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Tiger Tots

The Fort Hays State Tiger Tots Nurtury Center is now accepting enrollment applications for this summer. The center is open from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, during the summer session. The center is also taking applications for the fall semester, when it is open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, contact Natalie Unruh, director 628-4101.

SGA staff applications

Student Government applications for the positions of secretary, treasurer, Office of Legislative Affairs director and executive assistant are now available. They can be picked up in the SGA office, First Floor, Memorial Union and are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Contact the SGA office for more information at 628-5311.

Volunteers needed

Forsyth Library is still in the process of implementing the Library of Congress classification system. Volunteers are needed to label and shelf books Saturday - Wednesday and May 22-26. These sessions will last 3 to 4 hours. To volunteer, contact Janice Basgall at 628-4431.

HALO

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization will sponsor a dance from 8-11 p.m. Sunday at the Backdoor, basement of Custer Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Campus Brown Bag

The Campus Brown Bag A.A. Group continues to meet and provide support for those who think they may have a problem with drinking, and to share experiences, strengths and hope with each other. Come join us in a smoke-free environment at 11:30 a.m. today in Picken 311C.

Lines assistant editor

Anyone interested in being assistant editor of "Lines: A Journal of the Arts," please contact LaNette at 625-5808.

Non-trad scholarship

Up to \$500 in scholarships are available for non-traditional students. Applications are available in the non-traditional student lounge or in the Financial Aid office, Custer Hall and are due Wednesday. For more information, call 628-4308.

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FRED HUNT/University Leader

Unusual occupation

Rodeo clown, Brent Schrelber, Ransom senior, picks up a bucking belt Sunday afternoon during the Fort Hays State Rodeo at the Doug Phillips Arena.

More than 500 students expected for Technology Fair

Janella Mildrexler
Staff writer

"It is the oldest technology fair in Kansas, and it will draw someplace between 500 and 800 students here," Bill Havice, assistant professor of Technology Studies, said when describing the 36th Annual Western Kansas Technology Education Fair. The fair, sponsored by the Fort Hays State Technology Education Collegiate Association and the department of Technology Studies, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

All junior high and high schools in the western 57 counties of the state have been invited to participate in the 1995 fair.

"I think we've got 28 counties coming for sure, but applications are still coming in. We have people from as far away as Shawnee Mission and people in Colorado interested in attending," Havice said.

The fair, held each spring, gives junior high and high school students an opportunity to display their work in industrial education/technology.

There are eight divisions into which each project is classified.

The divisions are arts and crafts, power and energy, drafting, graphic communications, metalwork, multi-pupil, open, and woodwork.

Friday, the students will be involved in live competitions.

The competitions include communications, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in which students will design and produce an advertisement on television and the technology challenge, where teams from separate schools compete against each other with questions about technology; it will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Other competitions include problem solving, which will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; transportation, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; and Metric 500 Race Cars, lasting from 7 to 9 p.m.

The winners of these competitions, and the other divisions of the fair, will be recognized and presented with awards.

"You'd be amazed at what they're capable of doing. There's some real talent in these young students," he said.

Dramatic reading to be performed in remembrance of Holocaust

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The Fort Hays State departments of communication and modern languages, Forsyth Library and FHSU Theatre will present a dramatic reading entitled, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," by Celeste Raspanti. The reading will take place at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Stouffer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

The play, written in remembrance of the Holocaust, is based on the drawings, paintings and poetry of Czech children interned at the Terezin Concentration Camp awaiting transport to Auschwitz.

The following students will participate: Joleen Bieker, Grainfield sophomore; Ericka Dame, Kansas City, Kan., junior; Melissa Foster, Overland Park freshman; Jon Lefurgey, Ballston Lake, N.Y., senior; and Lanee Young, Akron, Colo., senior.

Faculty and staff members participating include: Lawrence Caylor, director of Forsyth Library; Sue Firestone, chair of the department of modern languages; Gary Gilmore, computer operator at the computing and telecommunications center; and Jennie Straight, instructor of communication.

Group hopes long hours, hard work pay off

PROs enters campaign in World Series of Advertising

Connie Ellerman
Managing editor

After working 15-25 hours a week since the beginning of the semester, eight Fort Hays State students will be traveling to Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday to present an advertising campaign at 7:45 a.m. Friday.

The team will compete in the World Series of Advertising, sponsored by the American Advertising Federation.

The students are enrolled in Advertising Campaigns, taught by Suzanne Knorr, assistant professor of communication.

They are also members of the FHSU chapter of the American Advertising Federation, locally known as the Public Relations Organization for Students.

The team consists of Amy Weller, Manhattan senior; Laura Laird, Milton, Vt., junior; Jenni Axtell, Beloit, senior; Tim Gratzner, Stilwell senior; Denise Smith, Ukiah, Calif., junior; Faye Pfeiffer, Logan senior; Sandra Malesevic, Sarajevo, Bosnia, senior; and Jon Runger, Hays senior.

In Des Moines, five members of the team will give the 20 minute presentation, Axtell said.

The presentation will focus on an advertising campaign for Chrysler Corporation's Dodge Neon automobile.

bile.

It will include two television commercials, five print ads, a television story board, radio ads and a slide show.

All of these are based on the team's creative concepts, Laird said.

"They are actually having a chance to experience what it is really like to put together a campaign from beginning to end, then pitch it to the people who are really going to buy it," Knorr said.

