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Friday, April 28, 1995

## ART FOR SALE

CASA of the High Plains sponsors an art auction tonight at Commerce Bank, 718 Main. The auction coincides with the Hays Arts Council's Gallery Walk, which is a stroll through the art galleries of downtown Hays. See page 2.

## Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
70 Windy	64 Partly Cloudy	68 Partly Cloudy
40	45	43

## Briefs

### 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.

### Psych Club

The Psychology Club will sponsor a party and picnic at 3 p.m. Saturday at Wilson Lake. If you have not been contacted and wish to attend, please contact Marc Praterelli, assistant professor of psychology for information. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### ID cards

Today is the last day to have photos taken free of charge for the new identification cards. Photos are being taken in the south lobby of Memorial Union. After today, the cost of the ID will be \$10.

### Campus Brown Bag

The Campus Brown Bag A.A. Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. today in Picken 311C. We will continue at 11:30 a.m. Fridays during the summer, so come share with us in recovery.

### Lines assistant editor

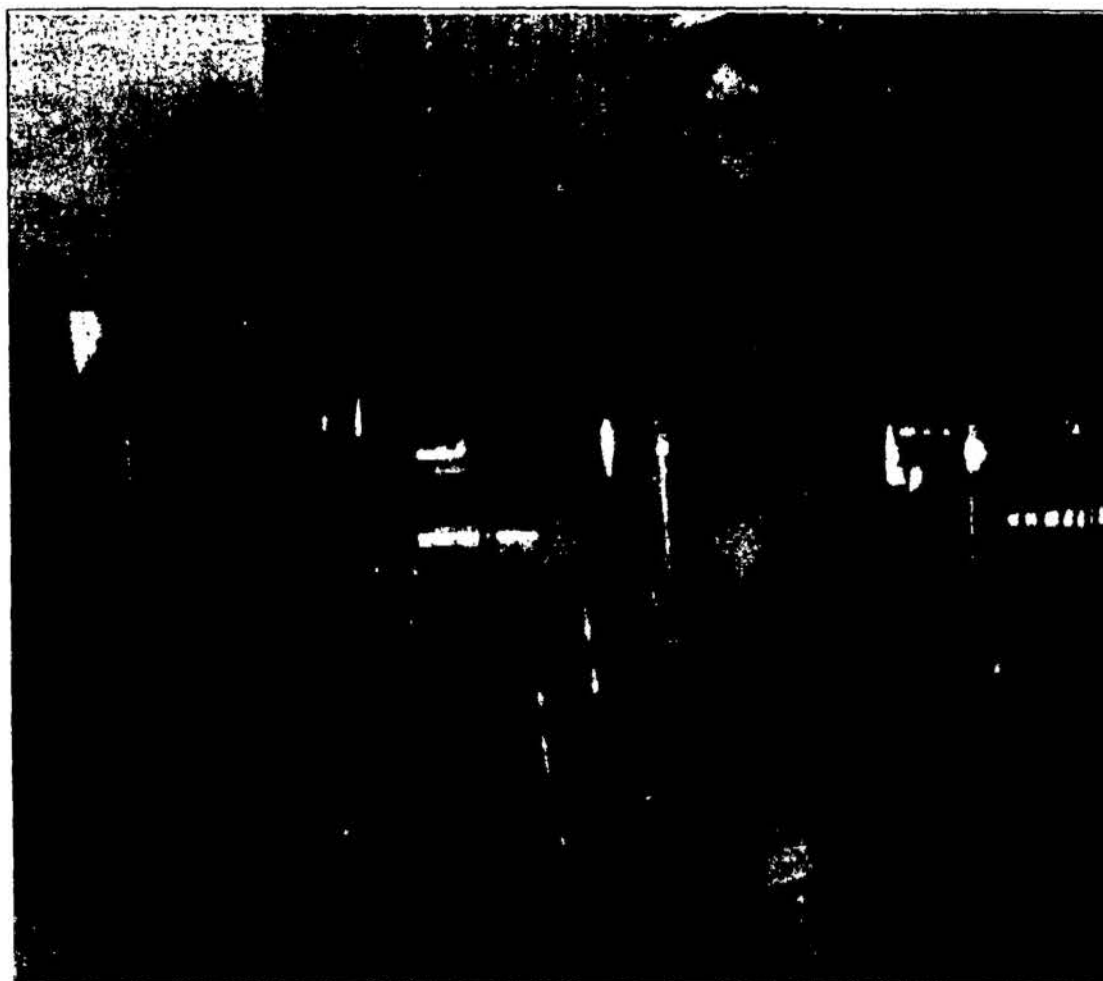
Anyone interested in being assistant editor of "Lines: A Journal of the Arts," please contact LaNette at 625-5808

### Blood pressure check

Student Health Center will offer a free blood pressure and pulse clinic Wednesday in the Memorial Union lobby. A nurse will be available to answer any skin disorder questions at this time. For more information, contact the center at 628-4293

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## On your mark, get set, go!

ABOVE: Windy Scheck, Dighton sophomore, and Jamie Scheck, Dighton freshman, compete in the wheelchair race during the Disability Awareness Week activity in Memorial Union on Wednesday. The festivities were moved inside due to inclement weather. Disability Awareness Week began Monday and concluded yesterday. LEFT: Carol Solko, coordinator for Students with Disabilities, serves ice cream during the Disability Awareness Week ice cream social in the Union Wednesday afternoon.

## Dawson resigns

Vice president of student affairs accepts presidential position at Tennessee Wesleyan College

### The University Leader

At a press conference Tuesday morning, Fort Hays State President Edward H. Hammond said, "I'm very excited and pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. B. James Dawson as the 18th president of Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn." Dawson, who is FHSU's vice president for student and institutional development, joined FHSU in July 1988 as vice president of student affairs. Hammond said, "In his seven years at FHSU, Jim has made a lasting contribution to our university, and has played a major role in developing and maintaining our special learning environment."

"There is no doubt in my mind that Jim and his wife Karen will provide a

high standard of leadership in their new role," Hammond said.

According to a press release from the TWC news bureau office, the Board of Trustees at Tennessee Wesleyan unanimously voted to name Dawson president of the college. Board chairman Donald B. Reid said, "Dr. Dawson will provide proven leadership and has the ability to lead this institution into the next century. His qualification, energies and devotion are essential to provide TWC the guidance and direction needed. Dr. Dawson and his wife will be not only assets to the college but also to the city of Athens."

Dawson said, "It is with a true sense of humility and honor that I accept the presidency of Tennessee Wesleyan College. I certainly look forward to being a part of such a splendid learning community. The rich heritage of the college speaks to the fine leadership it has enjoyed over the course of the past century and more."

Prior to joining the FHSU administrative team, Dawson was vice president for student development at the

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## Enrollment dates set for incoming freshmen, transfer students

Janelle Mildrexler  
Staff writer

Incoming freshmen and transfer students have the opportunity to pre-enroll for fall semester classes.

Early registration dates for incoming freshmen are Saturday, April 29; Monday, May 1; Monday, June 19, or Monday, July 10.

Transfer students may register on Tuesday, June 20.

According to Lisa Heath, assistant dean of students, new freshmen "will be able to accomplish a lot of different tasks."

