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The Graduate thesis exhibition of Julie Lade-Wills, Ashland, Neb., will run in the Moss-Thorns Gallery through July 27. The exhibit contains over 40 pieces of her ceramics and photography. **page 6.**

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Professionals offer care

Students can get healthcare during the summers too

Amy Bruntz
Managing editor

Although many students aren't aware of it, the Student Health Center is open to students during the summer. According to Patti Scott, director of Student Health, even students who are not enrolled in summer classes may receive care at the Student Health Center.

Scott said that summers are generally slow for the center, partly due to the misconception among many students that if they don't take summer classes, they cannot get services from Student Health.

Patient numbers rise during the fall and spring semesters, when they see between 80 and 100 students each day.

Scott feels that a lot of students utilize the services offered by Student Health. She said, "I think many students utilize our services, but I also think some students don't even know we exist."

Scott also realizes that some students will always have the idea that student Health is not a quality health facility—hence the nickname "Student Death."

Jennifer Weber, Oakley senior, appreciates the free over-the-counter

medicines, but she feels that the Student Health Center doesn't try to properly diagnose students who are ill.

She said, "It seems like the Student Health Center just gives one generic diagnosis and prescription to everyone—especially during cold seasons."

Rhonda Klaus, registered nurse at the Student Health Center, said that during those seasons most students are picking up the same viruses.

"They've all got basically the same thing—it just keeps getting passed around in classes and on campus," Klaus said.

"Many people think we are sub-standard, but that isn't true," Scott said. She also said that the Student Health Center is trying to provide the best services they can for the lowest price possible. She said, "We're always looking for ways to increase services for students."

One beneficial service that Student Health offers is office visits with a medical doctor. Dr. Dallas Richards is available to see students from 10 a.m. to noon everyday that classes are in session. Scott said that the students are very lucky to have a doctor of his quality at the Student



MATT SHEPKER / University Leader

Legally speaking

Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall speaks to a group of students and Hays residents Tuesday afternoon. Stovall has served as the Attorney General for six months.

Health Center.

For an office call to another doctor in Hays, a student would pay at least \$40. Students can see Dr. Richards for only \$5. However, this fall that price will increase to \$10. "We have had to raise some prices to keep up the quality of services," Scott said.

The Student Health Center tries to just break even, but the past couple

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Free to students at Student Health

- Nurse visits
- Pain killers
- Cold medicine
- Condoms
- Vitamins
- Immunizations
- HIV testing
- Antacids

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Tasteless talk shows upset writer

Gabriela Snyder
Staff writer

A mother and son are reunited after being apart for years. They then go on national television to tell their story of how and why they had sex in a hotel room after being reunited...

A group of college guys proudly appear on national TV to tell Americans about a competition they have going on with each other to see who can have sex...

The hosts of these shows are ranging from David Letterman to Ricki Lake. Not all of these shows are tasteless. Some have good content and are very interesting, but some of the episodes that I have seen have definitely hit bottom.

I don't usually watch these programs, but sometimes, while flipping through channels, I'll stop to view one because they are so outrageous. People and families come from all over to exploit their most personal, embarrassing, and devastating lifestyle to millions of people.

There are a lot of unanswered questions about these talk shows. Are these shows designed to help

others in the same types of situations cope better? Or, do Americans thrive off of the hardships and nasty lifestyles of others?

I think these talk shows that I am referring to are tacky and need to have their scripts rewritten.

On the shows, let's talk about how to teach your children better manners and not about "I slept with your best friend but still want to marry you."

How about having a program about giving tips to make your life a better and more fun one, and not about "I slept with my neighbor's wife." I think it's time to turn these shows into something that I can watch without feeling disgusted. Who may get a glimpse of some of these "trashy" talk shows?

I am old enough to know not to believe everything I see or hear, but I wonder what these younger viewers are thinking.

Like I said before, with a new script and a little tact, these shows could be educating instead of brain-washing.

It's nice to hear about ways to improve yourself. It's revolting to hear about someone who is having sex with his neighbor's wife.

