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The Hays' Police Department began the Hays Bicycle Patrol with two officers last September. Since then the program has expanded to seven officers who patrol on bicycles.

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Project needs corp-members

Marc Menard
Staff writer

The United States Department of Agriculture Americorps program of Hays, is currently recruiting potential employees to participate in a work project that will focus on the Big Creek area, from Frontier Park to Gross Memorial Coliseum on the campus of Fort Hays State.

As a result of erosion damage caused by the flooding of 1993 and the recent heavy rains this spring, the Americorps project will be focusing their efforts on stabilizing creek banks, enhancing the park and trail areas around Big Creek, and improving fishing areas along the creek.

"We hope, with the use of bio-engineering techniques, to stabilize the area, to build up the banks where erosion has created severe drop-offs, and to protect the area from future damage," Urban said.

According to Dan Meyerhoff, area conservationist for the Americorps program, the proposal for the Big Creek project was submitted in April and is waiting final

approval by the National Corporation for Community Services.

"We feel real confident that our project will be approved and funding will become available for this project," Meyerhoff said.

The Americorps program is actively recruiting members for the Big Creek project and will begin job interviews in late August. Four full-time and 16 part-time employees are needed for the project, slated to start sometime in October.

Full-time corps-members are required to be college graduates, while part-time corps-members can be college students.

"We are definitely focusing on the recruitment of college students for this project," Meyerhoff said.

Both full-time and part-time positions are stipended and include educational awards as part of the benefit package for corps-members.

Supervising the project will be Ken Urban, district conservationist for the National Resources Conservation Service. Urban said the project is a cooperative effort be-

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MATT SHEPKER / University Leader

FHSU TV

James Dawson, Vice President for Student and Institutional Development, and Mogle Langston discuss Fort Hays on the KAKE talk show "Mike & Mogle" Friday afternoon in the Quad. Other special guests included, Rodolfo Arevalo, provost, Jerry Choate, director of Sternberg Museum, and Sharon Leikam, Hays mayor. The show was beamed via satellite throughout the state.

Debaters travel to FHSU to learn, compete

Brian Allison
Staff writer

The Talking Tiger Research Institute will be holding its annual debate camp starting July 30 and running through Aug. 12.

The annual event will include students from Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas.

Eric Krug, director of forensics at Fort Hays State University, will be director of the camp.

Krug said that he expects at least 80 students enrolled in this year's event.

This summer's topic is "Resolved: That the United States gov-

ernment should substantially change its foreign policy toward the Peoples' Republic of China." This topic will also be debated next year at the high school level.

The camp was started eleven years ago by Bill Watt, chair of the department of communications, who was then the director of forensics. Watt said that several high school teachers had called him wanting to know if FHSU would be interested in starting a debate camp. Watt agreed and now FHSU has one of the leading debate camps in the state.

According to Krug, subjects such as debate theory and debate topics are discussed at the camp.

Krug said, "Students spend about 14 hours a day in the library researching the subject matter." He said that it is challenging for the students, but hopefully it makes them better debaters.

This year, a competitive aspect has been added. A competition among the debaters will take place during the second week of the camp.

Krug said that usually the debaters go home after the first week, but that this year they decided to have a competition added to the event.

Besides Krug, who will be lecturing to the advanced students, the staff for the camp will be comprised of high school teachers. They in-

clude: Gary Harmon, Salina Central; Richard Young, Hutchinson; Bill Davis, Blue Valley; Mark Harris, Parsons; Ed Trimmer, Winfield; and Pam MacOmus, Topeka High.

Any high school students interested in attending should contact the department of forensics at FHSU. The phone number to call is 628-5859.



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Affirmative action should stay

Karen Meier
Entertainment editor

Although the belief that all individuals have an equal chance to succeed in society is a crucial point in American political philosophy, we all know it isn't true.

The sad fact is that some individuals must, from the time they are born, confront institutional and social discrimination as a result of their race or gender.

And unfortunately, racism, sexism and ignorance of other cultures continue to pervade American society.

Affirmative action attempts to "level the playing field" and allow minorities their equal chance for success.

We all know that affirmative action, both in principle and in practice, is far from perfect. Its implementation creates numerous confusing legal and ethical issues.

Yet affirmative action is the best option available to us at this time. It has acquired a negative image, unfortunately, but many of its criticisms are simply unfounded.

Many fear that affirmative action is reverse discrimination and results in unqualified workers.

