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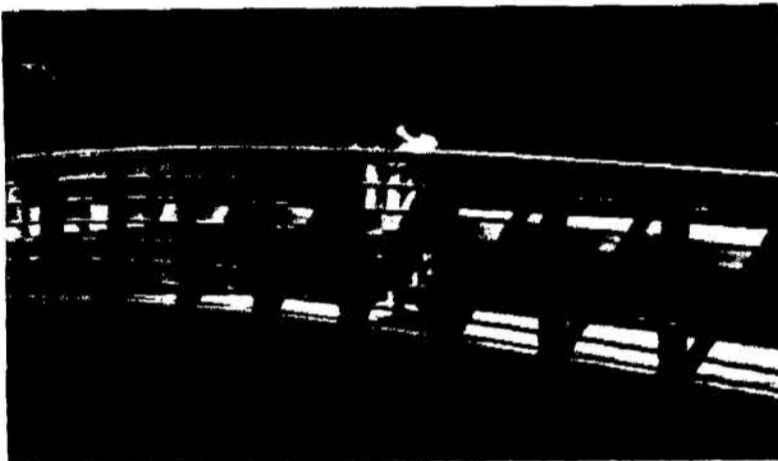
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S U M M E R M A G A Z I N E



Frontier Park becomes home for new bridge

Rupananda Misra
STAFF WRITER

The City of Hays replaced the old swinging bridge at Frontier Park with a new 106' x 6' bridge.

This bridge is fabricated from self-weathering steel, John Shaver, director of Frontier Park, said.

The self-weathering steel bridge is low maintenance bridge according to the manufacturer, Continental Bridge, Alexandria, Minn.

Self-weathering steel is a high-strength, low-alloy steel that forms an oxide on the exposed surfaces of the bridge and inhibits further corrosion of the steel, so it doesn't need paint.

The total cost of the bridge was about \$47,000, Shaver said.

The new bridge is wide enough for handicap accessibility and we are going to put in concrete side-walks too," Shaver said.

Hannes Zacharias, Hays, its manager, said, "My feeling is that the work was done very well." The swinging bridge was made unrepairable by virtue of last

summer's flood."

The greatest advantage of the new bridge, Vickie Hicks, Hays resident, said, is "it is sturdier and safer. Kids won't fall that easy."

The swinging bridge was dangerous for children due to the lack of safety railings.

Some parents like Zacharias said, "We could not let our children cross the bridge."

While most of the parents liked the new bridge, some children liked the swinging bridge better.

Nicole Green, 12, Stockton, said, "I liked the old bridge because it was exciting when I walked across it, it swung."

Mary Rich, Bonner Springs graduate, said she liked the swinging bridge because "it made the park unique."

Rich said, "The swinging bridge gave the park character."

Frank Dreiling, Hays resident, comes to the park often with his family for picnics. He said he likes the new bridge because it's solid.

Dreiling said, "I was never comfortable with the swinging bridge."



Photos by Janella Mulderick

Tom Abrigo, Lincoln graduate student, walks across the new Frontier Park bridge with son, Aaron, and daughter, Amber, Tuesday afternoon.

Smelling



Scott Aust
MANAGING EDITOR

Normally, smelling any kind of plant life, even roses, causes my eyes to swell shut, my throat to itch and my nose to run.

Even the title of this column brings an annoying little tickle to the back of my throat.

Oh, well. That's journalism.

Most of the time my columns are about something that has gotten my dander up.

This time I'm going to try and stay positive without becoming sappy.

One morning around six, we were just getting done putting the University Leader together. Since I had a class at 7:30 a.m., I figured I would stay on campus and do a little studying.

I walked over to the steps near the south side of the Memorial Union, sat down and took out my books.

Unfortunately, the sun wasn't up yet and I couldn't see well enough to read, so I just sat there watching the sprinklers kick on.

I soon noticed that I could here the birds chirping.

I don't think I've heard the birds chirp during the hustle and bustle of the day.

Usually I'm too busy running around so I haven't noticed whether birds make noise during the day or not.

Anyway, I'm not sure if it was due to a lack of sleep, but I found the sounds of the birds and the sprinklers combined to make me extremely relaxed.

I began to imagine what it would be like to be a bird. The freedom to fly around any where you want.

Of course the hours suck. I couldn't take getting up at 7:30 everyday.

I must have stayed for a while because the next thing I know the sun was up.

Time to return to the human world of hills, time cards and respins. But

Call it Hays and get on with it

Battle of names 'ridiculous' topic for commission, but 'Hays' better than 'Hays City'

A friend of mine gave me a great analogy. It can be used tonight when the city commissioners meet to make a decision between putting "Hays" or "Hays City" on the new water tower.