Many areas need to be developed to make the campaign a success.

"We developed a promotional plan, a media plan, a public relations plan, a budget and creative concepts," Laird said.

The presentation is a collaboration of all of the students in the class.

"This gives the students the chance to combine all of the course work they've had, drawing on everything they've ever learned," Knorr said.

She said each student identified an area they were interested in, then focused their work in that area.

Laird said the project was "set up like an actual advertising firm."

"Everyone is working in an area where they are best suited," she said. Axtell said the group's name, Synergy, Inc., was developed due to the amount of teamwork involved in the project.

"The name is based on the concept that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts," she said.

In addition to learning to work as a team, Gratzner said he has "picked up an incredible amount of experience."



FRED HUNT/University Leader

Scott Staab, Phillipsburg senior; Jack Jackson, assistant professor of communication; and Laura Laird, Milton, Vt., junior, prepare slides for the Public Relations Organization for Students who will be attending the American Advertising Federation World Series of Advertising competition Friday.

"They tell you that experience is the key to any job, and this definitely provides experience," he said.

Malesevic, said the experience was important to her, as well.

"It was a learning experience in the field of advertising, something I wouldn't have the opportunity to gain without the campaign," she said.

"I've learned more in this class

than I've ever learned in any other class before," Laird said.

During the work on the campaign,

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going to extremes

Play to provide dramatic look at rape; issues to be discussed after Sunday performance

When the tables are turned on a would-be rapist in the Fort Hays State Theatre production of "Extremities," all the elements are there for a dramatic commentary on one of today's most explosive topics.

Following Sunday's performance, there will be a public discussion led by Karen McFadden, staff psychologist at the Kelly Center, about the issues the play raises.

"Extremities" will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Felten-Start Theatre, Malloy Hall.

Written by William Mastrosimone, "Extremities" is the account of an attempted rape and the array of emotions it brings out in the victim, Marjorie, and her two friends after the assailant is thwarted and taken prisoner, according to the play's director Jason Herl, Hays graduate student.

"(Marjorie) is determined to kill this man and she waits for her two roommates to get home so they can help her," Herl said.

"As (the roommates) arrive, they of course don't want to kill him, and they have their own reaction to this situation," Herl said. "The play revolves around these three women and what they want to do with this man."

Herl said that he chose the play for its compelling drama, as well as the fact that it had well-written female leads.

"It had good female characters," Herl said. "There aren't too many plays that have strong female leads."

Marjorie is played by Gariston Kinder, Hays freshman, who admires her character's fortitude in the wake of a traumatic sexual assault.

"I like Marjorie's strength the most," Kinder said, "and her will to survive."

"Extremities" is Kinder's second full-

stage production with the FHSU Theatre, and she has also been in several one-act plays and two children's theatrical productions at FHSU.

Besides Kinder, the play also features Carrie Honas, Hays freshman, and Natalie Vandever, Overland Park sophomore, as the friends of Marjorie who have differing opinions about what to do with the rapist, played by Tony Royer, Ogallah sophomore.

While Kinder's character is the play's main protagonist, she stressed that the other actors are instrumental in developing the play's dramatic energy.

"I don't consider (Marjorie) the lead, because the other characters are very essential to the play," Kinder said.

Kinder said "Extremities" has a very relevant message even for rural western Kansas.

"I hope that ('Extremities') helps open people's eyes and their minds to the fact that rape does happen," Kinder said, "even in a small community like Hays."

Having a discussion after the Sunday performance "was brought up during a production meeting about this play," Herl said, "because it does deal with the subject of rape and sexual assault."

Herl said that because of the controversial subject matter, having the discussion made sense in order to get feedback from the audience.

Advertisements for "Extremities" caution that "the play contains material of a mature nature," and Herl warned that the play was not for the faint of heart.

"It does have an assault scene, and there is a lot of profanity," Herl said, "which I feel is very realistic for what would be happening" during an actual sexual assault.

Tickets for the play cost \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the box office in Malloy Hall, 628-4225.



ABOVE:

Marjorie, played by Gariston Kinder, Hays freshman, struggles with the emotional turmoil of an attempted rape as one of her roommates, played by Natalie Vandever, Overland Park sophomore, tries to keep her from striking the captive assailant with a fire poker. The performance was part of Monday's dress rehearsal in Felten-Start Theatre for the play "Extremities."



LEFT:

Marjorie's other roommate, played by Carrie Honas, Hays freshman, offers her comfort as they struggle to resolve what to do with her tied up assailant.

Story by
— Mark J. Dolezal
Photos by
Fred Hunt

High energy show to close out Gallery

Gabriela Snydstруп
A&E editor

Have you ever gone to a show to watch someone sing or play an instrument and found yourself yawning in the middle of the performance? Do you find yourself endlessly looking at your watch throughout?

Are you in the mood for something exciting?

How about a show where you don't just sit and listen to the performer? What if you could stand up, jump around, and sing at the top of your lungs?

At 8 tonight and tomorrow, you will have your chance to get down with Rick Kelley, who will be performing the last show in the spring semester Gallery Series at the Backdoor, basement of Custer Hall.

"This show will be high energy," J.B. Dent, University Activities Board director, said.

Kelley has earned a reputation as a solid performer in the college market for the past nine years.

He has performed at over 1,500 campuses, including the Airforce Academy, East Texas State, and

Wichita State.