Affirmative action does not seek to keep white males out of positions of power; it instead hopes to enforce and make equal opportunity more of a reality.

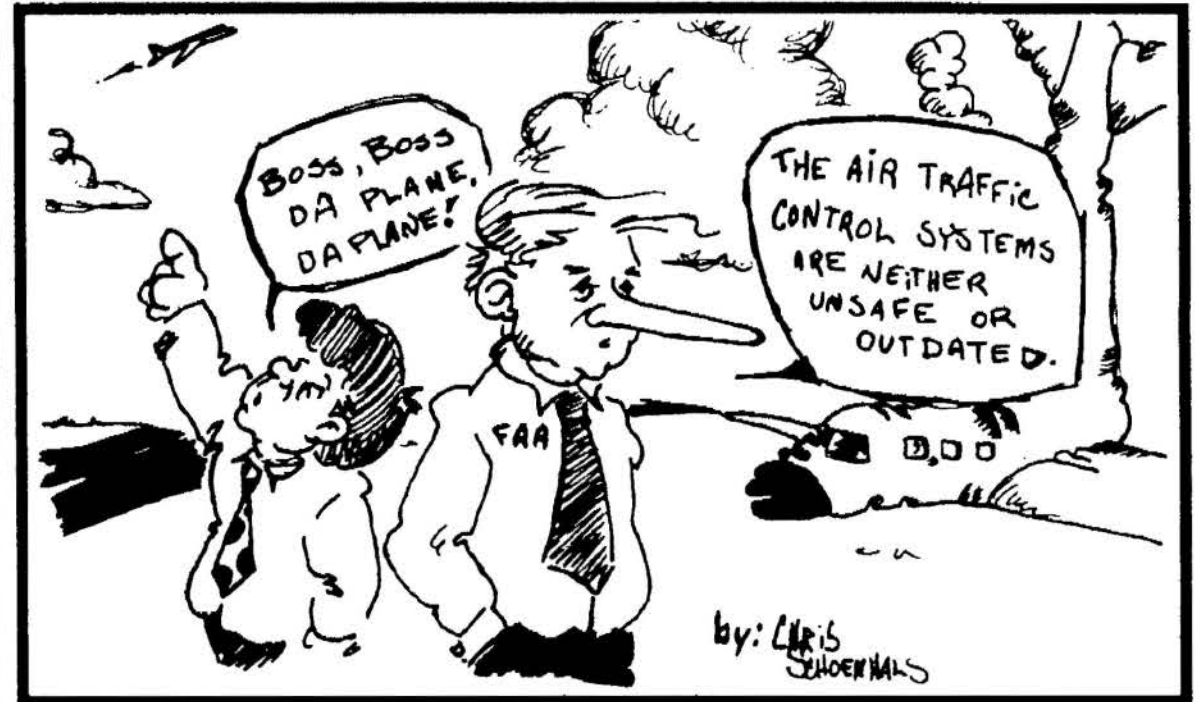
Without affirmative action, many fully qualified individuals would not have the opportunities of today.

We've all heard horror stories about the failures of affirmative action, but the solution is not to simply end its existence.

Affirmative action has become an easy target for political attack, but we as a society should not blindly abandon all affirmative action policies.

As with anything, there are two sides to the affirmative action debate. This issue is particularly sensitive, since it confronts an uglier side of society many of us wish to ignore.

Affirmative action is likely to come under even more attack in the future. I urge you to inform yourself and look beyond the rhetoric. Don't just go with the current political flow—come to your own conclusions.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Departments move

According to a press release, the physics, chemistry and geoscience departments are currently making their big move into Tomanek Hall. Regular services are available from all the departments.

The Computing and Telecommunications Center plans to move to Tomanek Hall Aug. 3.

Temporary homes

According to Kurt Owen, President of Foreign Youth Ambassadors, the situation in the former Yugoslavia has resulted in a high demand for host families. "The tragedy of friends and former neighbors in the war zones, now being unwillingly forced to turn guns upon one another, has created an outpouring of urgent requests from parents pleading for placements of their children," Owen said.

FYA is looking for a 10-month placement for 10-15 English speaking high school students before the 1995-96 school year begins.

Owen said, "The doors to the United States Embassy are currently open. Unfortunately, those doors could close at a moment's notice. Many students will be denied the opportunity of experiencing the American way of life."

If you are interested in reaching out a helping hand to one of these young people, please call the Foreign Youth Ambassadors at 625-2522.