He said: "My grandfather's gravestone has the name 'Ernest J. Redfield' engraved on it, even though his name was well known throughout the state of Idaho as 'Jimbo Red'



Tim Gratzner
EDITOR IN CHIEF

for his large figure and red hair. He might of been called Ernie, Jay, Redfield, Red, E. J., whatever, but he was given only one name at birth, and that's the name he wanted at his grave."

The book, *Historic Hays*, written by Hays resident W. A. Hill in 1938 stated "the Union Pacific Townsite Company put in a townsite a mile square, one half mile east of Rome (all of Rome's residents eventually moved to Hays) and named it Hays after the Fort."

He also writes, "Hays was established November 23, 1867."

In Hays' oldest known newspaper, *The Railway Advance*, Hill writes

that it is published "Hays will be seven months old June 23, 1868 and has a business directory of 99 firms."

Only once in Hill's book is it written "Hays City" and that is when he mentioned the "Hays City Star" newspaper.

It doesn't matter what they nicknamed the city. Hays is Hays. Everyone knows it is a city, they don't have to be reminded.

I know a handful of college students that probably went right by Hays on I-70 the first time they past the water tower because they were headed to Hays and thought Hays City was some kind of suburb.

When I write letters, I put "Hays, KS" on the return address, not "Hays City," and I receive mail with the same.

There is an argument that "Hays City" was written on the current water tower to preserve the city's heritage. Well, if "Mr. Heritage" himself, W. F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody were alive today, he would say, "Hey, let me outta here," and then go on to tell us that Hays should be called "Rome," the original town no longer in existence that he and most of Hays' original residents came from.

There is another argument that a name like "Hays City" would attract more tourists than would "Hays." Do you really think that a water tower has that much affect on the tourism in Hays?

"Ooh, honey, look. Hays City. I bet that's a town from the Old West. Let's stop. I have to go to the bathroom anyway."

I guess I'm trying to save the city commissioners a lot more time to discuss other more important items on tonight's agenda. It is a ridiculous topic, and one that deserves not

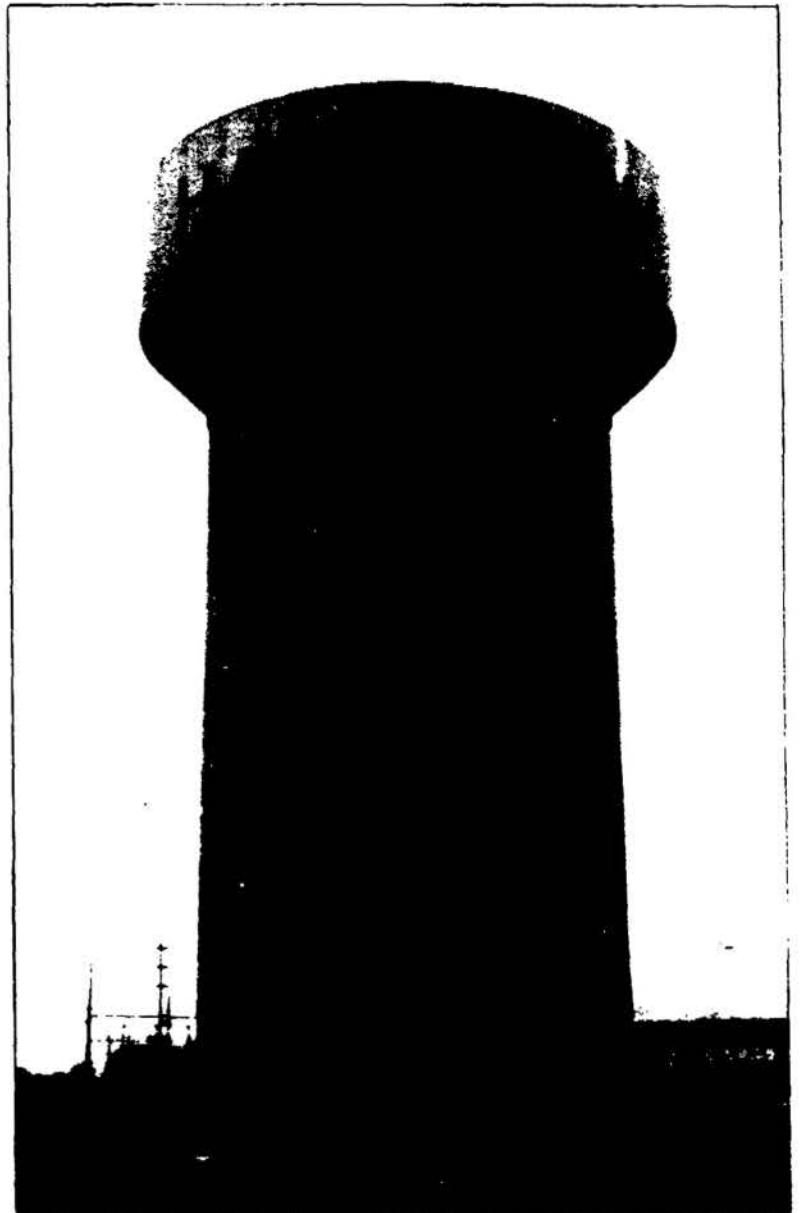


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half of the time it has taken our city officials to decide upon.