I'm happy to be living here in somewhat of a sheltered and comfortable lifestyle. I feel relatively safe and don't wonder if my boyfriend is really a girl.

Concerns shared about supporting Fort Hays State

While I understand and applaud the efforts of the newly chosen chancellor of the University of Kansas to finally meet the people of western Kansas, there are other points to consider.

First, for every action that KU makes in western Kansas, there is ultimately another reaction or ripple effect. I did not hear Robert Hemenway speak when he was in the area, but you can be sure that he wasn't here just to solicit donations. His intentions are undoubtedly to recruit students, who are the lifeblood of any institution. Much to the chagrin of Tiger supporters, this only makes K-State nervous, which in turn intensifies recruiting efforts in western Kansas. Ultimately, Fort Hays State will be faced by its formidable traditional foe (K-State) and a new one of equal status (KU).

Yes, K-State is nervous, as evidenced by a recent editorial in the Manhattan Mercury. All of western Kansas was deemed "Wildcat country" with no mention of FHSU, which is the only university four-year school in the west-

ern half of the state. We all know of the long-standing competition between the state's two educational giants (I use this as a description of size only). How will FHSU fare as a third party in the upcoming turf war? Only time will tell, but the outcome is largely dependent on you and even those KU lawyer and doctor alums that Mr. Hemenway was crowing about.

I would hope that these individuals, who have a deep vested interest in our community, would support our university at least as well as KU or for that matter, K-State. Whatever your stance on the recent debate over economic development, I believe there is one thing that we can all agree on—support what we have! As basic as this sounds, the point is lost on some within our community.

A truly disheartening aspect of this situation is the undeserved secondary status that FHSU must endure throughout the community. On your way to work or as you drive through any parking lot in Hays, just look to see how

many cars there are with Ellis County tags sporting their KU or K-state logos. Unfortunately, this picture gets worse. Walk across the FHSU campus and observe the cars of faculty, staff and students. My informal survey revealed that KU and K-State logos alone outnumbered FHSU logos 9 to 1. That's right, 9 to 1.

Let's put this in perspective. Would it be in good taste for people to plaster their possessions with IBM logos if they were employed by Microsoft? Certainly not. If the success of your business was dependent on the success of another, would it be prudent to outwardly promote a third? Again, certainly not. How can FHSU expect to compete with KU and K-State in the upcoming turf war in western Kansas when those who work for the university and those with a vested interest in its success refuse to promote it? Please do everyone a favor and support FHSU.

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KAKE TV on campus
The ABC affiliate KAKE TV (Channel 11) will televise a program live from Fort Hays State University at 11 a.m. Friday morning. They will set up in the quad area of the campus west of Picken Hall.

Host Mogie Langston will interview several FHSU and Hays dignitaries. The public is invited to observe the telecast which will be beamed throughout the state via satellite.

Fall Tiger Tots

The Fort Hays State University Tiger Tots Nursery Center is now accepting applications for its preschool/childcare center for the 1995 fall semester. All FHSU students, faculty and staff may submit applications for their children ages 2 1/2 to 4.

For more information, call Tiger Tots at (913) 628-4101.

Corps-members needed

USDA's AmeriCorps program has been notified that a proposed project in Hays has been approved. A corps of 4 full-time members and 16 part-time members will be working on a project in and around the Big Creek area. Full-time corps members are required to be college graduates. Part-time corps members can be college students. Both sets of positions are stipended and educational awards are also part of the benefit package.

The AmeriCorps Office at FHSU (Picken 208) has openings for these positions. Applications need to be received by the deadline at the Hays office ASAP. For more information, call Daniel Maynard at (913) 625-2544.

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thurs-Fri (Aug. 17-18)
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Students face paying for healthcare

James A. Smith
Staff writer

For most students at Fort Hays State, health insurance is either something that they try not to think about, or don't have to think about. For those students who do, though, there are a variety of routes that they can and do take to acquire or to maintain coverage.

Many traditional students are covered by their parents' insurance policies. Most family-oriented policies are geared to accommodate college students, and will cover that student for a pre-determined amount of time.

Some of the policies cover students until they turn a pre-determined age, such as 23, while some cover students until they get married, or are no longer students.