"They can plan their fall schedule and get their ID card picture taken. They have an opportunity to visit with financial aid and residential life."

"We'll even have people there to

visit with the parents in a kind of parent orientation. This seems to work really well."

If new freshmen enroll at early registration, they will also have the opportunity to meet their classmates and ask questions of the student counselors.

"New students feel more comfortable asking current students questions. And I really appreciate the effort the student counselors make. They volunteer to do this, to represent Fort Hays State University," Heath said.

Heath said that previous surveys of freshmen who have gone through early registration rated working with faculty and the counselors as the most

See Enrollment/ p. 2

## Band programs allocated \$35,000, appealed by director

Tammi Harris  
Senate reporter

At last night's Student Government Association meeting, SGA President Audrey Nogle said Jeff Hinton, instructor of music, appealed the band program's allocation.

"Apparently, he contacted Dr. Hammond and said he felt he was treated unfairly," Nogle said.

The band was allocated \$35,000 for next year. According to Nogle, Hinton said he felt "\$35,000 is not enough to continue the band program, as is."

Without additional funding, "They would have to eliminate all

travel, and they would also have to eliminate the pep band," Nogle said.



Without additional money, students would not be able to get the stipend that they receive for participating in pep band. "The student's stipend (or pay a student receives for participating in band) averages about \$200 per student," Nogle said.

Hinton requested an additional \$10,000 to help cover some of

the expenses the band has to pay.

It costs about \$550 per student for the uniform, stipend, etc. so even with the additional \$10,000, their fund would still be insufficient, Nogle said.

"Dr. Hammond wondered whether or not there was a way to pull that out of our allocations, and I told him there was no way possible," she said.

Nogle said all the allocated money had already been appropriated to other organizations.

"They are trying to find other ways to come up with this

See SGA/p. 3

## HALO celebrates Cinco de Mayo

Weeklong of special activities scheduled in honor of Hispanic culture

Karen Meier  
Staff writer

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) will offer a variety of cultural activities as they celebrate "Cinco de Mayo."

The festivities begin Sunday and run through Friday, May 5 and the public is invited to attend all activities.

According to HALO secretary, Dina Ross, Liberal senior, Cinco de Mayo recognizes a battle between the French and the Mexicans which occurred at Puebla, Mexico on May 5, 1864.

"The French were attacking

Mexico, almost trying to take over the country, and they were going up against these bare-foot Indians, but the Mexicans still managed to run them out of the country," Ross said.

The week's activities begin with an international dance from 8-11 p.m. Sunday at the Backdoor, basement of Custer Hall.

Ross will serve as the disc jockey. "I play for the international hour on the campus radio station (KFHS). I'll play lots of Mexican, Caribbean, and Brazilian music. Just all kinds of music," Ross said.

Tuesday, there will be a pinata breaking at 10 a.m. on the Quad. The children from the Tiger Tots Nurtury Center will be HALO's special guests, but anyone is welcome.

"Mexican kids have pinatas for birthdays, Christmas, sometimes on the last day of school. The history is obscure. It's just to celebrate."

Ross said the pinata will be filled

with "candy, lots of candy."

Wednesday, Norman Caulfield, instructor of history, will give a presentation about Panama at 7:30 p.m. in the Trails Room of the Memorial Union.

"He went on a Fulbright Scholarship to Panama last year and he's going to show what he learned about," Ross said.

HALO will sponsor another pinata breaking at 3:30 p.m. Friday, during an after school program at Washington Elementary School, 305 Main.

Additionally, the ceramic works of HALO member Jorge Vasquez, Manhattan junior, along with the contemporary sculpture of Art Hoernicke, professor of special education, will be displayed Monday through Friday in Forsyth Library.

Ross said that HALO is "trying to get more culture on campus. Actually not just campus, but everywhere. We don't focus on Hispanic people."



## Flag raising

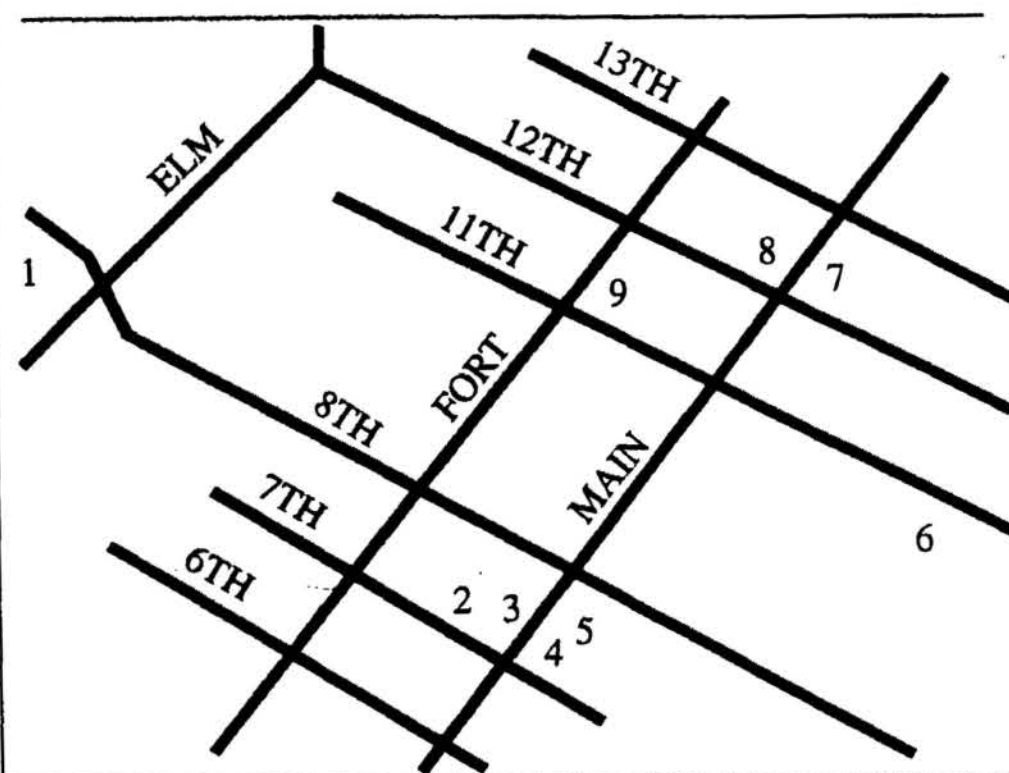
President Ed Hammond shows off the new FHSU flag at yesterday's retirement reception.

JON GROSSMAN / University Leader



- 1- Moss-Thoms Gallery of Art, Rarick 102, Fort Hays State University, graduate thesis exhibitions: Nagesh Shinde and Kathy Gregory
- 2- The Stone Gallery, 107-1/2 W. Sixth, Virginia Matthews-Latest Work
- 3- Ellis County Historical Society, 100 W. Seventh, Annual Quilt Exhibition
- 4- The Corner Garden, 700 Main, "A Stroll Through the Garden"
- 5- Commerce Bank, 718 Main, Children's Art and CASA Art Preview
- 6- Hays Arts Council Gallery, 112 E. 11th, 26th Annual Smoky Hill Art Exhibition
- 7- Emprise Bank Lobby, 1200 Main, "Then and Now" Quilt Exhibition
- 8- Hays Public Library, 1205 Main, photographs: "Hays Before the '30s Were Dirty"
- 9- Bank IV Hays, 12th and Fort, "Reflections of Kansas"

## Spring Gallery Walk hosted by the Hays Arts Council



## Artwork displayed throughout Hays

Karen Meler  
Staff writer

A variety of artwork in numerous styles may be viewed tonight as the Hays Arts Council hosts its Spring Gallery Walk.