Kelley performs a variety of songs including his interpretation of Motown-Soul Classics and some of his original material.



Kelley

He encourages audience participation with his new '90s tour.

"Don't Just Sit There."

"This is different than what we usually have in the Backdoor," Dent said. "He does more cover songs and he wants people to sing along."

Some of the cover songs (songs

produced by someone else) Kelley performs are "Tracks of My Tears," and "Under the Boardwalk." He also performs songs by various artists including the Four Tops, the Temptations, and Marvin Gaye.

Kelley was named the Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year in 1989, 1990, 1992, and 1994. He was nominated for Entertainer of the Year for the past five years, and recently received the honor of Best Solo Performer in 1995, all by the Campus Activities Today Reader's Choice Awards.

He was also the National Association for Campus Activities choice for the NACA Coffeehouse/Small Concert Entertainer of the Year award in 1989 and 1990.

"With all of these awards he has won, this should say something about him and his performance," Dent said.

Dent said this would be a great show for people in the residence halls to come and see.

"They can come as a group and sit at the same table. This is an inexpensive way to have a lot of fun," he said.

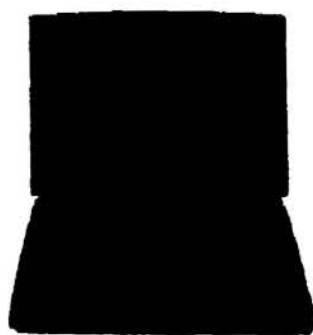
After the performance, the drawing for dinner for four at Rooftops Restaurant, 1200 Main, will take place.

Admission is \$4 for the general public; \$3 for Fort Hays State faculty and staff; and free for all FHSU students with an ID.

Door prizes will be given away from OK Video, 700 E. 13, and the University Bookstore.

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Recovery in progress after bomb

Dan Sewell
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Searchers found the body of a Marine today, still in uniform and sitting at his desk in the ruined federal office building, and the White House said it feared the death toll might possibly top 200.

The hunt for more suspects in the bombing stalled as two leads that investigators were chasing overnight didn't pan out.

White House chief of staff Leon Panetta, speaking at The Associated Press annual meeting in New Orleans today, said it was possible the final toll might surpass 200. He said he based that on a report from federal emergency officials that 150 to 160 people were still missing and presumed to be "still within the building." It might be Saturday before all bodies were pulled out of the rubble, he said.

Over the weekend, Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen lowered his estimate of the number of missing to 100, but he stressed that there was no way to be certain.

The discovery of the Marine was recounted by rescue workers as they described a painstaking, chunk-by-chunk search through treacherous debris. The Pentagon identified him this afternoon as Capt. Randolph Guzman, 28, of Castro Valley, Calif., the recruiting station executive officer.

Roger O'Neil, an NBC reporter who was allowed into the building this morning, said some areas were so clean that "we could rent this space out now." Others resembled a mine shaft, shored up with four-by-fours at all angles.

"The building does creak and crack and groan ... and it's damn scary," O'Neil said.

In other developments: •The official death toll rose by one, to 79. That number did not include a nurse killed in the rescue effort.

•Weldon Kennedy, agent in charge of the FBI's investigation, appealed for businesses with security cameras in the area to preserve the tapes from Wednesday. One camera had yielded what may be an image of the Ryder truck used in the bombing, he said. He also said John Doe No. 2 had not been identified, contrary to news reports.

•Court-appointed attorneys for Timothy McVeigh, the only suspect charged, filed motions to step aside. They said they feared for the safety of their families and weren't sure they could represent McVeigh in an unbiased way. They also requested a change of venue, saying they doubted McVeigh could get a fair trial in Oklahoma City.

•President Clinton, in a speech in Minneapolis, denounced "the purveyors of hatred and division, the promoters of paranoia." He sought broad new powers to combat terrorism. Panetta, his chief of staff, defended

those proposals against charges that they could violate civil liberties.

•An Army deserter from Fort Riley, Kan., was questioned, then released to military custody, after being apprehended in California. McVeigh once served at Fort Riley.

•On the day of the bombing, a Texas congressman's office received a fax in cryptic language that may have described the Oklahoma federal office building that was devastated. But Michigan authorities said the FBI had indicated it didn't want to talk to the right-wing paramilitary leader linked in broadcast reports to the fax.

•A team from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was being brought in to deal with the increasing health threat from decaying bodies in the rubble.

As the nation observed a day of mourning on Sunday, there was more bad news.

Besides those killed in the bombing, another person, nurse Rebecca Anderson, 37, died Sunday from head injuries suffered trying to help after the blast. More than 400 were injured in the worst terrorist attack in the United States.



JON GROSSMAN / University Leader

International flavor

Mohammed Bawa, Sakoto, Nigeria sophomore, explains the various items brought back from his native country to Kara McKee-Rist, Kansas City senior, and Laura Wilson, Kansas City sophomore.

From PROs/p.1

sleep was scarce for the team.

"Almost all of us have pulled all-nighters in the PROs office trying to get this campaign done," Gratzner said. Laird and Weller both stayed up for almost 45 hours straight.

"We had to take the four-color book to Manhattan due to time constraints and the lack of technical capabilities. Then, the printer in Manhattan broke down, and we had to drive to To-

peka," Laird said.