One option that students sometimes choose is the Student Health Center's insurance policy. According to the Student Health, approximately 350 students purchased the university's policy, which was created by Insurance Services Inc., last year.

This year, however, the policy boasts new benefits, greater coverage, and maternity benefits. The policy is offered to any undergraduate student who is enrolled in more

than five credit hours, and is also available to that student's dependents.

Non-traditional students, on the other hand, are generally in a much different health care boat than their traditional straight-out-of-high school counterparts. Most of them are not covered by their parents, and many of them have families of their own.

Anita Merlau, who is a non-traditional student, takes classes during the summer, so that she can work during the year. Currently, though, she is between jobs and consequently does not have health insurance.

"I can die, I have plenty of life insurance," Anita said, "I just can't get sick."

Cindy Hammond, who is also a non-traditional student taking summer classes, has a daughter who also attends college in Hays. The Hammond family recently received a letter from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas informing them that their daughter would soon be removed from their policy.

"As far as I'm concerned, a parent's financial obligation lasts until their child is 25," Hammond said, "so we're going to put her on the university policy."

According to local insurance



ROD SMITH / University Leader

Patti Scott, director of the Student Health Center, consults Brent Daniel, Russell Junior, about asthma medicine during a checkup on July 11.

agencies, very few students take out their own health care policies.

Richard Sook, an agent for State Farm Insurance in Hays, said, "I probably don't cover a dozen students out of all of my files, and most of those are non-traditionals."

For whatever reason, non-traditionals are much more active in

their health care plans than are traditional students.

Tim Schmidt, an agent with the Bieker Insurance Agency in Hays, said, "We sell more (policies) to non-traditional students because they're much more aware of the need, so they're basically what we've always been dealing with."



ROD SMITH / University Leader

Satomi Kimura, Hiroshima, Japan, graduate, has her temperature checked by Rhonda Klaus, university nurse, during a visit to the Student Health Center.

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of years, they have lost money and have had to increase a few of their prices.

But, according to Scott, Student Health still offers many free services. Students can see a nurse free of charge. They can also get free condoms, vitamins, pain killers, and many immunizations. The Student Health Center also offers free HIV testing.

Kayla Gottschalk, Lenexa junior, said that she has been to Student Health four or five times and thinks it's good for students to have a place to get medical advice and also prescription and over-the-counter drugs for a very reasonable price.

"Student Health really comes in handy for illnesses such as colds and flues," Gottschalk said. She said she is not sure whether or not she would go there for something more serious.

In the case of an accident, Scott suggests that students start at the Student Health Center. "This will

save them a lot of money," Scott said. If it is something they cannot take care of, they can refer the student directly to the doctor he/she needs to see.

Scott emphasizes that the Student Health Center is there to help the students of FHSU receive quality health services at the lowest possible prices.

Scott hopes to form a Student Health Advisory Committee. These students would help voice student needs and ideas to the Student Health Center. She hopes to find a student who is willing to chair this committee.

According to Scott, most college students are facing the responsibility of their own healthcare for the first time. "They're learning how to be healthcare consumers. They need to know how to get the best care for the least amount of money," Scott said.

Students confront paying for pregnancy

Crickett Reese
Ad manager

Healthcare—one of the top issues for today's college student and when a pregnancy is involved the issue gains in importance and complexity. This is the case for Jan and J.J. Rupe.

Jan, a senior at Fort Hays State, is going to school full time. She is also four months pregnant with the couple's first child. Jan is currently employed by the agriculture department on campus.

Jan's husband J.J. is also a se-

nior at FHSU, and he is currently employed by Subway, 1211 Vine.

The Rupes have no health insurance, and refuse financial assistance from the government.

"Neither of us has insurance, so we're paying as we go. We pay a monthly bill to the obstetrician that is higher than our rent and most of our bills put together. In addition, we must pay the pathology lab for any screening tests as they are given, with no grace period given on the charges," Jan said.

Jan had originally planned to work two jobs, but found it difficult to do

so while pregnant.