The free walk from 7 to 9 p.m. is a stroll through the various art galleries of downtown Hays.

Brenda Meder, executive director of the arts council, said, "It's not really an organized tour. People may stop by whenever they want, and they can drop into the different galleries depending on their interests."

Meder recommended that participants start at the Hays Arts Center Gallery, 112 E. 13th St., where they can pick up a list of other gallery locations.

Meder said the gallery walk offers the chance to view many different styles of art in one night.

"We have just a wonderful diversity. There's traditional work, more abstract pieces, some incredible three-dimensional work. It's a very good cross-view of the state of art in Kansas," she said.

The focus of the gallery walk is the Smoky Hill exhibit at the Arts Center Gallery, Meder said.

"This is the 28th annual Smoky Hill exhibit. It's one of the oldest art exhibitions in Kansas. The exhibit is really a highlight — it draws a lot of people in."

In addition to the Arts Center exhibit, the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main, will feature a photographic exhibition titled "Hays Before the '30s Were Dirty."

Bank IV, 12th and Fort Streets, will display "Reflections of Kansas," an original art competition and exhibition focusing on Kansas themes.

### Enrollment from p. 1

productive part of the enrollment process.

The transfer process is a little different.

"We make the assumption that (transfer students) have a better understanding than high school students about what they need to know. They've already been in the college situation."

The U.S.D. 489 Children's Art Exhibit and a preview of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) art show can be viewed at Commerce Bank, 718 Main.

"The Fort Hays art students who plan to go into education will have the chance to see what's going in the schools as far as art is concerned," Meder said.

The Corner Garden, 700 Main, will display "A Stroll Through the Garden," a three-dimensional display located outside the restaurant.

At the Ellis County Historical Society, 100 W. Seventh, a display of quilts may be viewed which, Meder said, "is a strong example of folk art."

The Stone Gallery, 107 1/2 W. Sixth, will feature the latest work by Virginia Matthews.

Nagesh Shinde, New York, N.Y. graduate student, and Kathy Gregory, Assaria graduate student, will display their graphic design graduate theses at the Moss-Thoms Gallery, Rarick 102.

"The gallery walks have been a part of the operation of the arts council for probably 20 years," Meder said.

"It gives students who are from out of town a chance to get more familiar with the community. It's a wonderful social occasion. It provides an opportunity to mingle with other members of the community," she said.

Meder said the gallery walk participants are usually a good cross-section of the community.

"If you've never done a gallery walk before, that's exactly why you should do it. It's fun, it's exciting, it's a wonderful cultural and social experience," she said.

Neiman, Rockwell, Picasso pieces for bid

## CASA to present second annual auction

Scott Aust  
Editor in chief

LeRoy Neiman, Norman Rockwell, Pablo Picasso and several of their friends will be in Hays tonight.

That is, their works of art will be in Hays as CASA of the High Plains presents its second annual art auction tonight in the basement of Commerce Bank, 718 Main.

CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit organization which acts as a child's voice in court.

CASA executive director D.J. Custine said last year's auction was "a good fund raising event."

"CASA relies solely on grants and donations for its funding," she said.

Custine said CASA receives a percentage of the revenue from sales of art work.

"The more that is sold, the higher

the percentage CASA gets," she said.

The auction will begin with a preview from 6-8:45 p.m. followed by the actual auction from 9-11 p.m.

Custine said the preview is "a time to get an idea of the prices."

"This year, we are grouping pieces into price categories," she said.

provided by State of the Art, a group from New York that travels from coast to coast putting on this type of show, Custine said.

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She said the auction was moved up to coincide with tonight's Gallery Walk.

"We thought if we did it in conjunction with the

walk, more people would attend," Custine said.

"This is a casual event, geared toward first time art buyers," she said. "Don't be intimidated to come and have a good time."

**"We encourage people to attend. This is an opportunity to see artwork that doesn't often come to Hays."**

•D.J. Custine

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## Briefs

## High court strikes down federal gun law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a federal law banning gun possession within 1,000 feet of schools Wednesday, saying the states — not Congress — have the authority to enact such criminal laws.

The 5-4 decision throwing out the 1990 Gun-Free School Zones Act stood in sharp contrast to a longstanding court trend of deference to congressional power to regulate interstate commerce.

Congress stole power reserved to the states when it enacted the law, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote as the court refused to reinstate a former Texas high school student's conviction for taking a gun to school.

The school gun law "is a criminal statute that by its terms has nothing to do with 'commerce' or any sort of economic enterprise, however broadly one might define those terms," Rehnquist wrote.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted in a concurring opinion that most states already outlaw gun possession on or near school grounds.

But Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote in dissent that the ruling creates a legal uncertainty that "will restrict Congress' ability to enact criminal laws aimed at criminal behavior that ... seriously threatens the economic, as well as social, well-being of Americans."

## Study says biology partly to blame for premature births

BOSTON (AP) — A large new study suggests that biology, not just poverty, is to blame when teen-age births turn out badly.

About 13 percent of all children in the United States are born to teen-agers. Statistics have long shown their babies are especially likely to be premature and undersized.

The reasons for this have never been clear. But because these young mothers are often poor, ill-educated and from racial minorities, many experts assumed their living conditions, not their age, explained their pregnancy problems.

The new work challenges this belief. It found that even middle-class teen-agers are almost twice as likely as older women to deliver premature babies.

Just how the mother's age contributes to prematurity is unclear. The researchers speculated that teen-agers' bodies are still growing and therefore may be competing with their fetuses for nutrients.

Understanding prematurity is important because it is the leading cause of newborn deaths. Babies born too soon simply cannot survive outside the womb, no matter what doctors do.

## Vedder jams without the Pearl in the south

CARRBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Rock musician Eddie Vedder popped up at a nightclub here to jam without the Pearl. Vedder joined headliner Mike Watt at Cat's Cradle on Monday night.

Derek Powers, who works at the club, said the guitar player and singer for Pearl Jam also plays drums with Hovercraft, which opened for Watt. "We didn't know he was going to be here until he walked in the door," Powers said. "One of the reasons why they didn't publicize it was they didn't want it to be like a Pearl Jam show." Powers described Hovercraft as an "instrumental, improvisational, multimedia band."

## Russian women say they get too little sex

MOSCOW (AP) — More than half the women in a poll released in the Russian edition of Cosmopolitan magazine Tuesday said they did not have sex often enough.

Most of the respondents, like most of the magazine's readers, are between 18 and 35 and have university educations, said the magazine's editor-in-chief, Yelena Myasnikova. And 77 percent of them admit to masturbating.

About 1,700 women responded to the survey questions, published in the magazine's November-December edition.

Militia Movement  
Groups share one thing: paranoia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The militia movement draws much of its strength from economically struggling white men, many of them veterans, prone to believe in conspiracies, often living in rural areas, fervently defending the right to bear arms.