This is Hays, Kans. This is 1994. The new nickname is "Hays America," and if you want to attract

tourists to Hays today, stick one of those dinosaurs' heads out of the window at the new Sternberg Museum. You'll back up traffic on I-70 for miles.

Letter to the editor

While visiting at my parent's home over the weekend, I read the latest issue of the University Leader, June 16.

I found the article written by Tim Gratzner, "Sidewalks in quad a-maze" somewhat amusing.

I attended Fort Hays State in the late '60s and early '70s but don't

remember having the orientation problems experienced by Tim on his trek from Rarick Hall and Albertson Hall.

Of course, we were allowed more than one minute to change classes and the diameters of the trees were not as large as they are now.

I recall that we invented numerous

excuses for arriving late for a class, but getting lost in the 'maze' wasn't ever mentioned.

Our generation was so lacking in creativity!

As an educator, I guess I'm preparing my students incorrectly for college. We've been concentrating on the disciplines of math, science,

creative writing and problem solving.

Perhaps I should be giving more maze worksheets, but instead I'll just trust that my proteges will apply their problem solving skills should they choose to attend FHSU.

*Mickey Washager
Goddard

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SUMMER MAGAZINE

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The University Leader Summer Magazine encourages letters to the editor and/or guest editorials.

Editorials should not exceed 300 words in length.

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Juice the "Juice"

O.J. Simpson looks guilty as sin

Joke: Did you hear that O.J. got the shaft from doing Hertz rent-a-car commercials?

Lucky for him he was picked up by Taco Bell to promote their "run for the border" advertising.

While the jokes keep rolling in, it is no doubt a shock to all that O.J. Simpson is in the middle of this double murder case.

But after sifting through the evidence that has been presented, I would have to say O.J. should be "juiced" (no pun intended).

There is no hope for this hero, no life left to live, and no alibi so that he won't fry. He is as good as dead.

This is how I see the story from beginning to end:

O.J. and his wife, Nicole, were having dinner after they attended their daughter's recital. The restaurant where they were eating was the same one that Nicole's "friend," Ron Goldman, whom Nicole spent time with (boating, et cetera), worked, but supposedly he was not her boyfriend.

O.J. knew they were seeing each other, though.

He also knew that if Nicole left something at the restaurant, Goldman would most certainly run it by her house later that evening.

Conveniently, O.J. hid Nicole's sunglasses to where she forgot them as they were leaving the restaurant, but so that a waiter could find them and Goldman would run them by.

Sure enough, O.J.'s plan worked. Goldman came by with the sunglasses where O.J. was waiting for him with a knife. The rest is gruesome.

I'll tell you why it was gruesome. O.J. went to the house to murder. He went with the knife. But he also went knowing that he would have to do more than just murder them. He would have to make it look so brutal that no one would even consider that O.J. Simpson could do it.

That was a good start, but going to visit his lawyer was the no no.

Forget that the murder weapon was probably flushed down an air line stool.

After the police were starting to catch on, O.J. calls his lawyer who probably tells him he had better start acting insane, or he'll be zapped for murder one.

Thus we have the famous trek through L.A. at 35 miles per hour with a gun held to his head.

His friend was probably egging him on, "hey, there's a helicopter...quick, hold the gun up so they can see it.

Tell me that isn't crying for an insanity plea?

So there is this big stand-off to make O.J. look like the victim. People are chanting and O.J. is holding off his capture

long enough so there is not a person left in the United States who could qualify as a juror at his trial.

It gets better.

Obviously, O.J. talked the whole thing out with his lawyer. The only thing the media can get out of him is he is worried about his kids.

Yeah, he was really worried about his kids when he pulverized Mommy.

Joke: Did you hear Michael Jackson called up O.J.? He told him he'd take care of his kids while he was in jail.

His lawyer won't say anything but, "right now we don't want to worry about the case, we're just concerned about O.J.'s mental state."

The only thing wrong with O.J.'s mind is that he hates the Chiefs. That was his first mistake.

There was a bit of good news for you "Juice lovers." There was no bloody ski mask found in his apartment.

That was because he probably left it on the plane on his way out of town.

O.J. was reported nine times to authorities for being abusive towards his wife. Only once was he charged, and he pleaded "no contest."

If O.J. is found not guilty, then I will take back every bit of this article. But I think O.J. never believed that anyone would suspect that the man they saw on TV, in films, and on the football field, would not and could not do such a dastardly deed.

If he is guilty, he should fry. It was not manslaughter or second degree, or anything but a planned stake-out and murder. Though, I'm still not throwing out the minute possibility that he was set up.