Although the couple is having some financial difficulties, the Rupes refuse to take advantage of the numerous government programs such as Medicaid, Foodstamps, or other financial assistance provided by the government.

"Welfare should be reserved for people who are really and truly destitute. We don't consider ourselves destitute. We are poor, and this (the pregnancy) is a hardship on us, but we aren't destitute. I think college students aren't as poor as they make themselves out to be.

"If you work, you can make your way. It's better for us to make our way and to feel good about ourselves, than to depend on other people. We got ourselves into this situation and we're going to take responsibility for it," Jan said.

The Rupes find that the biggest problem they have is trying to justify their reasons for not accepting financial assistance to their friends and others.

"Any time we mention our financial difficulties, someone tells us to go apply for a Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Medical Card. We don't feel that it is the solution for us," Jan said.

The couple is accepting help from their families for things like baby furniture, but financial help is limited.

To pay for the medical costs, the Rupes have outlined a payment plan with their obstetrician. The obstetrician will be paid for by the time the baby arrives in December, but then the hospital bills will begin.

"Doctors don't want to be bothered, however, with tailoring a plan to fit the needs of a low income couple who chooses not to go on public assistance.

"I think my husband and I would be better served by doing away with the 'package deal' birth. Our situation would be helped dramatically by the obstetrician's giving me only the tests for which there (are) valid medical reasons for me to have.

"With a few exceptions they routinely give every screening test in the book regardless of the fact that most people our age are in extremely low risk categories for any of the diseases," Jan said.

Jan's sister, a medical doctor who resides in Wisconsin, frequently gives her advice on which tests are absolutely pertinent and which are not.

Even though she has sound advice from her sister, there are people who totally disagree with her altogether.

"Unfortunately, if I present this opinion, there are people who either imply or state flat out that I am not thinking about my baby.

"Most of these are people who have insurance plans that cover their expenses and don't have to worry about how to cover tuition, living expenses, and medical costs. And (our) financial aid (for school) has been cut substantially at the worst possible time to have it cut," Jan

said.

The Rupes aren't complaining; they are just trying to educate others about why they choose not to accept public assistance.

"This is not necessarily a big mistake either. We don't regret at all having a baby right now," J.J. said.

Even though the Rupes are confident that public assistance is not the best route for them to take, the same cannot be said for all.

Jennifer Weber, Oakley senior, is a single mother who doesn't regret having a baby either.

Although times have been tough she has endured them by accepting the help of her parents and taking advantage of public assistance.

Weber has gone to school every semester since she discovered she was pregnant.

Weber delivered her son Leighton, eight days before the 1994 fall semester began, and was in classes for the fall semester.

"After I found out that I was pregnant I made graduating from college with a degree my first priority," Weber said.

To help pay bills Weber has accepted public assistance and is currently employed in the department of music through work-study.

During the 1995 fall semester Weber will be fulfilling her requirement to student teach so she can graduate with a music education degree in December.

Since Leighton's father has not paid child support, Weber's only option appeared to be public assistance. It is not a choice she regrets or is ashamed of.

"I have been accepting public assistance since Jan. of 1994, but it will discontinue July 31, 1995 when I begin to live with my parents while I student teach," Weber said.

The assistance programs Weber is involved in are: Women, Infant, & Children (WIC), Medicaid, Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and Foodstamps.

WIC is a program that provides the mother and infant with necessary dairy products. Medicaid covers the cost of medical bills for the mother and child. AFDC provides the mother and child monetary assistance to help pay for bills. And Foodstamps help to pay for food.

"Until there are doctors who will begin to take into consideration some people's special financial needs, paying for any health care will continue to be a problem," Jan Rupe said.



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Jennifer Weber, Oakley senior, watches as her eleven-month-old son Leighton, picks a bud off a tree Wednesday afternoon in the Quad. Weber accepted public assistance and help from her parents to afford the birth of her son.

Seniors active in worthy programs

Program allows seniors to get involved with old and young

James A. Smith
Staff writer

Edna Snyder, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, became involved in the Senior Companion Program over seven years ago. Recently, though, she has become involved in a very similar organization known as the Foster Grandparent Program.