Some members are former college professors; others never made it through high school. Some insist they are not bigots; others see Jews, blacks and foreigners as the perpetrators of a huge, anti-American conspiracy.

While militia watchers underscore that reliable data and a detailed understanding of these groups is lacking, rough sketches have emerged in the days after the Oklahoma City bombing. Officials are checking for any links between the bombing and members of such private groups.

Clark McCauley, a psychology professor at Bryn Mawr College, Pa., and an expert on terrorism, said that what is remarkable about militia members is that they are so unremarkable.

"We're not talking about crazies here. We're not talking about people who are no longer human. We're talking about people like you and me who feel that they've been pushed too far," McCauley said.

Political science professor Michael Barkun of Syracuse University agrees. He says, "We make a substantial mistake and eventually underestimate the danger if we simply assume that everyone engaged in such organizations is ignorant or disordered or pathological."

A series of incidents has fueled membership: the federal raid on separatist Randy Weaver's Idaho compound in 1992; the burning of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in 1993; passage of the Brady gun registration bill in 1993 and of an assault weapons ban last year.

Members often learn about the organizations at gun shows. They are predominantly white and male, aged 18 to 46. Many served in the military and belong to a Christian religion, according to the Center for Demo-

cratic Renewal in Atlanta, a group that monitors extremist groups.

Membership is "predominantly middle class, working class, small business owner type people," adds Noah Chandler, a researcher for the center who has attended militia conventions.

Several of the figures who have emerged in the bombing investigation seem to fit.

For example, Timothy McVeigh, charged in the bombing, was an Army veteran who became a drifter. Authorities say he had ties to two brothers now charged with conspiracy in connection with bomb-making in Michigan — James Nichols, the owner of a small farm, and his younger brother Terry, an Army veteran who became an independent military surplus dealer.

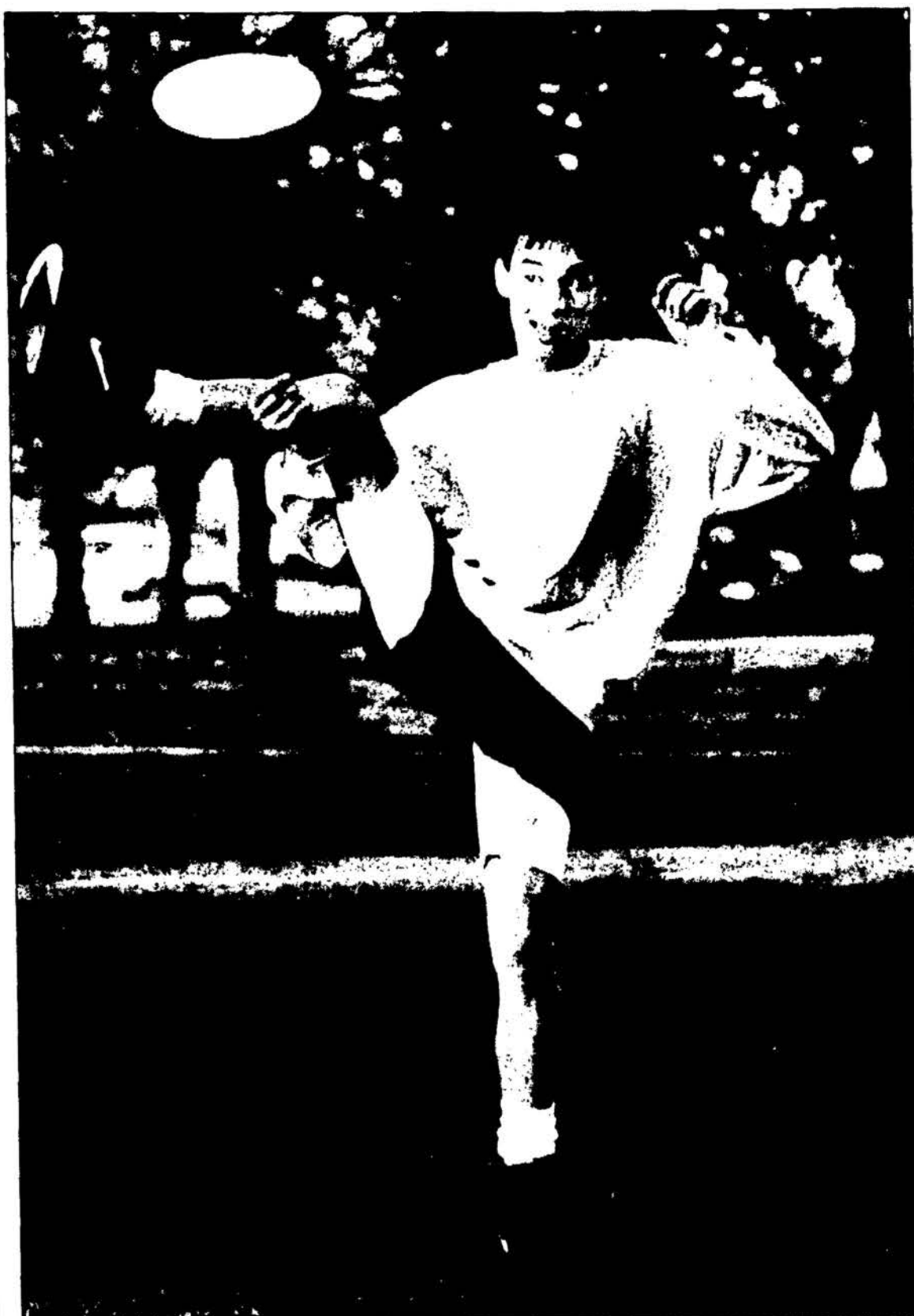
Norman Olson, head of the Michigan Militia, an organization that says it kicked out McVeigh, is the pastor of a Baptist church and owner of a gun shop. Mark Koemke, said to have been an associate of McVeigh, is a janitor at a college.

Militia members view themselves as under assault by federal authorities.

"There is a readiness to see conspiracies," said Jerrold Post, director of the political psychology program at George Washington University. "It is a theme and it is deep within human psychology in general and is especially apt to become pronounced at times of socioeconomic stress."

These feelings may not be fully formed when a recruit joins a militia, said McCauley, but become magnified within the closed loop of the organization.

"The horsepower is in a powerful group dynamic in a group that is ever more closed to outside opinion," McCauley said. "They are hermetically sealed. They're only talking to one another. Under those conditions, there's no brake. There's no reality check."



FRED HUNT / University Leader

## Challenging catch

Brandon Bush, Clay Center senior, stretches to catch a frisbee while enjoying the warm evening Thursday in front of Picken Hall.

## WalkAmerica begins Sunday

Susan K. Riggs  
Staff writer

The citizens of northwest Kansas will join together for a good cause Sunday when they participate in the 25th annual March of Dimes' WalkAmerica.

Registration will be at the Memorial Union at 1 p.m. Participants will pick up an information packet and then will find sponsors to contribute donations. The walk will begin at 2 p.m.

Jeff Nelson, Hays WalkAmerica chairman, said, "People will register inside the Union and then gather outside for the walk to begin."

Carol Solko, WalkAmerica committee member, said the course measures nearly five miles, but people do not need to complete the entire course.

