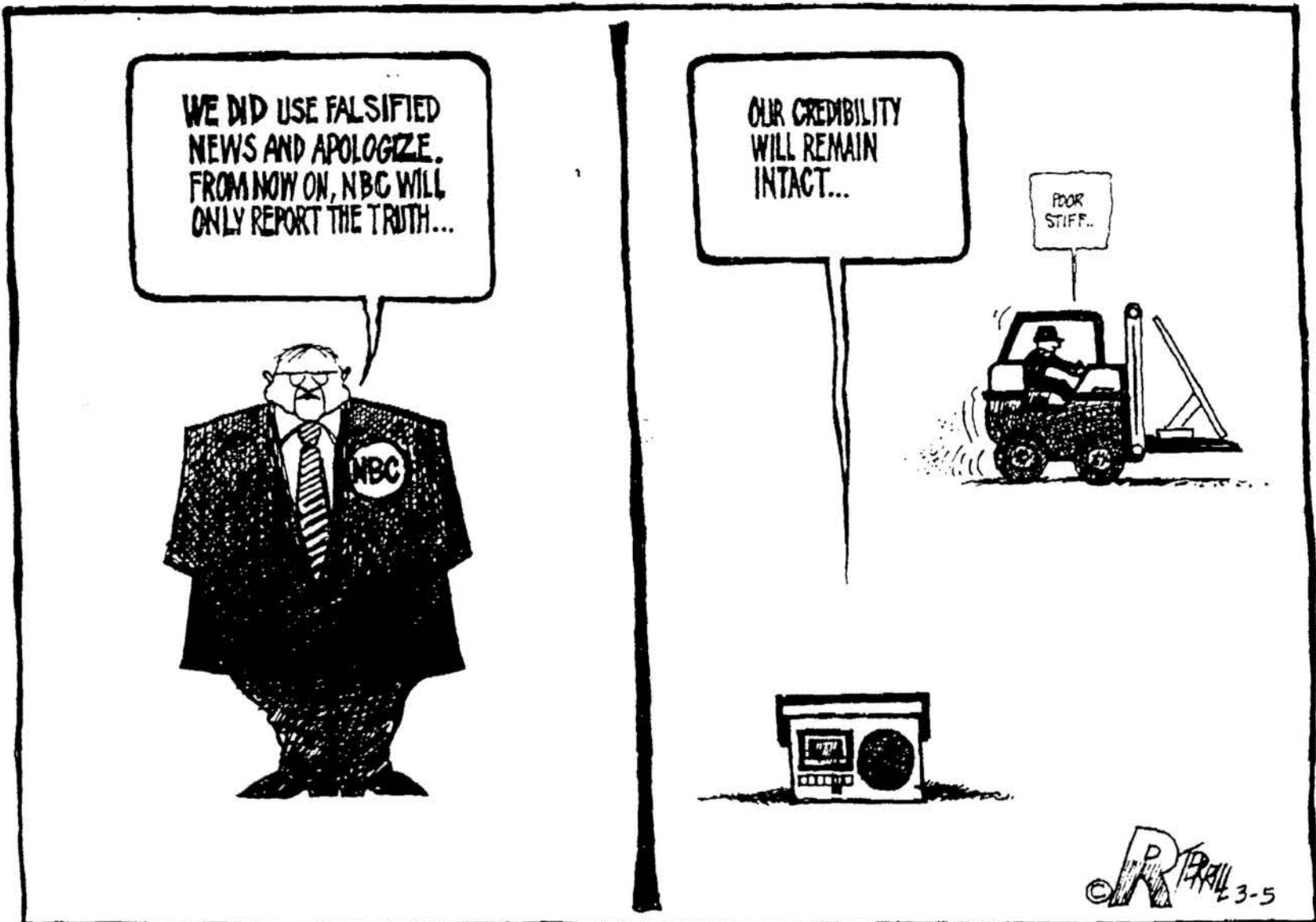
The fact is, all of us are handicapped in some way. Some of us are not very good speakers. Some of us can play basketball very well, but we cannot swim. Sometimes people are mentally handicapped but not physically. Someday, we will all be like handicapped people. When we get old, our eyes do not see as clearly, our ears do not hear as clearly and our actions are not as fluid or easy as they are when we are young.