Professor writes book

Dr. [Name] has written a book...



ROD SMITH/The University Leader

Vietnam Remembered

Matt Brennan, Perry, author of "Brennan's War," talks with Chuck Bisbee, Overland Park senior, before sharing his personal experiences as part of a Vietnam seminar held last week in the Trails Room of the Memorial Union.

Area students help design sculpture

Ruth Tallman
Staff writer

A 15 square-foot sculpture is being built on campus, and its creators are a group of middle school children.

When completed, this sculpture will stand near the entryway of Jerry Tomanek Hall, Fort Hays State University's new science building.

Placido Arturo Hoernicke, interim director of professional studies, and Gary Coulter, chair of the department of art, are co-directors of this project.

According to Hoernicke, all middle school children from the area are invited to participate in the making of the sculpture. He would like to see as many children as possible take part in its construction.

Each child involved will be given a square foot piece of wax. Over the course of a three-hour work session, the children will mold other wax pieces onto their base, creating a representation of "what science means to them."

Work sessions are scheduled daily between July 24 and Aug. 4. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Participants need only attend one session. There is no charge for participation.

After the kids finish with their wax molds, students and faculty from the art department will cast a mold around the wax. The piece will then be fired in a kiln until all the wax

melts away, leaving only a shell mold.

Bronze will then be poured into the mold and set. Once finished, the shell can be broken away, leaving the finished bronze piece.

This is an old, traditional method of casting bronze, and is called the "lost wax process." This use of an ancient process on a sculpture for the modern science building conveys a feeling of continuity and union with the past and future. "A transition from old to new doesn't have to be segmented," Hoernicke said.

The children's work will be placed on the sides of various geometric shapes that will jumble together in an eclectic pile, with the middle school students' work facing out in every direction.

This will be in the middle of a fountain, and the water will stream up from the sculpture's top, and flow down over the surfaces of the children's work.

The sculpture is being built in honor of two retired FHSU registrars, Standlee Dalton and Jim Kellerman.

Money for the project is being provided by a grant from the Jean Stouffer estate. Stouffer, who was associate dean of students for more than 20 years, asked that the funds from her estate be used to enhance the appearance of the campus.

Any child interested in participating in this project is encouraged to call (913) 628-5828.

Americorps / from p.3

tween the city of Hays and the university and involves the assistance of several other agencies, including the Department of Wildlife and the Ellis County Conservation District.

The Americorps program, which began recruiting members in Hays almost a year ago is primarily interested in community service oriented projects.

"Community service is a big part of the Americorps program. We are always brainstorming and looking for community service projects to do," Meyerhoff said.

Americorps, which is a federal program, consists of 20,000 members nationwide. It is a diverse program that does not discriminate in its recruiting process despite the physical requirements of specific projects.

"No portion of our program would limit any person, from any background to participate as members of our program," Meyerhoff said.

Urban stated that several organizations are currently involved with the Big Creek project and hopes that community organizations will also become involved.

"We certainly encourage other organizations to get involved and help out," Urban said.

All work performed during the Big Creek project will be outdoors. Applications for the project are available at the Americorps Office, Picken Hall 208 and can be returned to Dan Meyerhoff, 1010 E. 17th or Ken Urban, 2715 Canterbury Dr.

Anyone interested in more information about the project can contact Meyerhoff at 625-2588 or Urban at 628-3083.



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

This is one of several areas along Big Creek that the Americorps workers will help to beautify.

Affirmative Action affects students

FHSU students air concerns as administrators defend and explain controversial policy

Karen Meier
Entertainment editor

Affirmative action is a controversial political topic which has the capacity to arouse emotion in virtually everyone.

It is more than an abstract entity debated in courtrooms and presidential campaigns, and college students are among those most likely to feel its effects.

According to Shala Bannister, Fort Hays State's affirmative action officer, "Affirmative action is one tool by which we can achieve equal opportunity."

FHSU's official affirmative action policy states that the university does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, age, disability, Vietnam era veteran status or special disabled veteran status.

Affirmative action on campus encompasses much more than the notice of non-discrimination.

One aspect of affirmative action which significantly affects FHSU students is financial aid.

According to Craig Karlin, assistant director of financial aid, "We really don't have a large minority population (at FHSU), so there have been and are some efforts to increase the number of minority students. If you want a diverse population, you have to offer scholarships which give preference to diversity."