The walk will begin at the Memorial Union, continue to the Brooks Building then to Main Street. The

course continues to 22nd Street, Canal and on to 27th and Hall.

"One of the stops will be in the Dillon's Store parking lot at 27th and Hall," Solko said.

"Then the walkers continue down Hall Road and back to the Union where there will be refreshments and something to eat."

Nelson said, "There will be people there to help walkers warm up. Ham radio operators will be monitoring everyone on the course."

Sponsors can be neighbors, co-workers, or local businesses. Some companies will match the amount of money their employees raise in the walk.

Walkers can be individuals or members of a team. The number of participants on a team is unlimited.

"Last year we had mothers pushing their babies in strollers (during) the walk," Solko said.

Nelson said Sigma Phi Epsilon

fraternity's fire truck will following the route so those who cannot finish the course will get a ride back to the Union.

"There will be first aid and refreshments along the route for the walkers at several locations," Nelson said.

Participants will be awarded prizes for the top individual and the top team.

"Everyone participating will receive a wrist wallet and a 25th anniversary March of Dimes medal on a ribbon," Solko said.

"Door prizes will also be given away. These prizes are from local merchants and everyone is eligible to sign up (to win) even if they don't go on the walk," Solko said.

"Many local merchants and businesses have contributed to make the WalkAmerica a success," Nelson said. Money raised will go to the March of Dimes.

## Investigation of former Pitt State president continues

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Attorney General Carla Stovall says the investigation into former Pittsburg State University President Donald Wilson has nothing to do with PSU.

She said in an interview yesterday that Wilson's fund-raising activities for the International University in Thailand are what is being examined by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Stovall said the KBI probe is not connected to Pittsburg State, but said she could not comment beyond that. "What we are looking at is the fund-raising activities for the Thailand university," she said. "It's not connected to Pittsburg State University."

No charges have been brought against Wilson, who stepped down as president of Pittsburg State on April 7, a day after he reluctantly announced his resignation and two days after the

Board of Regents spent several hours in a meeting on personnel matters that was closed to the public.

Wilson said in a news release April 6 that policy differences with the regents regarding his work at the Thailand university were the reason for his resignation.

Stovall said she asked for the investigation after the regents' meeting and in response to information provided to her.

Although Stovall doesn't usually comment on the scope of KBI investigations until they are closed, she said the information she released Thursday was in response to rumors circulating about the investigation and Wilson's resignation. She estimated the investigation would take three to four more weeks. "I'm a Pittsburg grad," Stovall said. "Dr. Wilson was a great President for the University."

## Dawson/from p.1

University of Evansville, Evansville, Ind., for four years. In addition, he was dean for student development for three years, and spent nine years as director of financial aid at the same institution.

Dawson also has held positions at Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, Ky., and Indiana Boys School, Plainfield, Ind.

The Indiana native's professional memberships include the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators, Midwest Interfraternity and Panhellenic Association, and the

Association for Student Judicial Affairs. He has been the coordinator of the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Training Conference and has chaired the State Task Force on Financial Aid.

Dawson received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and a master of arts degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Evansville. He earned his doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

He will begin at TWC July 1

## SGA/from p.1

\$10,000," Nogle said.

However, this amount would still not be enough to cover all of the band's expenses, so they would still need to do some fundraising over the summer.

Nogle told senators that if the band comes to SGA requesting money next year, the important thing to remember is that without this extra money, the students would be hurt.

Nogle reminded the senate that they "need to protect students first and foremost."

In other business, Travis Crites,

executive assistant, asked senators if they would be interested in volunteering to help with the AIDS name quilt.

The name quilt is a quilt that has the names of victims who have died of AIDS. A section of the quilt will be on display on Sept. 21-24 at Fort Hays State's Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"It would be good for us to do for a community service project," he said.

Finally, the senate presented Nogle with a gift. It was Black's Law Dictionary to assist in Nogle's further education at the University of Kansas law school next year.



MATTHEW A. SHEPHERD / University Leader

## Rick Kelly and the Solid Gold Drifters

Rick Kelly sings the song "Under the Boardwalk" with the assistance of the audience Wednesday night. The audience was invited up on stage to become Kelly's "Solid Gold Drifters." Kelly sang a variety of cover songs as well as some of his own material.



## From the editor's desk...

As the full horror of the Oklahoma City tragedy begins to take effect, many Americans are left wondering, "Why?"

Why did this have to happen? Why did an unbalanced person decide to blow up innocent people?

The "blame game" has already started across the country.

Some have blamed talk radio for giving the perpetrators the rationale for carrying out the

bombing.

Others blame the paramilitary organizations, called militias, for creating the atmosphere which led to the bombing.

Though some of these militias are bent on the destruction of the United States government, the responsibility for the bombing lies with those who carried it out.

Nothing Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy or Howard Stern says should cause a rational, sane

person to act violently.

Limiting free speech rights, through laws aimed at talk radio, will not prevent someone who is unbalanced from doing something similar to the Oklahoma City bombing.

We're never going to be able to regulate what is in a person's head. If someone wants to blow something up, there is precious little we can do about it.

But taking away rights is to live in fear, and that is something none of us wants.

-editorial by Scott Aust

## Life's lesson:

Always keep fresh clothes handy

We've all felt it.

It begins with a falling sensation in the stomach followed by an intense feeling of being too hot. Visible signs in some include a reddening of the face.

I'm talking about embarrassment. You know, that sick feeling you get after slipping on a patch of ice in front of a gaggle of the opposite sex.

The spelling of the word even makes sense. Em-barr-ASS-ment. You can only feel it if you make an ass of yourself.

I have become pretty immune to the effects of embarrassment. I found this out while performing one of college's most important rituals — drinking beer.

A drunk friend, as drunk friends are apt to do, knocked a full glass of beer into my lap.

The rest of the people at the table burst into laughter. I guess that's better than bursting into song.

Now most people who I have observed getting a drink spilled on them, react like it's battery acid.

Either that, or they look for someone to punch. I did neither. Actually, I kind of liked it because the bar was too hot, and the beer really cooled me off.

Because of my reaction, or lack thereof, they stopped bursting with laughter and resumed filling their gullets with hops and barley.

Everyone seemed amazed that I wasn't upset. So I explained I had long ago been desensitized to embarrassment.

I can trace this back to several incidents from my childhood.

My first brush with embarrassment was in the fifth grade. I was a drummer in the band, and each afternoon I had to walk home lugging my drum in a huge black case.

This case was so immense it could hold drums, books, coats and even a four-year old girl. I know this because my friend Pat and I stuffed his little sister in it once.

Anyway, as I was trudging home one day, I realized I really had to go, if you know what I mean. I hurried as best I could toward a Texaco. I made it to the Texaco, got to the bathroom in plenty of time... and my zipper was stuck. Talk about bladder control problems!

To pee your pants is one thing, but to do so in a gas station's restroom is quite another.

I wanted to wait until closing to leave, but I knew I couldn't. After running the gauntlet of the group of old men who gathered at the station to gossip, I walked the final eight blocks home with the front of my jeans soaked.

Several similar embarrassing episodes followed this one as I grew up, including as a high school freshman falling down in the lunch room in front of the senior class, backing a car over a



friend's mailbox and driving two miles with it wrapped underneath the car, and occasional falling incidents.