I wish O.J. good luck, and I hope for all of his fans' sake that he is innocent, but if he is guilty, he'd better not be sent to a hospital for two years and then be released.

He may be a celebrity, but he may also be a murderer. Let him suffer the full consequences as if he were you or I. I don't care whether he knows Michael Jackson or not.



Melissa S. Graham
AD MANAGER

What is wrong with today's society, when people would rather listen to tales of murder or robbery, instead of a college completing a 20 million dollar drive to improve students education or a group of people working together to preserve a piece of the earth?

And even more so, why do people jump at any bit of scandal regarding famous people.

For instance, if he were anyone else, America may not have cared that he was charged for the murder of his ex-wife and her friend, but because he is O.J. Simpson, ex-pro football star, the entire country must have their lives interrupted with news of his every move.

I haven't been able to listen to the news or even watch a soap-opera since this ordeal began without hearing the mans name in the first or second story, or during a special report that tells me they have him surrounded in front of his house.

Events such as this, happen everyday across the United States, but how many times do we, in Northwestern Kansas, hear about them unless they happen around the corner or to someone famous.

Why is it, that people place so much emphasis on the horrid events that take place in this country, rather than the positive aspects of life. And even more attention is given to the story, if the story involves someone whom Americans idolize.

If you ever watch the 10 p.m. news, you will see my point. The first ten minutes are nothing but the most awful events the news station could come up with that happened that day. And after the weather and sports information is told, the news station attempts to add a shread of humanity to its programming by finding the most heartfelt story and adding it into the last 30 seconds of the show, if there is even that much time.

True is the fact that the horrid

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Photo by Janella Mildrester

Don Johnson, Hays, chauffeurs Twilight Tours participants to historic sites in the Hays area in the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau's bus.

Twilight Tours explore the history of Hays

Connie Ellerman
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Twilight Tours, sponsored by the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1301 Pine St., was developed to give Hays visitors the opportunity to learn more about the heritage of Hays and the surrounding areas.

At 7:30 every evening, from June 1 to Aug. 31, a tour of various sites is given. The tours vary from a downtown historical walking tour of Hays to museum tours to visiting the local working ranch of Doug and MaryAllyn Philip.

Janelle Bedard, Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau representative, said the tours were a "way of promoting Hays to out of town guests."

She said that many people call in the spring to find out about the tours so they can "plan their trip through Hays around the scheduling of the tours."

The tours were first started in 1988 on a six-week trial basis. Bedard said the tours were "well received," so the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau decided to conduct the tours for three months the following summer.

There is a total of 16 different tours conducted throughout the summer months. One tour is a driving tour of sites such as the original Boot Hill cemetery, Historic Fort Hays and Fort Hays State.

Other scheduled tours include trips to nearby museums such as the Ellis

County Historical Society Museum, Kansas Barbed Wire Museum in LaCrosse, and the Sternberg Museum.

Ellis County's German heritage is described to visitors touring the Volga-German House or the Bukovina Society and Museum in Ellis.

Tour guides are volunteers from the community such as Pete Felten, a sculptor, who conducts a tour highlighting his works that appear throughout the city of Hays.

The tour guides are vital to the success of the tours. Bedard said, "We (the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau) wouldn't be as successful without our tour guides."

The tour, which lasts an hour, averages about 20-22 people every night. Out-of-town guests are picked up by a Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau bus, that stops at all of the Vine Street motels.

Hays residents are welcome on the tours as well. Bedard said, "We invite them (the Hays community) to go on the tours."

The Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau asks Hays residents to meet the tour bus at the Days Inn, 3205 N. Vine St., which is the last stop to pick up visitors.

This is a great way to show out of town guests a new side of Hays and Ellis County that residents may not even know about.

Out-of-town visitors can find out more about the tours by asking their

motel's staff.

A brochure is available that includes a description of each of the tours, a calendar of the tours given and pickup points and times.

For a brochure and more information on the Twilight Tours, please contact the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau at 628-8202.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

The Larks, Hays' semi-professional baseball team, will play at 7:30 at Lark's Park Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Tickets are now available for "The Skin of Our Teeth," a play presented by Fort Hays State Theatre. The performances will be at 8 p.m. June 30, July 1 and July 2. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. For tickets or more information call the Theatre Box Office at 628-4225.

Bands to play at Cedar Bluff's Southside Club

Mark Rohlf
COPY EDITOR

Independence Day is getting closer, and everyone is gearing up to head to the lake. Cedar Bluff Reservoir, that is.

Yes, you read right, Cedar Bluff. In the past few years, the water at the reservoir has been extremely low. So low in fact, that it earned the nickname, Cedar Puddle.

Last summer changed that, however. The floods in the summer of 1993 were a blessing for Cedar Bluff. The water is now back to its normal level and people are thinking twice about going to Lake Wilson.