The state offers the Kansas Minority Scholarship Program, and FHSU offers the Wichita Area Student of Color and Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.

Additionally, numerous private scholarships offered at FHSU are available only to students of a specific race or gender.

"The courts are currently deciding whether we can accept (private) scholarships which are available only to certain people based on race or gender," Karlin said.

A Maryland court recently struck down a University of Maryland scholarship which was available only to black students.

The case is currently scheduled for appeal.

"If the case decided in Maryland is upheld by the Supreme Court, then the university would need to look at its policies and decide if some of the scholarships are what would be considered reverse discrimination," Karlin said.

Karlin said that, while programs which target minorities do exist, the main focus of financial aid is need.

Fort Hays also employs an admissions counselor to attract and retain minority students.

Admissions counselor Joe Hermocillo said recruiting minority students is only one of the several duties of his job.

When attempting to recruit minority students, "We don't really do anything other than we would do with other students," he said.

"When we interview them, we just tell them the advantages of attending FHSU. We have open arms, and we can focus on minority students in the classroom."

Hermocillo also said he focuses on the student support groups such as BSU (Black Students Union) and HALO (Hispanic-American Leadership Organization) which exist on campus, the one-on-one attention students can receive, and the services which are available to help students succeed in college.

Another manner in which affirmative action affects FHSU students is faculty hiring procedures.

According to Bannister, "We annually take a look at the composition of the faculty, and we compare the representation of women and minorities to the availability nationwide in the field."

Goals for improving faculty representation are set, but Bannister said the primary focus when hiring faculty is to select the most qualified individual.

Once students leave college and begin seeking jobs, they will be affected by state and federal affirmative action guidelines, as well as internal company policies similar

to FHSU's, Bannister said.

Some students fear that they will be placed at a disadvantage as a result of these guidelines.

Brian Parker, Meade sophomore, said, "People tend to hire minorities more than people from around here because they're afraid if they don't, they'll get in trouble."

According to Bannister, "Affirmative action does not mean no males need apply. I think if you look at the statistics, a great many professions are still dominated by males and by whites." (See box)

Another student concern is that affirmative action is unfair.

Parker said, "We shouldn't have special rights for people just because they're minorities."

Bannister said affirmative action and quotas are not synonymous. The Supreme Court has almost always struck down quota systems which reserve a certain number of jobs for minorities, she said.

In the June Supreme Court decision in Adarand Constructors v. Peña, the court ruled that quotas may be applied only with the strictest scrutiny.

"The court isn't saying that you can never have racial classifications, but that legislation should be strictly scrutinized," Bannister said.

Last week, the U.S. Senate voted against an amendment to an appropriations bill which would have eliminated all federal race-based incentives, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Other students feel that affirmative action policies are no longer necessary.

Steven Davis, Garden City graduate student, said, "I think we need to get beyond a society based on race and get towards a society based on merit."

Cassandra Caprez, Hays junior, said, "I think it's outlived its usefulness, but there are still people who are close-minded and discriminatory. There still needs to be some sort of protection."

Bannister said, "In an ideal world, one would hope the best qualified person would get the position and special incentives would not be needed. I think you can look at the statistics and see that we don't have equal opportunity even today."

She pointed out that the 1954 Brown v. the Topeka Board of Education case is still pending in the court system because schools have

not been desegregated.

In a memorandum released July 19, President Bill Clinton called for an evaluation of federal affirmative action programs.

According to "The Wichita Eagle," he called for the elimination of programs which create quotas, preferences for unqualified individuals or reverse discrimination, or continue after equal opportunity has been reached.

Clinton also said creating equal opportunity remains a "moral im-

perative" and that affirmative action programs can help create a level playing field.

John Brooks, Aurora, Colo. senior, said progress has been made in terms of racial equality, but there is still much room for improvement.

"As an African-American, there's more opportunity for me as a result of affirmative action, but it's not the level where it should be," he said.

Although Brooks hasn't personally experienced racial discrimination, "I've seen it happen to other people."

Percentage of minority workers:

Share of positions held by: Women Blacks Hispanics

Doctors	22.3%	4.2%	5.2%
Professors	42.5%	5.0%	2.9%
Engineers	8.3%	3.7%	3.3%
Lawyers	24.6%	3.3%	3.1%
Architects	16.8%	1.4%	3.7%

Women make up 51.2% of the adult population, blacks make up 12.4%, and Hispanics 9.5%.