However, the most embarrassing moment in my life, the one that desensitized me completely, happened when I was a high

school junior.

Most people feel safe in their own homes. Doing something stupid in front of family members, or a small group, is not quite as bad.

One sleepy Saturday afternoon, I decided to take a shower. The only person at home was my dad, who was watching TV.

I proceeded to take my shower. After finishing, I realized I had not brought any fresh clothes into the bathroom with me.

"Oh well," I thought. I then made the fateful decision to walk naked through the house to my bedroom which was in the basement.

This turned out to be a bad decision, the kind they call a "learning experience" after the fact.

My dad was talking on the telephone as I walked, buck nekkid, down the hall. My attention was focused to the right on the TV in the family room.

Remember in Driver's Ed they tell you to always first look left at an intersection? This is a good rule to follow in everyday life.

I don't know what caused me to swing my head to the left. A noise perhaps. Maybe some movement. All I knew was that I was not alone.

Imagine if you will the stark raving horror you would feel if you walked *au naturel* in front of a family friend. Now imagine this person is your high school math instructor. And his wife.

Can you imagine the panic that would overtake you at this moment? What would you do?

I did the only thing logical. I kept on truckin' through the family room and around the corner to the basement stairs.

As I passed my dad, whose jaw was literally on the floor, I whispered, "Sure wish somebody would have told me they were here."

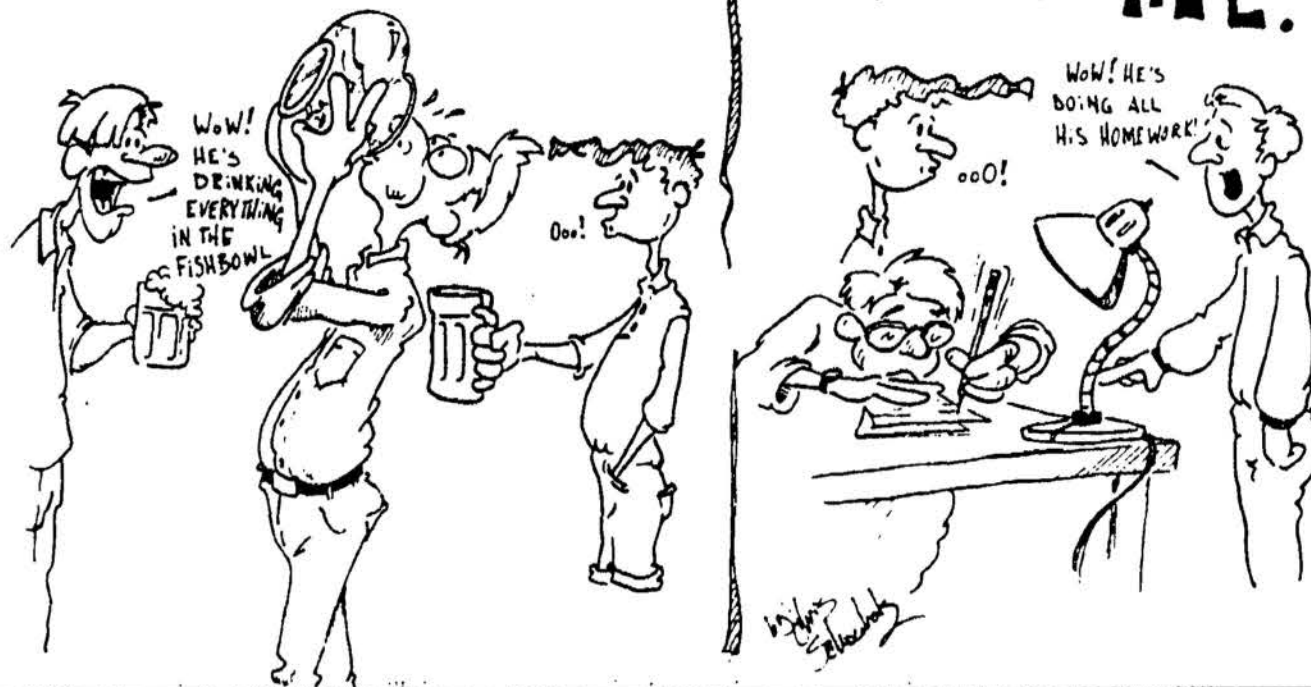
I hid in my room for almost three weeks.

The thing I have learned from my embarrassing moments is that life is one big learning experience.

No matter how much you think you know, and no matter how cool you think you look or act, life is going to throw you a big humble pie curve ball to set you straight.

I also learned to always take fresh clothes into the bathroom with me when I shower.

## DARES COLLEGE STUDENTS TAKE... ..ONES THEY SHOULD TAKE.



## Mirror, Mirror:

## Who's the vainest of them all?

Even if we don't want to admit it we are all a little vain, some of us more than others.

Vanity is a strange governing force in most people's lives, including my own. It makes us do things we wouldn't do for any other reason, but to defend our pride.

A vain person isn't necessarily vain in every situation. Some people are vain when it comes to appearance (i.e. hair, clothes, car), while others are vain about talents and personalities.

Vanity is why you just had to have new Nike shoes for junior high track. (But they couldn't be like anyone else's.)

It's why you made your roommate promise not to tell anyone that you locked your keys in your car while it was running. (No, that wasn't my car at the post office last winter.)

Vanity is also why you do something stupid when your friend says, "I'll give you a dollar if you do."

We all know that a dollar isn't worth much, except on Thursday nights. So it obviously wasn't for the money.

Instead, it's your friend's shocked look, and the story he tells about your



daring actions that made you do it.

A sense of pride always seems to come with making your friends laugh, even if what you did made it seem you had no pride to begin with.

It's kind of funny when you realize how many things you do just to appear "cool."

(Four doors were not on the list of options when I bought my first, or second, car.)

But is it so we look better in our own eyes or someone else's?

To me, that is the difference between being vain and confident.

Confidence comes from inside a person, while vanity seems to be fueled by the reactions of other people.

Vanity is what keeps a person from writing a "Letter to the Editor," just because you don't want to sign your name. After all, the whole campus may consider you to be a political activist from now on.

My vanity is what makes me cringe as I accelerate in my car. I can just hear the remarks like "Get a new muffler." (I have to find room for a new muffler in my budget.)

The Wicked Queen was vain when she looked in the mirror asking "Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?"

What made her an even more vain person, was her reaction when the mirror said, "Snow White."

The mirror is symbolic of vanity. After all, a dressing table with a mirror attached is called a vanity table, and a small case containing a mirror and face powder is called a vanity case.

Even though we sometimes relate vanity with an over abundance of self confidence, is it really that negative?

If vanity helps people feel better about themselves, should we still associate it with an inflated ego?

Realistically, many people lack an ample amount of self confidence, so maybe being a little vain isn't so bad.

After all it is much more simple to knock a person's confidence down, than it is to build it back up.

## Thought of the day...

"Whenever two good people argue over principals, they are both right."

-Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach  
Austrian novelist  
1905

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# Mel's DINER



## Dear Readers,

I would like to begin this week's column by saying, "What the hell is up with this weather?" I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a little sunshine. I'm tired of looking outside at gray clouds and dreary skies. I know the weather is getting me down when I don't even want to chase women and drink beer. So, I want everyone to pray really hard for warm weather. I just hope there is a *Coors Light* God and he's listening to me!