One reason is Lake Wilson is about a 45 minute drive from Hays, while Cedar Bluff is only about 20 minutes, if you take the shortcut.

Lake-goers who are now pointing their vehicles west instead of east, are not going to have to entertain themselves at night either.

Wakeeney Bar Owner Willie Wilson recently opened a night club out at the lake called the Southside Club.

It's located straight across from the North Shore cabin area. You can get there by going to the southside pay station intersection, and turning left. It's about 3/8 of a mile down the road from there. The building was last used as the Snodgrass Marina, which closed down in 1978.

Wilson said that he's had the idea to open a bar at Cedar Bluff for about five years, and finally bought it about three months ago.

"We had a band over Memorial

Weekend, and the people really turned out," Wilson said.

"The band that we have scheduled for the weekend of the fourth is Jimmie Lunin' and the Kingtones. They will play from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. They're like a 'barbecue blues' type band. The cover tunes they do are usually from bands like Stevie Ray Vaughn. It should be a really good time," Wilson said.

Wilson said entrance to the night club is on the basis of membership only, but the annual fee is minimal (only \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a couple). You can purchase memberships at the bar in Wakeeney, or at the Southside Club at the lake.

"The only reason I set it up this way (membership only) is because it reduces the amount I have to pay in insurance, and we're working on a tight budget," Wilson said.

Wilson isn't just opening a bar, however. His plans are to eventually have a marina (fuel, bait, etc.), boat storage and a recreation area.

"We will eventually be open all year, when we get everything (marina and more recreation projects) set up, but for now, we're just open during the summer," Wilson said.

Wilson has already installed horseshoes and a sand volleyball court, and plans to put in a basketball court outside, as well as video games and dartboards inside the bar.

Also, Wilson has planted trees, which will (in the future) provide shade for those who prefer escaping the sun.

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City Slickers II:
Crystal returns in sequel

Janella Mildrexler
CIRCULATION MANAGER

"I took it, you find it." This is the enticing first clue that sparks the interest and imagination of Mitch and sends him, his pal Phil and his brother Glen way out West to battle nature, bad guys and bad weather for the treasure in "City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold."

It begins in almost the same, corny way the first movie did, with Mitch's mother calling him at 5:30 in the morning to describe in detail his arrival into this world and to wish him a happy birthday.

But a year has passed and life is not the same.

For one thing Mitch (Billy Crystal) is now station manager

at the radio and has given his friend Phil (Daniel Stern) a job, even though Phil has more than the usual amount of personal problems.

Also, gone is the womanizing Ed and introduced is Glen. (Jon Lovitz) Mitch's ne'er-do-well younger brother.

Another change from the original is that for a PG-13 movie, the jokes and situations in the story are more sexually suggestive. For example, Glen's experience with milking Norman the cow and a steamy phone call during an important conference. This also includes a moment in bed with Mitch and his wife where he has more on his mind than usual because he has just found Curly's treasure map.

The map, and the promise of \$1 million in gold sends the three-

some out West. And from the time they rent their horses to almost the end, the movie slows to a crawl.

The arrival of Duke (Jack Palance) as Curly's twin brother adds a little excitement. So do the references to other movies such as "Alive" and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."

However, the writers (Crystal included) were more worried about how to get to the treasure in two hours than how to build on the characters, which was what made the other "City Slickers" so good.

Luckily, the unexpected ending is the movie's salvation by restoring faith in old-fashioned adventures where the good guys get the gold.



Photo by Kenji Hayashi

Rihito Kato Tokyo, Japan sophomore, swings at a fastball in the batting cages by the Putt-Putt Golf course, 1207 Vine.

SCOTT'S BEDTIME STORIES

Scott Aust
MANAGING EDITOR

Saved by the Light/Dannion Brinkley with Paul Perry/
Random House/Non-fiction

This is one man's story of his experiences after being declared dead, visiting another world and then returning to his body.

In 1975, Dannion Brinkley was struck by a bolt of lightning that travelled through phone lines.

The bolt was so powerful it burned an imprint of his shoes onto the floor.

Brinkley says he was knocked out of his body and witnessed paramedics trying to revive him.

After doctors pronounced him dead, Brinkley describes moving through a dark tunnel toward a

spirit being he calls, "Being of Light." Brinkley says this spirit guided him through a review of his life.

During this review, he relived all the experiences of his life, both good and bad.

Brinkley said he also experienced the effects of his actions on others, which was not a pleasant experience.

For instance, Brinkley was a soldier in Viet Nam and he felt the pain of every person he killed.

After the life review, the spirit takes Brinkley to a city of light and leaves him at a "cathedral of knowledge" where he learns about future events from 13 "angels."

Brinkley says he was told of 117 events that would shake the world before the year 2000.