If the team wins the regional competition, they will go on to the national competition in Tampa, Fla., the first week in June, Gratzner said.

Laird said the campaign came together so well because of the guidance of Knorr.

"We never would have been able to succeed without Suzanne. She was

the catalyst of the campaign. She guided us," Laird said.

Several national companies donated to the team's efforts. "Dillard's in Salina is sponsoring attire for the presenters," Laird said.

Other companies include Sprint, which donated \$1,000 toward the cost of research projects.

Casual Graphics, 119 W. 8th and KMA Productions, Inc., 1012 W. 28th

were both vital entities in the campaign.

The group would also like to thank Jack Jackson, assistant professor of communication, for his assistance in the campaign.

"Jack helped us a lot with the technical aspect of the campaign, such as the slide show and getting the (computer) programs we needed to increase our capabilities," Gratzner said.



Rick Kelley
Singer - Songwriter - Keyboardist
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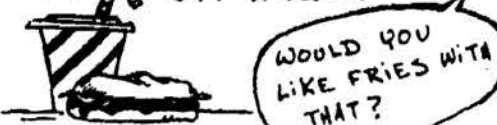
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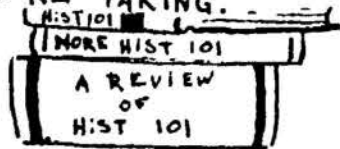
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④ TO ALL THE POLITICIANS WHO THINK CUTTING FUNDS FOR EDUCATION IS A GOOD WAY TO SAVE MONEY...



... AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TELL US, "WAIT TIL' YOU GET TO THE REAL WORLD." WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET THERE.

'Granola-guru' says earth needs our protection and care

I had fruit loops for breakfast this morning and I don't boycott McDonald's entirely, but I'm pretty sure Mark Dolezal still classifies me as a "granola-guru eco-nut."

I personally don't understand why Dolezal feels so threatened by bran (childhood trauma, perhaps) or why he associates it with the environmental movement. If he wants to destroy his own body, though, I'll leave him alone to do that. In fact, I'll leave Dolezal alone most of the time.

But he went way too far in his April 21 column, "Preparing for Earth Day," as he attempted to legitimize his selfish irresponsibility and encouraged the rest of us to follow his lead.

The focus of Dolezal's column was Al Gore's book, "Earth in the Balance." After criticizing one man's proposed solutions to our environmental worries, Dolezal drew the conclusion that all environmentalists are flakes and people are free to destroy as much land as they like.

I read Gore's book when it was first published, and I'll admit, it didn't make much of an impression on me. I vaguely remember finding it somewhat humorous.

Now Gore may not be much of a writer, but does that mean that we should automatically dismiss the claims of everyone else who Dolezal so blindly lumps together?

Of course not. Anyone who's taken a beginning logic course can tell you that. Dolezal went on to quote a Gallup Poll survey which showed that 53 percent of scientists concerned with global climate research do not believe warming has oc-



different ways.

Okay, so many scientists aren't sure warming has occurred yet; that doesn't mean they don't think it will happen later.

Furthermore, global warming isn't the only environmental problem we face. Even if one particular theory isn't universally supported, we shouldn't assume that this earth is ours for the raping.

Mere common sense tells us we can't go on wildly consuming forever. We can see the effects of our actions in landfills and smog, water pollution and oil spills.

Anyone can tell you that when you dump detergent and other yucky chemicals in rivers, it's going to kill the fish. When you pump smoke into the air, it'll eventually start hurting your lungs.

When you use lots and lots of things that you just throw away, they have to go somewhere.

You don't need a degree in global climate research to know that the state of the environment in which we live is a serious concern.

I don't understand much about global warming and the ozone layer, but I can see

the simple consequences of my actions. And I care about the quality of life for people who have to live here down the road.

I don't want future generations to spend their lives cleaning up after the party we threw.

Does that make me a sentimental flake? I guess it does in Dolezal's eyes.

After arguing that we need to change our environmental behavior, Dolezal turned to Gore's contention that we need a coordinated, collective response to solve our environmental problems.

He compared Gore's goals to those of Hitler, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung.

Come on, Mark. Don't you think you're stretching it just a little bit here?

Couldn't the exact same comparison be made to the Republicans who call for a coordinated effort to bring back family values, control the deficit, and stop crime? Let's get a little bit realistic here.

Fort Hays State logic classes teach about the Straw-man Fallacy, in which someone knocks down a silly, fabricated idea of what another person stands for instead of debating their real ideas.

Sound like anybody we know?

Look, we all have to live on this planet together. We can each do a little bit to protect its future.

You don't have to be a New-Age, Birkenstock-wearing, granola-guru vegetarian who lives off the land, meditates daily, and reads their horoscope religiously to care about the earth.

You just have to be willing to do some careful thinking about yourself and the way you live.

Happy (belated) Earth Day!

From the editor's desk...

There are more than 100 organizations at Fort Hays State. Every year these organizations solicit funding in the form of allocations from the Student Government Association.

Many organizations probably wouldn't exist if they didn't get some allocations, and even the little they get sometimes isn't enough.

Because funds are tight, groups find it necessary to cut costs as much as possible. They understand they will need to go without that new computer for the foreseeable future.

So it is more than hypocritical for SGA to vote itself funds to renovate their office, it is

just plain wrong.

One senator said at the last SGA meeting that because SGA gives money to organizations all year long, "why shouldn't we reward ourselves?"