Please allow me to give you some suggestions. If you talk to a handicapped person, don't worry that your words might hurt their feelings. We

are shy about asking for help, so ask us first. If we say we indeed do need help, help us, because we really do need your help. If we say we do not need help, let us do it ourselves because we want to prove our ability.

Handicapped people, like everyone else, have their own moods and tempers. Also, like everyone else, we wish to be in love, to get married and to live happy lives. We have the right to have the right equipment to attend school and to get a proper job.

So please, treat us like ordinary people. Talk to us like you talk to anyone else, because we are like anyone else. We should be respected as well.



## Letters to the editor

### Home economics is more than sewing and cooking

Dear editor,

In the last several months, there have been multitudes of people helping to keep the home economics program at Fort Hays State. I would like to take this chance to thank all of these people. As most know, we seem to keep running into brick walls in our efforts, and as of Thursday, Feb. 18, we ran into the largest of these walls.

Last week the Board of Regents gave President Edward Hammond the approval to go ahead with his "proposed recommendations," which include the elimination of the home economics program.

The only thing left within our powers to stop this is an appeals process, which seems vague and unattainable to the students whom this affects most.

Many people ask me why I am so concerned with this issue since I will be graduating in May and it won't have a great effect on me. I am concerned because of the deep conviction I have that home economics touches everyone's lives on a daily basis and is a vital part of today's society. As a Christian, I realize the importance of family values. Home economics is one

of the few areas that concentrates solely on the family and developing the skills people need to survive in today's society.

Whether people use these skills to accomplish things themselves or they find someone who has the skills to do it for them, there has to be someplace for people to learn these skills. These skills fall into the areas of diet and nutrition, interior design and housing, family economics and home management, child development and family relations and many other areas.

We have to find a way to convince

people, particularly President Hammond, that home economics is an important part of each of our lives and is vital to our community and our country. I would like to encourage everyone to pray for the home economics department at FHSU and for the people who will be making the final decisions in the months to come. We must pray God will give them the wisdom and knowledge they need to decide the best possible solution.

Vonnie Voss

Las Animas, Colo., senior

### Collegiate Republicans ask for a helping hand

Dear editor,

Recently, the Fort Hays State Collegiate Republicans (CR) began a project called "Promises, Promises - Does the President Measure Up?" It started after a member of the group found a full page documentation of the Clinton/Gore campaign promises listed in the

Jan. 17 edition of the Wichita Eagle, page 2.

The CR's purpose in this project is to post these campaign promises and evaluate presidential actions towards fulfilling them. It is the CR's hope that individuals will continue to monitor government activity, as well as par-

ticipate in the political process between election years, because we will!

The project committee will periodically annotate the various score cards that are posted around the campus with smiley faces and frowny faces as issues are dealt with. After the first 100 days of the Clinton presidency,

those issues that had a 100 day action guarantee will definitely be evaluated.

Lenard Leivan

Collegiate Republicans  
Public Relations Chair-  
man

### Vandals intrude on rights of library patrons

Dear editor,

I work in Forsyth Library in the Technical Processing Department, which is responsible for checking in the magazines and newspapers that come into the library. We handle over 1,500 subscriptions to try to meet your need for research and reading pleasure.

Just today, March 2, after receiving complaints about two more newspapers that have been disappearing, we should say "ripped off" on a regular basis, we have decided to put them on reserve. They will join the five newspapers that are already there.

This means in order to read the latest issues of the Salina Journal or the Topeka Capital-Journal, you have to have an identification card or driver's license to give to the person at the reserve desk so he or she can check it out to you. The paper then has to be returned to the desk, where it is checked back in and the I.D. returned to you.

Now this seems like a lot of work just to look at a newspaper, but this is what happens when people are: 1. Too lazy to use the photocopier, 2. Too lazy to write the information needed on a piece of notebook paper, or 3. So selfish he or she does not feel the need to share the paper with others. There could be other reasons, but I won't go into those.