Minority income:

As a percentage of the median annual earnings for men:

Black men: 74.0%	Black women: 63.7%
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White women: 70.8%	

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Bicycle cops patrol city streets

James A. Smith
Staff writer

In September 1994, officers with the Hays Police Department were offered the opportunity to volunteer for a new policing program involving bicycles. Two officers decided to give it a try.

After a week of intense training, including fast and strenuous bike rides as well as slow precision rides, the Hays Bicycle Patrol was born, just in time for the Oktoberfest celebration.

Since then, the Bike Patrol has been policing the streets of Hays interacting with the residents of the community, and the success of the program has prompted five more officers to take up two-wheelers.

"What I've heard from the community is good," Dave Bunger, one of the first Hays Bike Patrolmen, said. "We do get a few looks. Some people get kind of embarrassed when they get pulled over by one of us, but we haven't gotten much negative feedback."

Though patrol cars are very necessary for a police department, there are several advantages to having bicycles on the force.

According to Bunger, "One of

the big reasons for the Bike Patrol is community policing, which means getting back to the way things used to be done. It makes the officers more accessible to the public.

"Whether you know it or not, there are walls between officers in cars and the community," Bunger said. "It's a lot easier for someone to stop me and talk to me than it would be if I were in a car."

Another big advantage that a bike patrolman has is maneuverability.

According to Bunger, "We're able to get to a lot of places where the cars just can't go. For instance, during the Wild West Fest fireworks display, there were cars lined up for blocks. The patrol cars couldn't get through, but with the bikes, we had no trouble."

Officer Mike McLaren, also of the Hays Police Department, is a bike patrolman.

"We give tickets for anything from parking, to illegal turns from the right-hand lane, to public possession of an alcoholic beverage," McLaren said, "because a lot of times, people don't see us coming."

Bike Patrolmen are utilized in much the same way that the patrol cars are. "I can be sent on any call

that's non-emergency," McLaren said, "no matter where it is. It just takes me a little while to get across town."

The Bike Patrol program has worked so well for the City of Hays that the Fort Hays State University Police Department has recently had one of its officers trained and certified as a bike patrolman. Officer John Walz took to the streets earlier this summer, and FHSU police chief Sid Carlile is happy with how the program is working.

"I think the first real test was the Fourth of July, and it worked really well," Carlile said. "We were able to coordinate with the city Bike Patrol. We're looking at doing that with other events such as Homecoming and other big ball games, when the bikes can cover areas that patrol cars can't."

According to Carlile, Walz is well-suited for being a bike patrolman. "He enjoys it a lot. You've got to have the right person for the job, someone with a friendly smile who can talk to the people, and John is that person."

Despite the mode of transportation, a bike patrolman is still a patrolman like any other. "The biggest difference right now," Bunger said with a smile, "is no air conditioner."



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Police Cyclist Michael McLaren patrols the streets yesterday afternoon.



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Hays Police Cyclist Michael McLaren was in the second group of officers to complete the training to become a bike officer.

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Students make vacation plans

Dina Ross
Staff writer

For many people, "summer" is synonymous with "vacation," and students are no exception.

According to Kate Schmidtberger, the office manager of Mooretours International Inc., 132 W. 9th, the students are discovering that traveling can be as inexpensive as they would like it to be.

To finance vacation trips, students usually get help from their parents or save money from their part-time jobs. There are no special discounts for students but there are ways to save, according to Mooretours consultants.

"Because of the fairly economical prices available in the summer, most companies will not give other discounts," Schmidtberger said. "Most of the prices are already inexpensive."

Georgia Moore, co-owner of Mooretours, said many students went to Europe in the past, but it is no longer as popular.

"Students usually don't have a lot of money, so we try to accommodate to their needs," she said.

This summer, the most popular spots among students are in Mexico. The primary reason is the peso-dollar exchange value, which is 16 U.S.

dollars for each Mexican peso.

In most cases, students schedule trips to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cancun, and some students will take four-day cruises to the Bahamas, she said.

Carlos Michel, Liberal freshman, said he chose to go to Mexico because he has relatives who live there.

"On my way to Juarez, Mexico, I will do some sightseeing through the state of Texas," Michel said.

"The state of Texas has so much history and I want to at least get to see some of its sites and architecture."

Trevor Steinert, Hays senior, will spend his vacation time in South Dakota for economical reasons.