Because the money comes from all the students, that's why. It is not there for a "reward."

SGA should make do with what it has and not try to compete with other institutions. SGA is not here for a beauty contest; it is here to represent student interests.

If SGA really feels it is entitled to use student revenue to pamper itself it should do the right thing. Put the issue to a campus-wide vote.

-editorial by Scott Aust

generation

So when did it hit you? I first became aware of the Oklahoma City bombing last Wednesday afternoon as I watched newscasts on Cable News Network.

At first, the photography pulled me in with amazing shots of the half-demolished federal building. The dust was still heavy, and the crater caused by the explosion left me in awe.

But I wasn't convinced, not in the way that I should have been, when I heard there was a terrorist attack on innocent people only a few hours away.

Those first reports showed just a few people being treated for cuts and scrapes, and an occasional person was seen being carried away on a stretcher. I set the incident aside in my mind, as if it were just another HBO late night movie.

I probably took my inconsiderate self out for a beer that night, joking with friends about how the O.J. Simpson trial would not make the front page.

I woke up Thursday morning to hear the death toll was at 36, and it included 12 children. I remembered how many people were killed in some of those plane crashes, 100-200, and the bombing again seemed little more than tragic.

Then, that afternoon I picked up my copy of the *Hays Daily News* and saw an amateur's photograph of a dead child being passed from police officer to fireman.

I became obsessed with the photograph. I began to associate the tiny legs, the diaper and tiny open mouth with that of my newborn nephew.

"What if" tore at my insides and pressed at the back of my eyes. I began to feel angry and depressed as if I was personally involved in this nightmare.

I realized two things:

•That anyone, including myself, could have been in that federal building at just past 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

•And that the news media, through its



TIM GRATZER

words and pictures, is possibly the single most influential aspect of American life.

There I was, in my cozy little apartment, watching T.V. and reading a newspaper. I realized that the simple facts of a terrorist bombing in the Midwest were not enough to faze a happy-go-lucky college senior with a few outstanding bills and a dog.

It took a graphic photograph of a dead human child, whose parents could have been green, hump-backed lepers for all I cared, to make me realize that even I am not immune to people who want to blow up a building I might happen to be in, or open fire in a restaurant where I happen to be eating.

You can blow off the bombing, and say it was just another page in America's tragic history. You can say the people who died or had relatives in the blast were just unlucky for being there, but once again, you would be missing the point.

Don't feel bad if you didn't shed a tear for the victims, because if the situation was reversed, how many of them would have cried for you?

We have become so insensitive to tragedy, mostly because we can see it at any hour of any day on any channel. Unless it happens to us, we file it away in our "American Tragedy" folder.

It is ironic that while the media is the one to desensitize us, it is often the same vehicle that wakes us up to reality.

What could provoke a human being to want to end the lives of innocent people, including children? (See Basinski letter, page 5, for a legitimate answer)

The bottom line: Don't count yourself out of that "American Tragedy" folder just yet. Understand that you should be affected any time someone is murdered in this country. Tragedy should not only be mourned, but should also be learned from.

Parents are smarter than we think

When I was 11 or 12 years old, my father and I had one of those talks.

"Son," he said, "in the next few years, I am going to get really, really stupid."

I don't know exactly what I replied, but I played along. What do you say to something like that?

To my surprise, shortly after that it started to happen. Not only did my parents get dumb, every adult did. It was like some kind of virus infected them all.

Everything my parents said made absolutely no sense. Who were they to decide how I was going to live my life?

During the next couple of years, I did the best that I could. I spent a lot of time humoring the adults in my life.

Now I look back and see they were really humoring me. They weren't the



beer in my closet?

The biggest mistake I made was when I decided to move out. That in itself wasn't all that bad. I did it over the weekend when they were out of town. That was a big deal.

ones that got stupid; it was me.

Over the years, I did make a few little mistakes. OK. Not so few, and not so little.

Sure, I did almost wreck the family car on my first driving lesson.

Then there was the time I came home slightly intoxicated. What, you knew I had

After that, I got engaged. Oh boy. I called them and asked them if they were going to kill me, and they said they had to think about it. They didn't kill me, but I knew they wanted to.

The engagement didn't last. They knew it wouldn't, but they never told me. "I told you so."

I could see it in my mother's eyes though. I have to give my parents credit. They never forced me to do what they wanted. They let me make my mistakes, and they were there to help me get back on my feet after I made them.

I haven't completely become smart again, and I know my parents will always stand by me when I make mistakes. And I will make them. Believe it or not, Mom and Dad, I appreciate all of the support and guidance you have given me.

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Funds for renovation of SGA office elicits questions

Dear Editor:

I find it very hard to believe that our Student Government has voted to appropriate itself \$6,000 to redecorate its office space.

I have seen an itemization of the proposed renovations, and I, as well as everyone else I have shown it to, find it to be an incredible display of excess.

Student organizations who receive appropriations are responsible for making sure the money is spent wisely. I don't consider \$1,000 for a mailbox or \$1,200 for blinds for the windows a responsible use of our student activity funds.

I am not opposed to SGA's redecorating their offices, nor to their allowing themselves a certain amount of money to do so. They are a student organization and deserve the same rights others do.

However, SGA needs to hold themselves to the same standards they hold other student organizations to. SGA should be expected to cut corners from their ridiculously high allowances.