Magazines are another story. Time and time again, we find a magazine or journal that has an article missing or 25 pages ripped out. We are constantly having to order those missing pages from other libraries to replace those ones that have been ripped out. That takes a lot of time and money also. Some of the heavily used titles like Time and Fortune are on reserve so anybody can have a fair chance to read them.

We also have the problem of missing pages in books. Again, we have to

spend time and money on replacing the pages, or if it is mutilated beyond repair, replacing the book with a new one. We cannot even begin to put all the books on reserve.

We handle these problems as they are brought to our attention by patrons or staff members. Also, the company which binds our journals will send volumes back unbound if an issue is too badly mutilated.

At the rate things are going, the whole library could become a reserve area.

There is a type of library like that. It is called a closed stacks library. Instead of the patron going in the shelf, a staff member goes and retrieves the item for the patron. The patrons do not go into the stacks at all.

Some people like to browse in the stacks, but you cannot do that in a closed stacks library. Some people want to do research on a topic and like

to go where there may be several items to look at, but you cannot do that either in a closed stacks library.

The people who work in Technical Services and Public Services are not the only ones who are frustrated by this problem. The patrons who come looking for the papers and cannot find them are also frustrated. Also, the patrons, who after looking in the CD-ROM indexes for articles relating to their topics, only to find the articles have been cut out are also frustrated by the problem.

So, before you think about ripping an article or taking the paper because you are too lazy to use the photocopier or to write the information down, think about the next person who will want to read what you want to rip off.

The library is for everybody!

Patty Nicholas  
Forsyth Library



## Campus/Community Briefs

### Details to be given

Be sure to look for information on the Sociology Club's Family Feud in the Tuesday edition of the University Leader.

### Club to help victims

The Rodeo Club is sponsoring a Three Alarm Benefit Ball. The ball is to take place from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at the Peanut House, 1201 Noose Rd. The cost is \$3 per person. All proceeds will go toward three fire victims.

### Correction given

The briefs in last Tuesday's University Leader said auditions for "The Boys Next Door" were to be in Feltman Theatre. The auditions, however, are to take place in Malloy 211.

### Films to be shown

The French Club is showing French films with English subtitles at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Sunflower Theater located in the Memorial Union. Public is invited.

### Forms available

The Volga-German Society is accepting applications for its scholarship program.

The students eligible must currently be enrolled at Fort Hays State and be descendants of the Volga-German settlers of Ellis and Rush counties.

Forms may be picked up from Phyllis Schmidt, Reference Librarian, Forsyth Library 138.

If you have any questions, contact Schmidt at 628-4529.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are still needed for the Kansas Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament to be held at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The event will be March 18-20. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Carol at 628-4276 or 628-1776.

### Support available

Anyone interested in participating in Narcotics Anonymous meetings is encouraged to attend.

Meetings are being held Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 11 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 p.m. at 410 Oak St. in the basement, south entrance.

For more information, call 625-9860.

### Hours to change

Forsyth Library hours during spring break will be as follows:

Friday, March 19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, closed.

Monday-Friday, March 22-26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, closed.

Monday, March 29, resume regular hours.

## 'Undormit' Contest to take place

Rebecca Lofton  
Staff writer

As the winter season drags on, the Resident Hall Association steps in with an activity to break up the monotonous days.

It is time for the annual "Undormit" Contest which has taken place for the past 4-5 years.

Students throughout the residence halls will be entering their rooms in hopes of winning cash prizes. The goal of the contest is to make one's room look unlike an ordinary residence hall room.

Judges will determine winners based on four major criteria. Rooms entered must display functionality, economic use of space, color scheme/common room theme and originality.

Mark Enyart, Montezuma junior, said, "Preferably we like a room that has been decorated and made to look like a home for the whole semester, but some go out and redo their whole room so they can enter the contest."

The contest will be open to all students living in the residential halls.

Wiest and McGrath Halls will be judged as one hall as will McMinden and Custer Halls. Agnew Hall will be judged as the third hall.