"I was with the SCP for seven years, and I just thought that being a

Foster Grandparent would be a nice change."

The Foster Grandparent program is a program through which persons 60 years and older work with children who have mental, physical, or emotional disabilities and are in need of special attention. The FGP, which is headquartered in Topeka, recently formed a partnership with the Fort Hays State University Senior Companions.

Snyder says that she likes her new

job. "The kids all call us Grandma and our first names. I'm Grandma Edna to them."

The Senior Companion Program, on the other hand, puts persons over the age of 60 to work with people who are older and need assistance with day-to-day activities.

Both programs are National Senior Service Corps programs. The people who become involved with either the FGP or the SCP do so on a volunteer basis, and are provided with a tax-free stipend, reimbursement for transportation, as well as many other benefits.

According to Joy Fischer, assistant director of the program, "We got the Foster Grandparent Program going in Hays as of December 1994, when three of them started working, and two more began in April."

Fischer said that, "Foster Grandparents provide the kids with that special one-on-one that they sometimes really need."

Lillian Basgall, another Hays resident who is a Foster Grandparent, also enjoys the program. She currently works at the Hays Children's Center, 1204 Canterbury Drive.

"I help the children set up tables and things and play with them a lot, just like a real grandparent," Basgall said. "As a grandparent myself, I can see where these children really need a grandma, and I feel like I'm fulfilling that need."

The recent joining of the two programs allows coverage of all age groups, instead of only one. The FGP provides care for those under the age of 21, and the SCP

provides for those over the age of 21.

Loretta Leiker, who is a Senior Companion with the program, will be receiving a pin in August for her three years of service.

"The people I work with are so grateful," Leiker said, "they never forget to say thank you for a hug or a kiss. It's a marvelous program for people who can't get around like they used to."

Leiker currently works at St. John's Nursing Facility, 2010 E. 25th, where she performs a variety of duties for the residents. "They may not know your name, but they sure do know your voice," she said.

Both programs and the volunteers involved with them will be recognized on July 20, at the 21st annual recognition banquet.



JANELLA MILDREXLER/ University Leader

One of Lillian Basgall's jobs at the Hays Area Children's Center is to help put the children down for their naps after a hard day of play.



JANELLA MILDREXLER/ University Leader

Loretta Leiker, Hays, hands a washcloth to Aemelia Ruder at St. John's Nursing Facility. Leiker has worked as a senior companion for three years.

Hays band releases album

Marc Menard
Staff writer

There is a new musical sound coming from Hays. That sound is Gryn, a heavy metal, grunge band which recently released its first CD, "Capital Punishment."

The band is fronted by former Fort Hays State student, Brett Straight, who is also the lead vocalist.

The band includes Hays residents Ben Bunker, guitar; James Herman, drums; Shawn Normandin, guitar; and Jason "Wally" Walters, guitar.

Gryn will be appearing on the midway at the Ellis County Fair this Saturday from 8-11 p.m.

With the release of its first CD, the group has realized a dream come true.

The disk was recorded at the Red House recording studio in Lawrence, Kan., and features seven songs of original material by the group.

Straight, who writes much of the material with the help of band members describes Gryn's music as "heavy metal with a grunge edge."

The band has relied largely on their own personal resources to finance their venture into the music business.

All of the band members maintain regular jobs during the day and will continue to rely on their live performances to support themselves.

The band has performed at the Gin Fest, held in Wakefield, Kan., last year, and more recently played at Woodstockton, an after gradua-

tion festival held near Stockton, Kan., for area high school graduates. Gryn has also appeared at the Tee Box restaurant, 1007 W. 27th.

In addition to their upcoming appearance at the Ellis County Fair, Gryn tentatively has concert dates scheduled for Aug. 12 at Kanopolis Lake, and a return appearance at the Gin Fest on Aug. 26 at Wakefield.

The band members rehearse three times a week in a vacant building on 11th Street, near downtown. The building has been home and unofficial headquarters for the band members for nearly four years.

All of the band members share in the songwriting process, in which they primarily focus on social issues.

Straight admits that much of Gryn's material is based on real life experiences.