Further, SGA should be expected, as are all other student organizations, to contribute funds of their own to such a venture. SGA does not deserve to be rewarded for giving the students back their own money.

Every time my opinion has been in conflict with SGA's, I have been informed that I "just don't understand the issue."

Since that is most assuredly their response to this letter, I would like to make this challenge to Student Government: Print your detailed renovation list in the *Leader* (discussion at a meeting is not good enough, since the majority of the student body simply does not have the time to attend such a meeting) and explain to us why it is necessary to spend over \$4,000 on two panel systems for the secretary and treasurer.

I further challenge them to come up with

some funds on their own for the project. SGA is just as capable as anyone else of having a fundraiser; don't flatter yourselves to think you are any busier than anyone else or any more deserving of funds than anyone else.

Jan Kile Rupe
Liberal senior

Demonization of government created climate for bombing

Dear Editor:

Next week, I'll finish up teaching six years of political science here at Fort Hays. Averaging 400 students a year, I've taught nearly one out of two undergraduates who have attended our school in the 1990s.

And their attitude about our government? Well, if they've formed an opinion at all, it tends to be profoundly negative.

Thanks to an extremely successful and troubling disinformation campaign in the generation since Watergate, our Federal Government has been profoundly demonized.

The prevailing attitude about National government is that a bunch of faceless, soulless, bureaucrats wholly out of touch with the American mainstream are threatening to take our guns, money, freedom and anything else they can get their hands on.

My students see Government as the *other*, not a government of the people, but them, the enemy.

Of course it goes without saying that this tension between the citizens and those who represent us is as old as the National Government itself.

But after Oklahoma City, the stakes in this "people's war," are far higher.

Therefore I want to state my point as clearly as possible: The consistent demonization of the Federal Government, primarily but not exclusively by right-wing extremists, created the climate for the Oklahoma City bombing.

In the same way the social criticism from

the left led to extremist violence from leftist radicals in the '60s, today social critics of the right — from Rush Limbaugh to Newt Gingrich to George Will — have led some fringe Americans to believe that *their* Government is fair game, that Oklahoma City is O.K.!

In the last year, we've seen right-wing extremists attack and kill doctors in abortion clinics, shoot at the President in the White House, and now, in the coup de grace — bomb a Federal building in the Midwest, seriously rending the very fabric of our democracy.

Make no mistake then: If you preach that Government is a soulless creature bent on seizing power from the people, then you breed anarchy from the right.

No one is denying the need to critique our national government, but that critique must take an intellectually valid and responsible form.

To say, as conservative Senator (Jesse) Helms did, that "Clinton shouldn't come to North Carolina without a bodyguard" proves, I feel, that some extreme conservatives have gone beyond legitimate criticism.

The real truth is those innocent bodies blasted to bits in Oklahoma City *are* the government. Those citizens of the Midwest that lived in peace and responsibility performed their duties in federal service are us — they are the people.

Or should I say they were since, thanks to extremist militia members, they're dead.

So let's admit the truth. The Government is not out to get us — it is us, the people. And to preach a message of intolerance and hatred about our Federal bureaucracy, whether that vitriolic message comes from the Right or Left, is to risk many more nights of waiting to pull the innocent children from the rubble.

To conclude, isn't it sad but true that after all the preaching about "government" denying us our rights and threatening us, the self-styled "anti-government patriots" have proven themselves the real threat?

Paul A. Basinski
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Environment should be taken seriously

Dear Editor:

Several things disturbed me about Mark Dolezal's recent column concerning Earth Day.

First, it appears that Dolezal attempts to wrap his ideological preferences in the flag of "Pure Science."

He presents the argument of, "My facts are bigger than your facts, and are therefore better." What is not only disturbing but also frightening about this argument is there are still people who continue to believe there is anything like "Pure Science," unsullied by human hands.

These people continue to hold fast to the notion that if we only had the best science and enough of it, the need for human choice would be eliminated. The facts, so-called, would speak for themselves.

Unfortunately, this is never the case. Fact, even scientific fact, has always been and will always be subject to the theoretical twists and turns we humans give them. Both politicians (Dixie Lee Ray and Al Gore) Dolezal refers to in his column cite credible, scientific resources, but both, obviously, come to different conclusions based upon their varying interpretations of those sources.

This is simply the nature of the philosophical beast. Of course, there will be those who will attempt to brow-beat their political opponents with the argument that only *they* have the real facts, that only *they* have true reason, that only *they* possess that mythical and unquestionable quality of common sense.

Such people need to be treated warily for they give seemingly simple answers, and simple answers are most often quick, easy and wrong.

Does this mean we should throw out scientific inquiry and research? By no means. The scientific process and the results of scientific research are truly invaluable. They are vitally important sources for knowledge, but they aren't the only sources available to us.

Theories, political rhetoric, and artistic perspectives, as well as vested interests and just plain pig-headed bias are all brought to the table of public discourse.

The assumptions behind each and every one of these disciplines and prejudices need to be weighed in a wise and deliberate manner.

Second, there does seem to be a consensus

emerging within the scientific community that the Earth needs to be seen as an interdependent whole.

Although Dolezal prefers to refer to two politicians in his apology for science, let me refer to one scientist in my somewhat political reply.

Scientists such as E.O. Wilson assert that once one part of the ecosystem is disturbed, no part remains unaffected.