There will be a third place prize of \$25, a second place prize of \$50 and a first place prize of \$75 for each of the halls. From the three first place recipients, an overall grand prize winner will be selected and receive an additional \$100.

Enyart said this is a good chance for students to have fun and pick up some money before spring break rolls around.

"The response has usually been positive. We take pictures of the winning rooms and put them in the residential life pamphlet for prospective students," Enyart said.

Brian Lee Schwerdtfeger, Centerville, Iowa, freshman, is entered in the contest.

"I think my room is original. At the beginning of the year I personalized it to suit my particular tastes."

There will be a panel of four judges this year: Vivian Hammond, university first lady; Mark Banister, director of the docking institute of public affairs; and Pamela Havice, instructor of nursing. The fourth judge has not yet been chosen.

Returns so far indicate there will be approximately 60-90 entries, Enyart said.

Applications are available at the front desks of Wiest, McMinden and Agnew Halls. The deadline for entries is today. Judging will take place Thursday, March 11.



Blake Vacura/University Leader

## Physical challenge

Esther Wang, Taiwan graduate student, walks down the stairs of Picken Hall with the aid of a crutch. Because Picken Hall is not currently handicap accessible, Wang must walk the stairs to attend the American English as a Second Language class which meets on the second floor. See "Handicapped people," page 2.

## Safety tip to take

Crystal Holdren  
Managing editor

Last week, the tip of the week involved pedestrians' right-of-way. This week is the drivers' right-of-way.

A driver must yield to a pedestrian who is crossing within a crosswalk or is halfway across the road when the vehicle approaches them and when a pedestrian is

approaching so closely from the opposite half of the road as to be in danger.

Also, if a vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the road, another vehicle is not allowed to pass or overtake that vehicle.

"As always our concern as FHSU police officers is for the safety of every person that is on our campus," John Walz, police officer, said.

**\*1992 GRAMMY NOMINEE\***  
**Gene Cotton**

Will Present A Lecture on  
**"The Music Business"**  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.  
Wed. March 10  
Palmer Hall, Malloy

Will Present  
Synthesizer, Keyboard &  
Computer  
A Workshop in Songwriting  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Wed. March 10  
at the Backdoor

**Community Welcome**

**FREE DOOR PRIZES FROM OK VIDEO**

**GENE COTTON**  
1992 Grammy Nominee  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
March 9 & 10 8:00 p.m.  
The Backdoor

Gene Cotton's career is full of highlights and milestones. He has won a Grammy, appeared on the cover of Time magazine, and performed on the Tonight Show. He has also been named one of the top 100 songwriters in the world. His latest album, "The Music Business," is a collection of his greatest hits. It is a must-have for any music lover.

GEN. PUBLIC \$4.00 FHSU FACULTY/STAFF \$3.00 STUDENTS FREE

## Grammy nominee to perform at Backdoor

Kelly Freeman  
Copy editor

1992 Grammy Nominee Gene Cotton will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Backdoor in Custer Hall.

Cotton is part of the Gallery Series presented by the Memorial Union Activities Board and the performance is free.

I.B. Dent, director of student activities, said, "Cotton is the biggest name we've had at the Backdoor and he has the most hits."

According to Cotton's biography, he has recorded 13 albums and has had numerous hit singles over the past few years.

Cotton has appeared on "Dick Clark's American Bandstand" and other TV specials and has scored the music for several films.

The biography also stated Cotton is in constant demand as a concert performer and spends much of his time touring college and university campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

Cotton also performs at many church conferences and was also the first recipient of the "Marty Chapin Award" for his work with world hunger and other humanitarian groups.

Dent said, "Gene is a wonderful person and is very sensitive to the needs of others. We met when we both adopted children and I think he is a terrific person and a well-rounded musician."

A press release said Cotton's poignant lyrics are delivered in a style that has been compared to everyone from Phil Collins to Bob Dylan, and his one-man electro-acoustic act delivers a brand of music that is uniquely all his own.

Cotton's biography said he is a songwriter of real compassion and his music is a welcome respite from the usual solo performer.