"Maybe not my own experiences, but definitely situations that have been close to me," Straight said.

Group members all agreed that their material usually evolves from ideas generated within the group and sometimes from outside influences.

"Someone will get a sound started with the guitar and the feeling just goes from there," Bunker said.

In continuing that sentiment, Herman said, "It really is magic going on, we basically seem to be able to make music out of nothing at all."

The band enjoys its live performances the most and finds it very gratifying to meet people who listen and dance to its music.

They admit they have no control



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

Brett Straight, Hays Junior, and Ben Bunker, Hays, practice with their band GRYN on Monday night in preparation for their upcoming performance.

over the fans who like to slam dance to their music.

"There is so much energy at our shows. As far as the slam dancing goes, I think it is really is misunderstood. It looks like full-contact dancing, but really it is a comradery thing," Herman said.

The band may soon become as well known for the cover picture of its first CD as it is for its music.

The cover, designed by Chris Glassman, a graduate of FHSU and employee of Casual Graphics, 119 W. 8th, depicts an unidentified man pointing a gun at a baby lying in a crib.

Straight warned that people may

get the wrong idea about the cover, but said the band does not condone violence.

The cover is intended to symbolize capital punishment which ties in with the title of the CD.

The band is hoping that the new release will receive some air play on radio stations around Kansas.

The five members are committed to pursuing a career in music and hope some day that they may play large stadiums and concert venues instead of local bars.

For now they intend to stay focused on their goals and are willing to do what it takes to get their foot in the door.

At the movies: 'First Knight'



Joshua Dinges
Staff writer

Being the hardy fan of swordplay and fantasy movies that I am, it is therefore an even greater disappointment when a movie such as "First Knight" fails.

Understand, the failure lies not with the movie itself.

The story is great and the swordfighting is quite impressive.

The movie's failure came from

its brutalization of the Arthurian legends. It in no visible way followed Sir Thomas Mallory's masterworks and was, in fact, quite contradictory.

The movie is the tale of King Arthur, his wife Guinevere, and Sir Lancelot, the noble knight of the Round Table who came between them. Unfortunately, it does a shabby job retelling the tale; it rewrites more than retells.

I suppose to one unfamiliar with the legends, the movie was great, but those of us who know the tales were rather disappointed.

Sean Connery, as usual, does a fantastic job in the role of the legendary King of Camelot.

Richard Gere performs surprisingly well in the role of Sir Lancelot—it's just unfortunate that the Lancelot he portrays is not the Lancelot we all know.

The best performance is delivered by the stunning Julia Ormond as Arthur's queen Guinevere.

If you're looking for a nice swordplay-action movie and love story, "First Knight" is a good bet.

But if you're looking for a decent interpretation of the Arthurian legends, go rent "Excalibur."

If it wasn't for the brutal destruction of the legends, the movie would be an easy "B." As it is, it was entertaining enough to earn a "C."

Local movies

These movies will show Friday, July 21 through Thursday, July 27.

Call the theater for daily show times.

Fox Theater
1202 Main Street
625-3152

"Nine Months"
"Under Siege 2"

Mall Cinema
2925 Vine Street

"Apollo 13"
"First Knight"
"Free Willy 2"
"The Indian in the Cupboard"

Moss-Thorns features exhibit

Brian Allison
Staff writer

The Moss-Thorns Gallery will feature the Graduate thesis exhibition of Julie Lade-Wills, Ashland, Neb., through July 27.

The Gallery is located on the first floor of Rarick Hall and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Over forty pieces of the artist's work are on display.

According to Lade-Wills, three themes are at the heart of this exhibition. They are man versus man, man versus himself, and man versus nature. The forms are symbolic of growth, evolution, and decay which is representative of man's own metamorphic process.

"Most of my ceramic works are quiet, contemplative pieces because they possess the capacity for more than one interpretation. I believe they can communicate on multiple levels and will challenge the viewer to move between the introspective micro level of self and the collective macro level of the masses," Lade-Wills said.

"Almost all my works are wheel thrown with sculptural additions. They are non-functional pieces, that were created to be used as art only. Besides clay I use metal, wire, and wood thus some of the pieces are a mixed media variety," said Lade-Wills.