The ways we humans act and interact with nature do have certain consequences. The problem now is that scientific knowledge doesn't really know exactly what those consequences are.

We really don't know just how much damage is done when, for instance, redwood forests are cut down for picnic tables or dance floors; we really don't know what will happen if sea life continues to be depleted so we can have "Flipper Flambe;" we really don't know what our reliance on the burning of fossil fuels in our gas guzzlers will do to the ozone layer.

Since we are not omniscient, at least not yet, it would seem the prudent thing to do would be to act with a great deal of caution and respect.

Acting otherwise would be irresponsible.

Finally, what I find perhaps most disturbing of all in Dolezal's column was what I perceived to be a distinct lack of civility.

Much has been written and said lately about the snideness and biting sarcasm, the character assassination and vicious innuendo that has characterized much of our public discourse.

Apparently, Dolezal feels a need to add his voice to this stream of demeaning cynicism. This is unfortunate for this type of rhetoric neither educates nor enlightens, it neither uplifts nor challenges.

In fact, in discussions that are as serious and have such far-reaching effects as our use or abuse of the environment, such a condescending tone serves only to trivialize and unnecessarily polarize.

Its contribution is only that of a smug and self-satisfied smirk on the face of a petulant child.

I hope that when he does enter the ranks of professional journalism, Dolezal would avail himself of his obvious talent and intellect and use it to enhance the aims of a productive, well-reasoned, and beneficial public conversation and not simply to further the goals of one or another political party. To do anything else would be, quite literally, de-moralizing.

Joel Keller
Osborne senior

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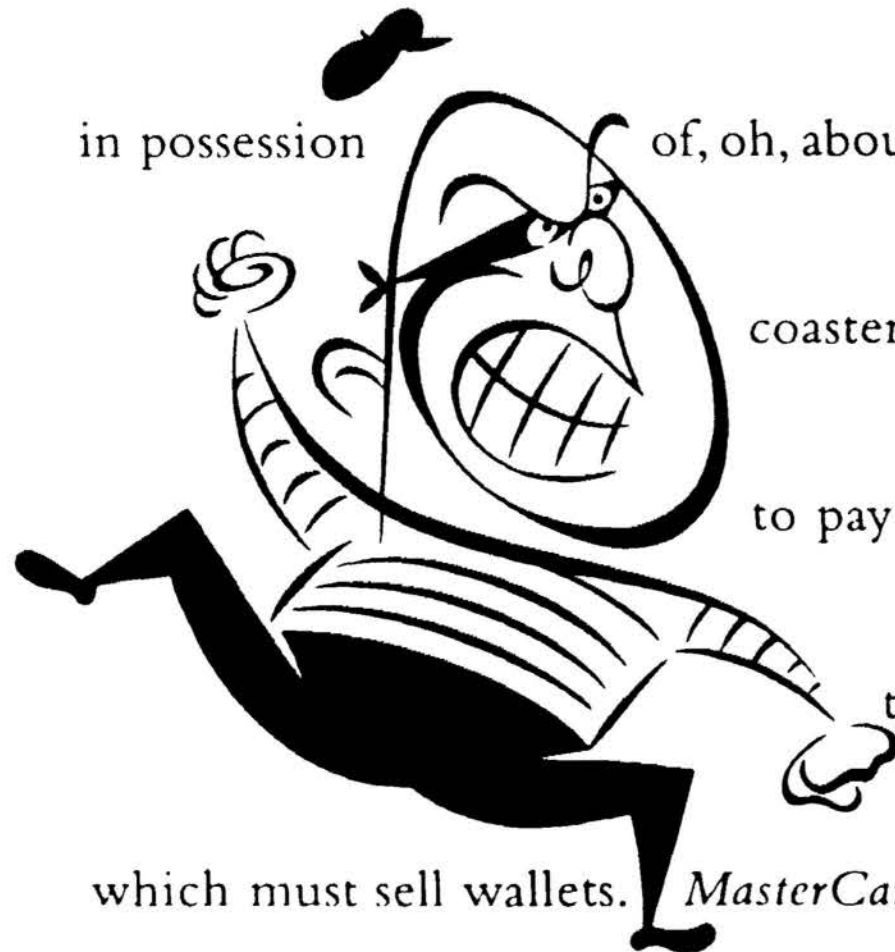
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Tigers sweep USC after two days of postponements

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

PUEBLO, Colo. - The Tiger baseball team swept the University of Southern Colorado yesterday after having the crucial series postponed for two days due to inclement weather.

Fort Hays State pulled out two close victories, winning 4-3 in the first game and 5-3 in the second to give them a half-game lead over Southern Colorado for first place in Mile High Intercollegiate Baseball League standings.

FHSU's record jumps to 27-10 overall, and 17-3 in MIBL action, while Southern Colorado drops to 30-11 overall and 17-4 in the MIBL.

The series was originally set to be played Saturday and Sunday, but snow storms forced the series back two days.

Under an MIBL rule, teams have three days to play their four-game series.

Since FHSU and Southern Colorado's games were snowed out Saturday and Sunday, the second doubleheader will not be rescheduled.

The cancellation of the second doubleheader will put extra emphasis on this weekend's games.

FHSU will play host to Mesa State College and Southern Colorado will travel to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Mesa State is currently third in league standing with a record of 18-6. Kearney sits in fourth place at 10-10.