Some of the events Brinkley claims to have been warned about are the

Persian Gulf War and the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

After returning to his earthly body, Brinkley awakens and discovers he has the ability to read minds by touching people.

He has been devoting his life to helping dying people cope with their fear of death.

The book was an enjoyable read of a fascinating event that happened in Brinkley's life.

I was somewhat sceptical of his claims when I started the book, but I thought his claims were believable, in light of the other people who have had similar near death experiences.

Although the book is short, 161 pages in fact, it is nonetheless powerful in its descriptions of the afterlife and the role of humanity on earth.

Putt-putt offers summer fun

Candas Graham
STAFF WRITER

For-the-fun-of-it! A phrase we've come to know as the logo for Putt-Putt. This year represents the 40th year of Putt-Putt.

Charles Geibler owns and operates Hays Putt-Putt Golf, 1207 Vine St.

In operation since 1961, the Geiblers have been involved with the Putt-Putt corporation since 1967.

"It's the oldest course in Kansas!" Geibler proudly said. "(It's) been #1 in the nation for the past few months."

Geibler and his family now share the responsibilities of maintaining and running the business.

"We change the carpet about every three years and paint every year. It takes about 240 square yards of carpet to cover all the holes," Geibler said.

"An 18-hole course takes about 45 minutes to play," Geibler said. "I hate to see kids rush right through it. It almost takes all the fun out of it."

"Each hole is a par two and a par 36 for all 18 holes," Geibler said. "The speed of the ball and where you put it, makes a big difference. This is definitely a game of skill and competitiveness, not a game of chance."

The lowest score ever shot was 21

by Rick Walters, a former Putt-Putt employee.

Opening the first part of March, and closing late October, Putt-Putt is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days a week.

Geibler said, "There are quite a few (people) who come often, probably about twice a week."

"You always get a good deal," Geibler said. The costs vary: one game for \$3; two games for \$4; three games for \$5; and 10 games for \$15. Family packages are also available.

Every Tuesday and Saturday, during selected hours, you can golf all you want for \$5.

Gaining in popularity, are the batting cages. The cages were installed in August of 1990. The cages are "good batting practice for all ages," Geibler said.

"There are three speeds of pitching machines, 70 mph, 50 mph, and a slow pitch softball," Geibler said. "We use hard, dimpled balls instead of the regular style baseball, because the others don't wear out as fast."

The equipment, bats, helmets and balls, are provided. "Some of the kids like to bring their own bats and helmets," Geibler said.

Costs on the batting cages are 25 pitches for \$1, 147 pitches for \$5 and 210 pitches for \$7.

Geibler invites all to "try out the batting cages and play a round of golf."

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

Telenet offers educational classes

Scott Aust
MANAGING EDITOR

Four one-hour courses concerning educational issues will be offered via Telenet in late July and early August at Fort Hays State, according to a press release.

Telenet is a teleconferencing network sponsored jointly by FHSU, Emporia State University, and headquartered at Kansas State University.

"Telenet is a statewide course delivery system to 36 permanent sites throughout the state," James Petree, FHSU Telenet coordinator, said.

"Each classroom has a speaker system and microphones allowing live interaction among instructors and students from different geographical areas," according to Telenet's brochure.

Petree said the network has been in use since 1971.

"Since its inception, over 45,000 people have taken courses over Telenet," Petree said. "That's just outstanding."

According to the brochure, the following courses will be offered:

"Violence in the Schools," July 18-21, provides the participant the opportunity to interact with state and national authorities on school violence and possible solutions.

"Strategies for the Classroom Teacher: An Update," July 25-28, will feature educators presenting information on such topics as class-

room management, legal issues, current trends in teaching and ideas for developing a portfolio of classroom strategies.

"Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," Aug. 1-4, will provide a foundation and practical intervention techniques to enhance effectiveness in working with children with attention deficit disorder.

"Strategies for Students with Learning and Behavior Problems," also Aug. 1-4, will include practical strategies for teachers and parents for promoting academic achievement.

Each of these courses offers one credit hour for undergraduates and graduates and costs \$101 and \$138 respectively. Telenet is operated by the Kansas Regents Network.

People wishing to take one or more of the courses at FHSU should contact Petree at 628-4292 or 628-4291.

Other courses are offered by Telenet in subjects such as English, business, history and economics.

For information regarding other courses, write to the Kansas Regents Network; Kansas State University; 144 Bob Dole Hall; Manhattan, KS; 66506-6901; or call (913) 532-5995.

Ike Smith, grounds keeper, mows grass near the old school house while high temperatures and humidity provided a grueling hot day.

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Nikola Nelson, department of speech pathology and audiology representative from Western Michigan University, presents a Speech Language Pathology Topics Course in the Memorial Union Black and Gold Room.

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'Teleconomic' development announced at press conference

Scott Aust
MANAGING EDITOR

Two things Western Kansas can never get enough of are rain and new business opportunities. Tuesday brought a little of both.