"When you are a college student, you have to find the cheap way to travel," Steinert said. "I have some relatives there."

Clara Walters, Hays senior, is studying Spanish in an institute of languages in the city of Puebla, Mexico.

"I am majoring in Spanish and German," she said. "And I realize that the best way to learn any language is by immersing oneself in the culture."

Two years ago Walters went to Germany to become more acquainted with the language and to rediscover her roots.



ROD SMITH / University Leader

Carlos Michel, Liberal freshman, loads his suitcase into his car. Michel will be making a 13-hour drive to Mexico to visit relatives for a couple of weeks. Michel will leave after completing his summer classes.

Careful vacation planning saves money

Dina Ross
Staff writer

Smart travelers know one thing: travel is a commodity. A vacation should be planned like an investment because it involves getting the real value for the money you spend.

Here are some general rules for traveling, especially out of the country. These suggestions were compiled from "Travel Holiday" magazine.

•**Never pay retail.** A majority of airline tickets, hotel rooms, rental cars and cruise vacations are sold at large discounts. Do not be afraid to ask for a discount.

•**Check out an advertised bargain.** Since retail prices are almost meaningless, travelers must negotiate their way to the best deals, and *Caveat emptor* (let the buyer beware) should be your travel-buying philosophy. Never assume that an airline, hotel, car-rental firm, or a cruise line is advertising its lowest

price.

•**Always ask for the lowest price.** Cutting through the thicket of competing "deals" and conflicting discounts is not always as difficult as it seems. You can often secure the best price simply by asking for it. Whenever you speak with a reservations clerk or travel agent, always ask, "Is this the lowest price available?" You also need to follow up with: "Are you sure?"

•**Sold out does not mean sold out.** The travel industry controls prices by a computerized system that matches the supply of inventory with demand at the highest price each traveler is supposedly willing to pay. So, when you are told that a flight or a cruise is sold out, it does not necessarily mean there are no more seats available. You may want to try a week or a day later. To outguess the computer you have to be persistent.

•**Keep travel times and dates flexible.** Computers slice and dice the demand for travel so precisely

that prices differ substantially depending on the date, the day of the week and even the time of day you travel. Make sure you ask the travel agent whether the cost will be reduced if you select an alternate travel date or departure time.

•**Plan ahead, but keep your eyes open.** Yield management has changed a few things about buying travel: your booking early no longer guarantees that you get the best price. It is wise to plan ahead, especially if you travel in the summer or holidays.

•**Don't go it alone.** A good travel agent is an indispensable ally. After all, it is their job.

•**Do your own homework.** No one, not even a travel agent, inclined to keep your best interests in mind, can know about all the deals and discounts available, so do your own homework. Scour the newspapers, get all the brochures, and look for deals in unlikely places: through direct-mail promotions and from fre-

quent-travel plans and travel clubs. Always ask for packages.

•**Watch the surcharges.** The price you negotiate, no matter how low, is rarely the final cost of your travel. Keep in mind that there is an annoying array of extra charges that need to be considered. Some are unavoidable, government-mandated taxes, while others, such as the value-added tax in Europe and Canada, are refundable in some circumstances. Charges can be avoided if you plan carefully.

•**Know when to say when.** Finally, do not be obsessive. Looking for the absolute-lowest price may not be the best way to use your time. There is almost always a way to slice another \$50 off the price of your cruise, but you may squander an extra day tracking down the discount. The best deal in travel is not necessarily the lowest price. The best deal is the price that logically balances a reasonable expenditure of money and time.

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Council displays NAMES panels

Hays previews AIDS quilt

Kathy Hanson
Staff writer

Golden handprints, brightly painted pictures, and the words "Held us together" decorate a quilt panel created by DuWayne Jensen's second grade class.

Several panels, including Mr. Jensen's, from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt are currently on display at the Hays Arts Council, 112 E 11th. The panels will be displayed until Aug. 18th.

Brenda Meder, Executive Director of the Hays Arts Council said the Quilt preview is ideal for display in an art gallery.

"No two panels are alike. The art

is very unique. The Quilt is an artistic expression that works on an emotional level.

"The Quilt is very powerful because it humanizes AIDS. Some people, although it's becoming increasingly rare, don't know anyone who has contracted or died from the AIDS virus. This humanizes the facts, statistics, and figures," she added.

Gross Memorial Coliseum will house the AIDS Memorial Quilt September 21-24. Hays is the first western Kansas host and the smallest community host for the Quilt.