The MIBL also reversed an earlier ruling that said FHSU's games with Kearney could not be made up.

Now the MIBL has ruled that if necessary, the games will be made up as a league doubleheader, May 2 in Kearney.

This means that if the made-up games would prove to impact which school wins the conference championship, the league will rule that they be played.

This decision will be made by the MIBL commissioner.

The Tigers' first game with Southern Colorado yesterday was scoreless through the first two and a half innings.

But Southern Colorado scored three runs in the bottom of the third to lead 3-0.

The Tigers countered with a three-run inning of their own in the top of the fourth.

FHSU added one run in the fifth to make the score 4-3.

The Tigers rode the tight lead through the last two innings for the 4-3 win.

FHSU tallied eight hits to Southern Colorado's seven.

Senior right-hander Daniel Traffas took (7-2) the complete game victory.

In game two, it was FHSU who got the early lead.

The Tigers recorded two-run innings in the first and third to lead Southern Colorado 4-0.

Both teams scored a run in the fifth inning to put the Tigers up 5-1.

Senior right-hander Brian Thurlow gave up two runs in the bottom of the sixth, but junior right-hander Curtis VonLintel (4-0) came in to close the game with no further damage.

Thurlow (6-1) took the win.



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Rough rider

Jimmy Baehler, Panhandle State University, rides a bull Sunday afternoon during the Fort Hays State Rodeo at the Doug Phillips Arena.

Foreman had hands full against Schulz

Ed Schuyler

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) George Foreman wants to fight in Germany, but not against a German named Axel Schulz.

"I won't fight that kid again," Foreman said from behind a large pair of sunglasses hiding the closed left eye he got in retaining his IBF heavyweight title on a majority decision over Schulz on Saturday night.

"Forget it! He can go right back where he came from."

Foreman could be headed to Germany, too, for a match against an opponent to be determined in July or August.

"George wants to fight in Germany," promoter Bob Arum said. "A rematch would be huge over there." Arum added, however, that the Germans might not want Foreman in any fight except a rematch with Schulz.

Foreman also wants to fight Mike Tyson, but there appears to be too many obstacles in the path of such a fight.

"I think if he is the champion I think he is, he will give me a rematch," said the 26-year-old Schulz, who went

into the fight unheralded and unranked. "I scored points. I also had to fight against the referee and the judges."

A lot of ringsiders thought the German beat the 46-year-old Foreman, fighting as champion for the first time in the United States. His four title bouts in the 1970s were out of the country. He had become champion again when, needing a knockout to win, he floored Michael Moorer in the 10th round last Nov. 5.

In one of the later rounds Saturday night at the MGM Grand Garden, some of the estimated crowd of 11,000 started chanting, "USA."

"When I heard that 'USA, USA' I thought I'd thought I'd die rather than let them down," said Foreman, who won the 1968 Olympic heavyweight title in Mexico City and then carried a small American flag around the ring. "USA" pulled me through, and I was able to do it for them."

What pulled Foreman through was his punishing left jab and Schulz' lack of punching power.

At the end of six rounds, Foreman led 59-55 (5-1 in rounds) on judge Keith McDonald's card and 58-56 (4-2) on the cards of Jerry Roth and

Chuck Giamppa.

The final scores were Giamppa 114-114 (6-6) and Roth and McDonald each 115-113 (7-5) for Foreman, making it a majority decision.

Although the 12th round appeared to be Schulz' best, McDonald scored it for Foreman. Had he given it to Schulz, his score would have been 114-114, and Foreman would have kept the title on a majority draw.

The AP scored it 114-114. The AP has given Foreman just 10 of 34 rounds in his title-bid loss to Evander Holyfield in 1991, his knockout of Moorer and his win over Schulz.

The CompuBox punch stats showed Foreman landed 249 punches, 111 of them jabs, out of 543 thrown.

Schulz connected on 229 of 482 punches.

"He ran," complained Foreman. "You don't run when your fighting for the championship."

At the final bell, Foreman's left eye had a lump bigger than a golf ball above it.

Schulz, 221 pounds to 256 for Foreman, did a lot of circling but also stood and exchanged punches with Foreman. He won most of the exchanges, especially in the second half of the fight. Foreman simply couldn't put his punches together.

"I was dead out there," Foreman admitted. "I was dead for 12 rounds. I was fighting for all the guys 50 years old."

Relays, shot putters have big day at KU

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

LAWRENCE - The Tiger men's relays dominated the 70th annual University of Kansas Relays to win the overall relay title.

The Tigers won the four-mile relay Friday with a time of 17 minutes, 26.52 seconds and took first in the 3,200 meter relay Saturday with a time of 7:44.14.

Fort Hays State took second in the medley relay with a time of 10:22.02 and placed sixth in the 1,600 meter relay in 3:20.19.

The Tiger men's performances in the relays gave them a total of 29

points toward the overall relay award.

Senior Matt Bond and sophomore Jeremy Hawks placed second and third respectively in the shot put with throws of 53 feet 1 3/4 inches and 52-7 1/2.

The two FHSU throwers also placed in the discus.

Bond took third in the discus with a throw of 148-7, and Hawks placed fifth at 144-11.

Two athletes placed for the FHSU women.

Sophomore Jennifer West took first in the 10,000 meter run with a time of 37:44.9.

Freshman Kristin Johnson captured second place in the javelin with a throw of 149-9.

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