A new partnership to forward "teleconomic development" was announced at a press conference Tuesday morning in the Frontier Room of the Memorial Union.

Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs and National Consulting Services International, Inc., Omaha, Neb., have joined together to promote economic development through the use of telecommunications.

"Teleconomic development" is a phrase used by NCS President Jim Beatty which means, "utilizing telecommunications services, equipment, networks and information systems to stimulate economic growth resulting in the creation of new jobs and new wealth for a community."

"I brought the rain with me," Beatty said jokingly.

Beatty said he has been involved in the telecommunications industry for the past 25 years.

As part of a group who brought the telecommunications industry to Omaha, Beatty said, "I saw the power of telecommunications and what it could do as far as economic development."

Beatty said he has been aware of FHSU since running track against them in college.

"I didn't win," he said.

President Edward Hammond said the partnership, "reflects the university's long-standing interest and involvement in applying telecommunications and computing technologies to the educational environment and the workplace."

Hammond said NCS leads the nation in information oriented economic development.

"This is a unique partnership. It will create development opportuni-

"This is a unique partnership."

Edward Hammond
FHSU president

ties not only for the community, but also for the entire state of Kansas," he said.

According to a press release, NCS has worked with the public and private sector to create thousands of jobs in communities across the United States.

Beatty said, "The purpose of the partnership is to link the 'hands on' business expertise of NCS with the academic and research resources of FHSU."

"I'm very excited to join with the Docking Institute's 'Intopreneurs.' We hope to attract attention and industry to the area, and to inspire people to start information based businesses," he said.

The Docking Institute has worked to implement the use of telecommunication and information systems as tools for rural schools, businesses, and governments, through the use of interactive television, electronic data networks/bases, multi-media, and geographic information systems.

"NCS's nationwide expertise will help significantly in this effort," Mark Bannister, director of the Docking Institute, said.

"The partnership gives us a national perspective, while still focusing on rural Kansas," Bannister said.

He said the first joint project will be a national survey of phone company involvement in rural development.

"The survey will look at successful models and find out what's working," Bannister said.

Beatty said the group will study the relationships between local economic development, population growth and the growth of telecommunications usage.

Hammond said the partnership was important for the area because of changes in the business world.

"With telecommunications technology, businesses no longer need to be based on the coasts. The partnership brings the kind of contacts needed for Western Kansas," he said.

Hammond used the example of the Hays Medical Center's link to hospitals in the Kansas City area.

"What used to be impossible because of distance is now made possible by telecommunications technology," Hammond said.

Other potential Docking Institute/NCS joint activities include:

Conferences, workshops, and training

1. Conferences on telecommunications development
2. Intensive workshops for businesses and economic developers
3. Training via intensive consulting or coaching

Education

1. Research spin off into "cutting edge" education
2. Opportunities for faculty and employment for students
3. Visiting professors from NCS and private industry contacts linked through NCS providing university courses

Research

1. Polling and survey work
2. Identification of trends and opportunities in telecommunications
3. Impact/successes/failures of telecommunications projects, methods, and strategies



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Sabina, played by Julie Moeder, Hays, struggles to control her laughter while rehearsing a scene from "By the Skin of Our Teeth" in which she tries to seduce Mr. Antrobus played by Jason Hurl, Hays senior.

Southern conglomerate buys local TV station

Lois Koenigsman
STAFF WRITER

KBSH-TV, 2300 Hall, and three other Kansas stations have been sold to Spartan Broadcasting Company of Spartanburg, S.C., for \$58 million.

The sale was announced June 15 by Sandy DiPasquale, president and CEO of Kansas Broadcasting System Limited Partnership and SD Communications, Inc., of Wichita.

The other stations included in this sale are KWCH-TV, Hutchinson-Wichita, KBSD-TV, Ensign-Dodge City, and KBSL-TV, Goodland.

The Spartan Broadcasting Company, established in 1947, has radio and television stations scattered throughout the United States, according to a press release.

Locations of the stations include South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota and now Kansas.

DiPasquale said, "We are very proud to have owned and operated Kansas' top rated stations and one of the premiere CBS television affiliates in the country."

Nick Evans, president of the Spartan Group, said, "Our commitment is to continue the tradition of providing the best in local news and entertainment programming in Wichita and throughout the state of Kansas."

Wayne Roberts, general manager of KBSH-TV, said, "I have not met any of the new owners," but pending FCC approval, Roberts believes the new owners will take possession in November of 1994.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1994

Campus Briefs

* Distribution of the **July 1 paychecks** will be on **Friday, July 1 from 7:30-11:30 a.m.** Faculty and staff checks can be picked up in Sheridan 318. Students' checks can be picked up in the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union. Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4.

* The Fort Hays State University football team has made the **NCAA Division II preseason top 10** of The Sporting News' college-football yearbook. The Tigers return 17 starters off last year's 8-4 squad.