His music is an appealing combination of acoustic and electronic with an injection of optimistic spirit.

Dent said, "I've known him for 15 years and have been presenting him off and on all that time. I've seen Gene go from solo guitarist to the big time and back to being a solo guitarist."

"He's done it all; sang with some of the best, like Kim Carnes, and had three songs in the top 40 at once."

Dent said Cotton's lyrics have a message to give.

"They aren't just words; he's telling a story and everyone should listen. It's a good opportunity to learn something about life."

In addition to performing at the Backdoor, Cotton will also present a lecture on "The Music Business" at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, in Palmer Recital Hall in Malloy Hall and host a synthesizer, keyboard and computer workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. the same day at the Backdoor. Both activities are free and open to the public.

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# The University Leader SPORTS

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## Tigers win first round of RMAC tourney



Travis Morisse/University Leader

Members of the Tiger basketball team celebrate after the team's first round win in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference post-season tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The Tigers beat Adams State College 74-73.

**Claudette Humphrey**  
Sports writer

When the game is on the line, there are players you expect to step up and take the shot and there are those you just are not so sure about.

Following Tuesday night's first round game of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championship against Adams State College, the coaching staff of the men's basketball squad realized they have another go-to-man in junior forward Radford Rainey.

The Tigers claimed a 74-73 victory in the RMAC tournament.

The Fort Hays State men's basketball team knew their 1992-93 season was on the line and the outcome of the contest would determine whether the Tigers would be taking a road trip this weekend or settling down for a long off-season nap.

Adams State also realized the im-

portance of this game as they came out with a vengeance and were able to jump out quickly in front of the Tigers.

ASC led for most of the ballgame and going into the final few minutes it looked as though it would be ASC taking to the road for the weekend and FHSU staying at home.

However, the Tigers suddenly got themselves together, and after being fouled, freshman guard Chad Creamer calmly sank both baskets of a one-and-one to tie the game at 64 with just under three and a half minutes to go in the second half.

With 59 seconds to go, it was ASC's hot-shooting junior forward Brad Widhalm connecting on his fourth three-pointer of the contest to put the Indians back on top with the score 72-69.

Next up was the Tigers' senior Ray Johnson who was sent to the free throw line with 37 seconds remain-

ing to close the margin to one point. ASC brought the ball back into play and down the court.

The Tigers fouled the Indians' freshman guard Juice Gallegos sending him to the line at the 19-second mark.

Gallegos hit his first attempt, and FHSU quickly called a timeout to talk over their plans for the final few ticks of the clock. When Gallegos stepped back onto the line following the break, his second shot hit the rim and landed in the hands of Tiger guard Allen Craft.

Craft got the ball to freshman guard Matt Garner who took the ball across half-court before stopping the clock with 11 seconds to go.

After the timeout FHSU took the ball in, but ASC was playing tough defense. Then Garner finally got the ball down on the corner to Rainey who stepped behind the three-point arc for the first time this season. SWISH!

However, the celebration was halted for a few moments as the officials said there were still two seconds remaining on the clock.

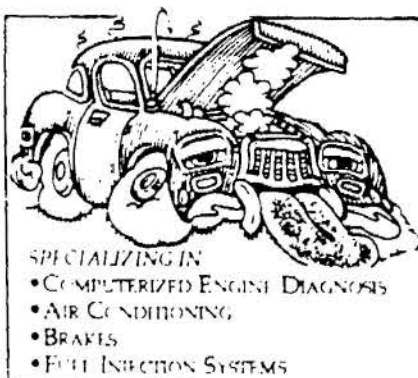
So as ASC inbounded the pass, the fans and players sat holding their breath as they watched the Indians Ron Dunn catch the pass downcourt and put up a quick shot. MISS!

FHSU had held on to come from behind for a huge victory and gave them the chance to travel to Gunnison, Colo., for a rematch with Western State tonight. Western State is currently in first place in the RMAC.



Travis Morisse/University Leader

Members of the Tiger basketball team look on as their teammates play Adams State College in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference post-season tournament. The Tigers won the game 74-73.



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