Besides her major in ceramics Lade-Wills is also minoring in photography.

The photographs in the exhibit carry on the same themes as her ceramic works, mainly using the theme of woman versus herself.

"I use the sandwich or double exposure process. I've tried to give the feeling of a layered and textured look. They are classical poses with some manipulation," Lade-Wills said.

Linda Ganstrom, assistant professor of art said, "This is a top quality show. She's developed a wonderful creativity in these pieces that are unique, flexible, they tell stories. Each one is an individual piece, they might relate to each other and evolve out of the same series, but each one is an individual entity."

"Julie's pieces are intellectually challenging, which is one of the reasons I like the show so much. It looks beautiful, and when you start to get involved in the pieces then it becomes intellectually stimulating."

Martha Holmes, assistant professor of art, said "Julie's ceramic forms seem very elegant, almost an oriental quality to them. I like the simplicity of them. They're very elegant pieces."

Another admirer of Lade-Wills' work is Michael Jones, Norton graduate student. He said, "Her work is very geometric and organic. They're beautiful pieces of art."

Lade-Wills graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Nebraska at Kearney before applying for graduate school at Fort Hays State.

When asked about her future



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Julie Ann Lade-Wills, Ashland, Neb., graduate student, explains her work to retired ceramic instructor Darrell McGinnis, Hays, and Jake Jacobson, Kearney, Neb., at Moss-Thorns Art Gallery on July 14.

goals Lade-Wills said, "Right now I have a potters wheel, but I also need a kiln, so I'm saving up my money. Once I have these two things then I can produce the same quality of work at home."

"My real purpose of going to school is I always wanted to teach

even before I knew what I wanted to teach. I thought of teaching English but when I got into high school I took some art classes and fell in love with art," she said.

"For the last two years my artwork has been my life. I hope my artwork expresses what my life is

really all about.

"I think we all have a certain goal that we're supposed to get to, either on a spiritual or an intellectual level. The more ways you express yourself to try to figure out what it is, the closer you get to it all the time."



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"Delusions of Grandma" by Carrie Fisher; Pocket Books, 1994.

Carrie Fisher, actress and author of "Postcards From the Edge," spins a delightful tale in her latest work, "Delusions of Grandma."

Cora Sharpe is a Hollywood screenwriter who finally reads the writing on her uterine wall (she's pregnant) a few short days after end-

ing her relationship with Ray, a sort of grown-up boy scout whose primary flaw is that he practices law.

It seems Cora just couldn't give enough of herself to her significant other. She instead spent her time caring for an AIDS-stricken friend, throwing parties in an attempt to save other peoples' marriages and counseling Bud, her manic-depressive writing partner.

How then, will she be able to pay enough attention to a baby, she wonders.

Well, at least she's pretty self-centered for a generous person instead of the other way around.

Through letters written to her unborn child, Cora reveals her fears

and dreams about motherhood.

Cora's mother, Viv, isn't too much help, as she suffers from "delusions of grandma." (I'll let you figure out what that is.)

But then again, Viv is family, so she, Cora and Bud depart on a trainride to return Viv's senile grandfather to his Texas home.

Unfortunately, they learn old Gramps hated his home. But that's okay, since he doesn't know where he is anyway.

The book is full of corny bits of wisdom and lots of laughs. If you're looking for something lighthearted, enjoyable and not too cerebral to read, "Delusions of Grandma" is worth its six buck price.



ABOVE: Cory Tholen, 4, and Alexa Shoaff, 3, make preparations for a sand castle. Cory is the son of Michelle Tholen and Alexa is the daughter of Laura Shoaff.

TOP RIGHT: Amornsiri Mantaseweepong, Udornthani, Thailand, graduate, paints over a doorway on the third floor of Agnew Hall on Friday.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Andrea Franke, Oberlin junior, Dee Fetterolf, Hays senior, Michelle Cox, Hays senior, Lanette Habiger, Kinsley senior, take a test for educational psychology outside of Stroup Hall because the air-conditioning caused their classroom to become too cold.

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