*FHSU will host **two football camps** in July. The first camp, July 10-13, is for players in the sixth through eighth grade. The second camp, July 10-13, is for players in grades 9-12.

*Forsyth Library has announced their hours for the July 4 holiday.

Friday, July 1	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 2	Noon to 4 p.m.
Sunday-Monday, July 3-4	Closed
Tuesday, July 5	Resume regular hours

*FHSU will host the **Class 4A, 3A, and 2-1A state football championship games** at Lewis Field Stadium. The eight-man championships have been moved to Salina.

***Phi Sigma Iota**, a foreign language honor society, recently initiated four students and a faculty member. Initiated were **Julie Molzahn, Agra; Pierre Prevost, Miserey Salines, France; Stacey Lynn Struckhoff, Grinnell; Robert Dean Zimmerman, Hays; and William Brow, visiting professor of modern languages.**

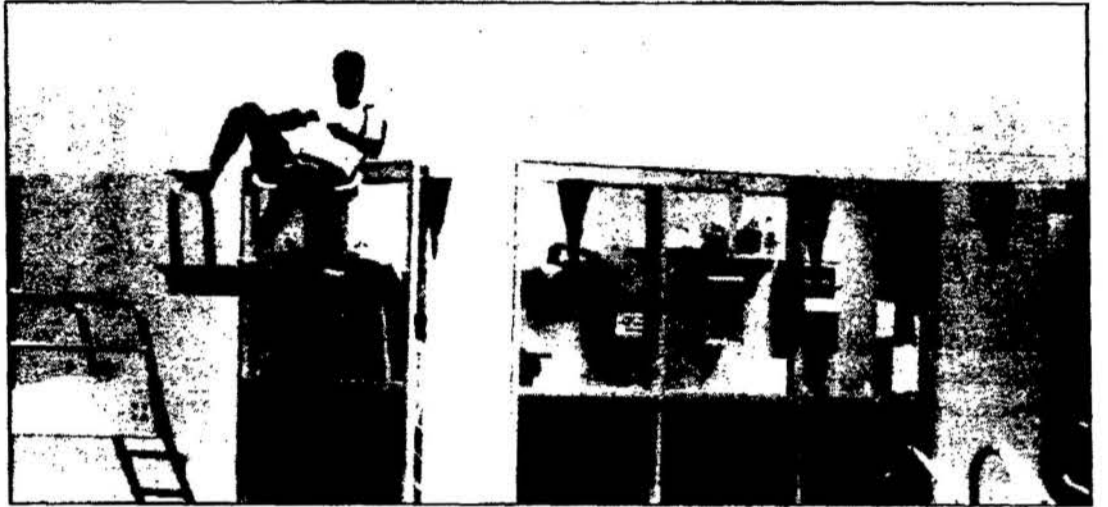


Photo by Mark Rohlf

Bill King, Fort Hays State Alumnus, lifeguards at the swimming pool in Cunningham Hall during the summer while working for certification in teaching and athletic training.

Summer enrollment increases

Mark Rohlf
COPY EDITOR

Enrollment for the summer semester is 2,231 students, up 108 from last summer's enrollment, according to a press release.

"There really is no trend in population increase during the summer. It's up one summer and down the next," Robert Lowen, director of University Relations, said.

Lowen also said the spring semesters are always lower than the fall semesters.

"This is normally due to students graduating or just taking a semester off. But the spring and fall semesters are both showing a trend of increasing student population," Lowen said.

This past spring semester was a record-breaking semester. He said

the 5,447 student population during that semester is the largest number recorded since the university opened its doors in 1902.

Lowen said he is guessing this trend will continue for about the next 10 years. The reason for this, he said, is partly because of the number of high school graduates.

"More high school graduates mean more perspective college students, which eventually means more faculty and more funding."

"In other words, the quality of education will not decrease when the population increases."

"This will also spill over into economic growth for the city of Hays," Lowen said.

President Edward Hammond said in a press release, "I'm very pleased with the increase in summer enroll-

ments. Fort Hays faculty have worked very hard to develop courses that meet the varying needs of graduate and undergraduate students."

Hammond also said faculty increases are in progress at this time.

Hammond said the contractor working on the new science building, Murray & Sons Co. Inc., is also working on parking lots, one of which is to be finished sometime in August.

"We are having a problem with housing," Hammond said, "but our plans are to do some building of our own."

"There's a field southwest of Big Creek and just west of campus where we plan to put some apartment buildings. Some of the fraternities have also expressed an interest in moving to the new location," Hammond said.

Trash

tales, provide entertainment for us, but we need to start living our own lives and find more creative ways of passing our time.

What would be wrong with starting the news out with the story of the ducks that made it clear across a city without getting hit over, instead of the plane that got blown up by terrorists?

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