## Dear Mel,

I feel like a good friend of mine is going to get himself into serious trouble. He has been dateless and pretty lonely for sometime and just recently met a new woman. They've only gone out on two dates, and he is now going around telling all of us that she could be the one. Usually, all of us guys would be happy because at least he's getting a little.

The only problem is she is a loser. Her parents still support her, and she's 25. My friend just recently graduated and already makes \$30,000 a year. We all know she is using him for his money. How do we wake my friend up?

## Good Friend

## Dear Good Friend,

Unfortunately, I do not think there is anything you can do. If your friend has been lonely for as long as you say, I can bet he is not thinking logically. All of us guys have been there before. I suggest you just let your friend have fun for now. If things get really out of hand you might mention something to him. But remember that you run the risk of losing his friendship. After all, it is his money and his life. Is it worth ruining a friendship over? When love is involved he will always side with her at least 9 out of 10 times.

## Dear Mel,

I have just recently heard about the new faculty/student dating policy. I am appalled that anybody has the right to regulate who I choose to date or who I don't choose to date. It is none of their business if a professor and I decide to become romantically involved. I realize the university is trying to cover their own butt, but what about my rights? My point being, where do these regulations end?

## Frustrated with the system

## Dear Frustrated,

I agree, and your opinion has been noted. Does anybody else have anything to say?

## Dear Mel,

Last week I read about the co-worker with bad breath. I can relate because I have a problem with my roommate. He chews with his mouth open. You never have to ask him what he's eating because you get a pretty good view throughout the whole meal. The problems is so bad that I also find myself gagging whenever I eat with him. I just want to ask him if his parents ever taught him to eat properly. I'm so grossed out. I just don't know what to do.

## Disgusted by Food

## Dear Disgusted,

I think chewing with your mouth closed is one of those habits that needs to be taught as a child. In the diner, there are always a few open-mouthed juicy customers I hate to serve. As a bystander, you just have to turn the other cheek. Change your eating schedule and never eat your meals together. I don't think telling him about his disgusting habit is going to do anything but cause tension in the apartment.

## Dear Readers,

Mel's Diner will soon come to a close as the semester ends. So, if any of you would like to chat please feel free to write.

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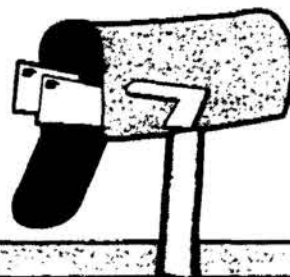


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## Retirement party

Katharine Smith, chair of the department of special education, relates the accomplishments of Donna Harsh, chair of the department of curriculum and instruction, while emcee Rodolfo Arevalo, provost, looks on during the annual Retirement Reception yesterday evening. Also retiring this year are Byrnell Figler, associate professor of music, Robert Jennings, professor of curriculum and instruction, James Kellerman, registrar, Robert Maxwell, assistant professor of English, Merlyn Moeckel, assistant professor of health and human performance, and Adolph Reisig, former executive director of the FHSU Endowment Association.

# Campus MAILBOX



## Attempt to make political points after bombing wrong

Dear Editor:

In the last four years I have been more involved in politics than most people would care to be in their entire lifetime. In that time, nothing that I have witnessed has left a more sour taste in my mouth than the letter that appeared in the April 25 *Leader* by assistant professor of political science, Paul Basinski.

The point of Basinski's letter was, "The consistent demonization of the Federal Government, primarily but not exclusively by right wing extremists, created the climate for

the Oklahoma City bombing."

He laid the blame for the bombing on conservative commentators Rush Limbaugh and George Will, as well as House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He went on to say that, "If you preach that Government is a soulless creature bent on seizing power from the people, then you breed anarchy from the right."

Let me begin by saying that the tragedy in Oklahoma has been denounced by conservatives and liberals alike. The commentators that Basinski blames for creating the climate were among the first to give their support to the President, and they all have strong anti-crime records.

Second, no one should try to make political capital from this national tragedy. It makes me sick to see Democrats from Basinski (who is the adviser to the FHSU Young Democrats)

to President Clinton trying to blame Republicans and conservatives for this bombing. The type of people who are willing to trade lives for votes are the type of people that give politics and politicians a bad name.

Who is to blame for the Oklahoma City bombing? The bombers are responsible; those who planned the bombing, those who made the bomb, those who set the bomb off, and anyone who has helped the bombers get away are the only people who can or should be blamed for the bombing.

This attempt by Basinski to lay blame on republicans and conservatives is the type of liberalism that I have come to expect from the Democratic party. By trying to deflect blame from the bombers to people who "created a climate for the bombing" by having a healthy cynical view of government, Basinski is ex-

cusing the bombers. In effect, he is giving the bombers an alibi for their evil and cowardice act.

The Republican party and conservative commentators have held firm in their belief that criminals are responsible for their actions. These ridiculous excuses perpetrated by the Left, that criminals are not responsible for their own actions, are causing Americans to live in fear of crime and giving criminals the power that they need to terrorize our society and kill our children. Let's not allow criminals to excuse their actions based upon what they hear on the radio.

Furthermore, it is ironic that Basinski often rails against Republicans as "mean spirited" and "lacking compassion." Yet, he has the gall to attempt to use the suffering in Oklahoma City to advance his own political agenda and refers to fellow Americans who have died as "bodies blasted to bits."

His insensitive use of sarcasm when he said "they are the people. Or should I say were since... they're dead," shows his hypocrisy. Republicans are considered "insensitive" for calling rioting looters "criminals," yet Democrats can use children's death and families suffering for their own political gain.

Finally, he attempts to salvage the image of

government by saying "it is not out to get us." Professor Basinski, ask Rodney King how much faith he puts in government. Ask anyone who has dealt with the IRS, where you are guilty until proven innocent, if they are compassionate and understanding. Ask the rancher who lost his farm and was imprisoned because he inadvertently ran over an endangered rodent on his farm with a tractor if the government has his best interest in mind. Ask Linda Brown if the segregation laws that our government supported were good. Ask Dred Scott if the slavery laws that used to exist in America were egalitarian.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was considered an extremist, yet today his birthday is a national holiday. Any attempt to limit speech considered "extremist" is doing a great disservice to our American history. Let us not use this bombing to limit our civil liberties for too many more lives were sacrificed to give those liberties to us.

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# Crunch time: Tigers look keep league lead, face Mesa State this weekend

Ryan Buchanan  
Sports editor

The Tiger baseball team took a big step toward a conference championship by sweeping the University of Southern Colorado Monday.

But this weekend Fort Hays State will have to clear another big obstacle when Mile High Intercollegiate Baseball League foe Mesa State College comes to town for a four-game series.

"We by no means got over the mountain with the two wins at Southern Colorado. That was just a piece of the big puzzle," Coach Curtis Hammeke said.

"They were really important wins,

but we need to put those wins behind us and concentrate on our next road-block which is Mesa State," he said.

The Tigers will face the Mavericks tomorrow and Sunday with double-headers beginning at 1 p.m. both days at Larks Park.