Patti Scott, co-chairman of the Kansas Heartland display and Director of the Student Health Center, said that Hays will show 113 quilts that include eight panels each. The complete quilt would cover twelve football fields and weigh 36 tons.

However, the Quilt represents only 12 percent of all AIDS related deaths in the United States, she said.

Scott said that viewing the panels at the Arts Council will help people understand that AIDS can affect anyone.



KENJI HAYASHI / University Leader

Brenda Meder, director of the Hays Arts Council, explains parts of the NAMES AIDS Memorial Quilt in the Hays Arts Center. Sections of the quilt will be in the Hays Public Library on August 18 and the entire quilt will be on display in Gross Memorial Coliseum starting September 21. Each section of the quilt commemorates a person who has died from AIDS.

Meder said, "It's just like pulling out a quilt that your grandma made. The pieces of that quilt were significant of something."

Also on display at the Arts Council is a collection of works by Hays artists. The exhibit consists of a variety of media including oil paint-

ings, acrylics, watercolor, photography, printwork, sculpture, and computer graphics.

Meder said, "This is a good way to make people aware. We could have had twice as many artists involved. There is an awful lot of talent here in Hays."

Works of art in the gallery are available for purchase. Meder said that most artists have lowered their prices from other shows. "This exhibit showcases local people and presents diverse media. It is also to encourage sales and help people find great art bargains," she added.

Music forum

Pink Floyd strong, but doesn't surprise

Mike Ferguson
Guest reviewer

Pink Floyd
'Pulse'
CBS

Pink Floyd doesn't try to reinvent their music in concert as much as recreate the original studio work, while adding visual excitement.

Apart from elaborating upon the occasional musical intro or coda and extending the improvised solos, what you get is about what you already had at home.

Witness their performance of the entire "Dark Side Of The Moon" album on "Pulse," the new two CD live set taken from their most recent European tour.

It's about what you would expect from these boys—impeccable play-

ing, singing and sonic quality, from the sound effects of clocks, cash registers and spoken word selections.

Selections from "The Wall," "Wish You Were Here" and other albums receive similar treatment.

Few surprises, but that's not what Pink Floyd strives for. Their audience doesn't pay high ticket prices to be challenged by radical reinterpretations. At a Pink Floyd concert, you look for surprises rather than listen for them.

This doesn't detract from the power of their live performance, though. As with their previous live CD, "The Delicate Sound of Thunder," they deliver the goods.

And if you absolutely have to get the whole visual experience as well, the video is available on VHS and laserdisc.

The packaging and artwork is first class visually, though a little short on information.

I guess the money for that was used to put the annoying red lights in the CD cases

At the movies

'Nine Months' entertains



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What really differentiates good and bad ones when it comes to these movies are the plot twists that the films' creators place in them.

Well, Chris Columbus' new film, "Nine Months," has a rather unique and very funny twist.

It's one of the better "sappy love stories" I've seen in a long time

Samuel Faulkner (Hugh Grant)

and Rebecca Taylor (Juliane Moore) are a well-off, unmarried couple who have everything going for them—a nice apartment, a nice relationship and a really nice Porsche.

Their lives change abruptly when Rebecca learns she's in the family way.

Unlike Samuel, Rebecca wants to keep the baby.

The rest of the movie is a series of all the things that could go awry during those fateful nine months, but everybody hopes won't happen.

One of the movie's strongest points is the acting.

Every one of the principle characters played their role to the absolute fullest.

Grant and Moore are perfect together.

Tom Arnold is marvelous in the role of the obnoxious all-American father of four who befriends Samuel, as is Joan Cusack, who portrayed his perpetually pregnant wife.

The most memorable perfor-

mance by far was that of veteran comedian Robin Williams as the neophyte Russian doctor who's only medical experience has been with rats and monkeys. Guess who his first human case is.

Several of Williams' lines are simply unforgettable.

My personal favorite character is Jeff Goldblum in the role of Sean, Samuel's best friend. This depiction of a rich thirtysomething's attempt to be a struggling artist is classic.

Overall, the movie is very good in both plot and performance.

I was impressed, considering my expectations for this one.

The movie may not be a realistic depiction of those dreaded nine months, but as far as entertainment is concerned, it definitely delivers (no pun intended).

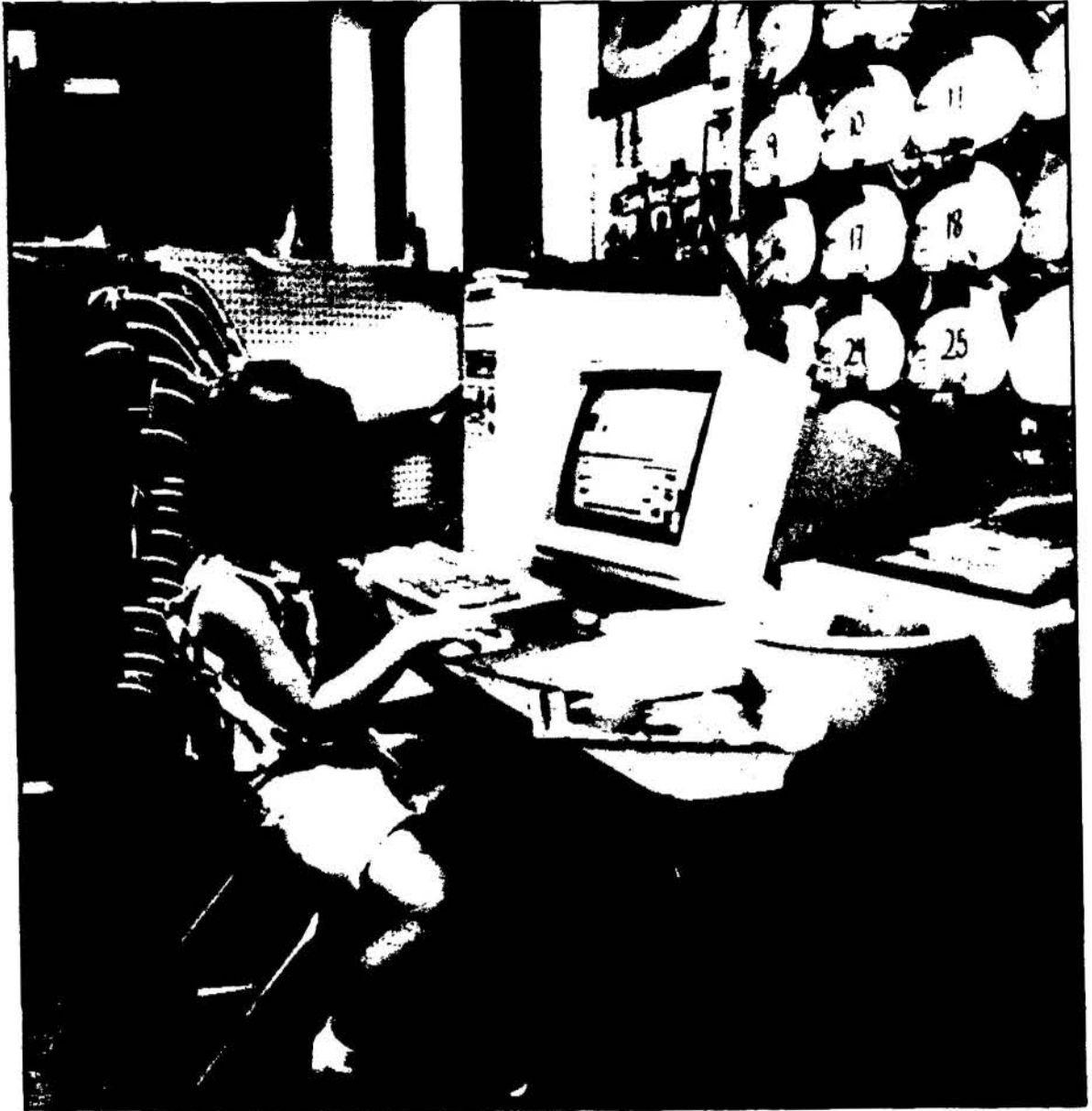
Between the humor of the script and the sheer comic talent of the actors involved, this one swings an easy "8."



ABOVE: Jesse Hart, 4, works on the construction of a race track Wednesday afternoon during Tiger Tots. Jesse is the son of Ron Hart.

TOP RIGHT: Sara Gist, 5, plays a game on the computer at Tiger Tots, Wednesday afternoon. Sara is the daughter of Mike and Chris Gist.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Dylan Emlek, nine-month-old son of Kelly and Kenneth Emlek, Cawer, Colorado, and his grandmother, Judy Arnold, rest in front of the Memorial Union yesterday.



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