Senior right-hander Daniel Traffas and senior left-hander Brian Thurlow are probable starting pitchers tomorrow.

Traffas was named Rawlings MHLB Pitcher of the Week for his performance in the Tigers' 4-3 win over Southern Colorado.

He pitched his seventh complete game in nine starts and improved to 7-2 on the season.

Junior right-handers Curtis VonLintel and Cory Bieker are expected to start on Sunday.

FHSU currently holds a half-game lead over Southern Colorado for first place in the MHLB.

FHSU's record jumped to 27-10 overall, and 17-3 in MHLB action with the two close victories Monday, while Southern Colorado dropped to 30-11 overall and 17-4 in the MHLB.

"It's hard to stay on top. There's no time to let down now. We have to continue to play at the top of our game if we want to go on," Hammeke said.

FHSU was originally scheduled to play four games against Southern Colorado.

Due to inclement weather the two teams were only able to get in a double-header.

Had they played all four games, the Tigers had to win three of the four to take the conference lead.

Theoretically, since they only played two games and won both, the results are the same.

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

"There are still teams standing in the way of what we want to accomplish," Hammeke said.

Mesa State is currently third in league standings with a record of 18-6.

The Mavericks are a powerful offensive team with a potential long ball threat.

Maverick senior Mike Zanot leads the MHLB in slugging percentage at .629, home runs with 16, and doubles with 18. He has 66 RBIs on the year and is batting .421.

"They'll be a tough team for us to beat, but I think this team has handled adversity well all year long," Hammeke said.

Southern Colorado will also have its hands full as it travels to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Kearney sits in fourth place league standings with a record of 10-10. The winner of the conference will

receive the home field advantage for the MHLB post-season tournament.

"Now that we are in a situation to control our own destiny we have to take care of business," Hammeke said.

If there is a tie for the conference lead after this weekend, the Tiger's doubleheader with Kearney that was postponed will be played May 6 at Kearney.

"Our guys have set their sights on not letting the season end.

"We know what we want, and we're going to fight for it. We may have to knock some people down to do so, but I think our players are very determined to win the conference championship," Hammeke said.



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## Free falling

Shane Henderson, Colby Community College, dives for a steer Sunday afternoon during the Fort Hays State Rodeo at the Doug Phillips Arena.

## Rockies rally to win first two games

John Mossman  
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) Walt Weiss singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning, leading the Colorado Rockies past New York 8-7 Thursday and putting them two games over .500 for the first time in their three-year history.

A day after the Rockies rallied a couple of times to beat the Mets 11-9 in 14 innings in the season opener, they came back from a five-run defi-

cit to win again.

A crowd of 36,113 watched in 52-degree weather. There were 47,228 fans at the opening of Coors Field for the opener.

Mets reliever Kevin Lomon (0-1), making his major league debut, worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, but couldn't survive a similar predicament in the ninth.

Pinch-hitter Jim Tatum and Mike Kingery both singled with one out in the ninth and Pedro Castellano walked. Lomon retired Jason Bates on a liner

to short, but Weiss singled to right-center on a full count.

A pitch before the winning hit, Weiss began to head to first base, thinking it was ball four. Instead, it was called a strike.

Steve Reed (1-0) pitched two innings to earn the win.

David Segui and Carl Everett had consecutive, two-run hits in the third inning that helped the Mets build a 5-0 lead.

Bobby Bonilla hit an RBI single in the first off Marvin Freeman, and the Mets chased Freeman in the third, scoring four runs with no outs. Rico Brogna's double and two walks loaded the bases, and Segui doubled to right. Everett then singled to center for two more runs.

Colorado scratched out single runs in the fourth and fifth, but the Mets countered with two runs in the sixth on a wild pitch and sacrifice fly.

Trailing 7-2, the Rockies rallied for five runs in the sixth, keyed by pinch-hitter John Vander Wal's broken-bat, two-run double off the right-field wall.

Reliever Josias Manzanillo, replacing starter Jason Jacome to start the sixth inning, yielded five straight hits.

Singles by Dante Bichette, Vinny Castilla and Kingery loaded the bases, and Vander Wal followed with a double. Bates collected his first major-league hit, an RBI single. Weiss produced another run with a groundout and Joe Girardi doubled off the first-base bag for the final run.

The Tiger basketball team has added another Eck to its roster for next season.

Coach Gary Garner inked his first recruit of the year in Lamar University transfer Mark Eck.

Eck is the younger brother of current Tiger guard Geoff Eck who led Fort Hays State in three-point shooting last season and averaged 12.4 points per game.

Mark Eck comes to FHSU from Lamar University, an NCAA Division I school in Beaumont, Texas.

Last season he started in eight games and saw playing time in 23 for the 11-16 team.

He averaged 4.4 points per game. Eck stands 6 feet 3 inches and can play both guard and forward.

"Mark gives us another excellent

outside shooter with good size," Garner said.

"His versatility allows him to play either forward or guard which is something that is needed at the NCAA Division II level," he said.

Before attending Lamar University he played at Butler County Community College, as did his older brother Geoff.

At Butler County he averaged 8.2 points per game. He also shot 51 percent from the three-point line to lead Kansas junior college and rank second in the nation.

Butler County finished the 1993-94 season with a 30-5 overall record and was undefeated in league play with a 12-0 mark.

When he begins school at FHSU in the fall, Eck will have two years of eligibility left.

Eck played high school ball at Wichita South High School.

In the 1992-93 season he led the team to a 25-0 record, as well as a state championship, and a No. 6 national ranking.

He averaged 13.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 3.9 assist and 2.4 steals in his senior year, earning both All-State and All-City honors.

## It's an 'Eck' of a team

Garner's first  
signee is brother  
of current Tiger  
Geoff Eck

Ryan Buchanan  
Sports editor

## Golf season ends at District VII Tourney

Ryan Buchanan  
Sports editor

The Tiger golf team's season came to an end at the NCAA Division II District VII Qualifying Tournament last weekend in Albuquerque, N.M.

Fort Hays State took sixth place in the team standings with a three round score of 836.

The Tigers' individual scores were senior Jason Bell, 85-43-80-208, senior Chad Dean, 84-43-84-212, senior Jamie Gilmore, 86-45-81-212, senior Jason Goers, 94-43-78-215, and freshman Byron Palen, 87-41-88-216.

The second round was called after nine holes due to weather.

The University of Southern Colorado won the tournament with a three

round total of 785.

The tournament also counted as the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Title Tournament.

The University of Nebraska Kearney won its first RMAC title after shooting 799 as a team for three rounds.

Fort Lewis took second place with a score of 811.

The Tigers took third place in the conference with their team score of 836.

Kearney's Mark Hock finished fifth overall and first in the RMAC.

He shot 15 over par and was just four shots behind the meet champion.

Hock's teammate John Holling finished eighth overall competition with a 200, but took second place in the RMAC.

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\$4.25 1/2 LB. BURGER, FRIES, DRINK OR DRAW

**Featured Band**  
"Blue Heelers"  
9 p.m.—1 a.m., Saturday, April 29  
\*Look for Upcoming Foos Ball Tournament,  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30—SIGN UP AT 1:30 P.M./PLAY  
BEGINS AT 2:30 P.M.

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